



Crow Revenue Act

Senator Daines and Senator Sheehy

The *Crow Revenue Act* would transfer approximately 4,660 acres of private subsurface inholdings (Hope Family Tracts) on the Crow Reservation to the Crow Tribe of Montana in exchange for 4,530 acres of federal subsurface and 940 acres of federal surface interests in Musselshell County, MT (Bull Mountains Tracts). Further the bill would require that the Crow Tribe and the Hope Family enter into a Revenue Sharing Agreement for any interests developed in the Bull Mountains Tracts.

Similar to the bipartisan *Northern Cheyenne Lands Act* signed into law in 2014 that supported the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, this simple bill fixes long-standing inholdings on the Crow Reservation while also providing much needed revenue to the Crow Tribe and certainty for the Bull Mountains Mine in Musselshell County.

Section-by-section:

Section 1, Short Title:

- *Crow Revenue Act*

Section 2, Definitions:

- Bull Mountains Tracts: approximately 4,530 acres of subsurface interest and 940 surface interests located in Musselshell County, Montana.
- Hope Family Tracts: approximately 4,660 acres of subsurface interests located in Big Horn County, Montana, within the boundaries of the Crow Reservation.

Section 3, Mineral Rights to be Taken into Trust

- Conveys to the Crow Tribe the Hope Family Tracts
- Conveys to the Hope Family the Bull Mountains Tracts
- Requires the Hope Family and the Crow Tribe to enter into a revenue sharing agreements for the development of any mineral and surface interests in the Bull Mountains Tracts

Section 4, Eligibility for other Federal Benefits

- Savings clause ensuring the act does not affect any federal services, benefits or programs to the Crow Tribe.