

House Bill HR 1404 TUSD-Pascua Yaqui Land Bill

There is a bill in Congress to transfer a BLM patent from TUSD to the Tribe and to transfer land from the BLM to TUSD. Here is the link to the bill:

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/1404>.

It hasn't changed from when it was last presented in executive session: The District would give up a patent on the 40-acre site west of Hohokam (Site XII) so the BLM could transfer it to the Tribe. After the District pays fair market value, the BLM would release the patent to the Hohokam site and would transfer 13 acres (assessed as 12 acres originally) just west of Hohokam to the District (see below). The District would then own these lands fee-simple.

Site XII, was evaluated when the District was considering it for the Westside Transportation Facility and we determined that only one-third of it was useable due to the impact of Black Wash. Although the wash could be channelized, significant retention/detention facilities would be required to avoid impacts on downstream properties.

The parcel just west of Hohokam could be used to expand Hohokam.

The District is not obligated to purchase either parcel and could simply retain the patent on the Hohokam site.

