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Mr. CRAPO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on November 19, 1993]

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF EXCHANGE.**

2 (a) *CONVEYANCE.*—Notwithstanding the requirements
3 in the Act entitled “An Act to Consolidate National Forest
4 Lands”, approved March 20, 1922 (16 U.S.C. 485), and
5 section 206(b) of the Federal Land Policy and Management
6 Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716(b)) that Federal and non-Fed-
7 eral lands exchanged for each other must be located within
8 the same State, the Secretary of Agriculture may convey
9 the Federal lands described in section 2(a) in exchange for
10 the non-Federal lands described in section 2(b) in accord-
11 ance with the provisions of this Act.

12 (b) *APPLICABILITY OF OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW.*—
13 Except as otherwise provided in this Act, the land exchange
14 required in this Act shall be made under the existing au-
15 thorities of the Secretary.

16 (c) *ACCEPTABILITY OF TITLE AND MANNER OF CON-*
17 *VEYANCE.*—The Secretary shall not carry out the exchange
18 described in subsection (a) unless the title to the non-Fed-
19 eral lands to be conveyed to the United States, and the form
20 and procedures of conveyance, are acceptable to the
21 Secretary.

22 **SEC. 2. DESCRIPTION OF LANDS TO BE EXCHANGED.**

23 (a) *FEDERAL LANDS.*—The Federal lands referred to
24 in this Act are located in the Targhee National Forest in
25 Idaho, are generally depicted on the map entitled “Targhee
26 Exchange, Idaho-Wyoming—Proposed, Federal Land”,

1 *dated September 1994, and are known as the North Fork*
2 *Tract.*

3 *(b) NON-FEDERAL LANDS.—The non-Federal lands re-*
4 *ferred to in this Act are located in the Targhee National*
5 *Forest in Wyoming, are generally depicted on the map enti-*
6 *tled “Non-Federal Land, Targhee Exchange, Idaho-Wyo-*
7 *ming—Proposed”, dated September 1994, and are known*
8 *as the Squirrel Meadows Tract.*

9 *(c) MAPS.—The maps referred to in subsections (a)*
10 *and (b) shall be on file and available for inspection in the*
11 *office of the Supervisor of the Targhee National Forest in*
12 *Idaho and in the office of the Chief of the Forest Service.*

13 **SEC. 3. EQUALIZATION OF VALUES.**

14 *Before the occurrence of the exchange authorized by sec-*
15 *tion 1, the values of the Federal and non-Federal lands to*
16 *be so exchanged shall be established by appraisals of fair*
17 *market value that shall be subject to approval by the Sec-*
18 *retary. The values either shall be equal or shall be equalized*
19 *using the following methods:*

20 *(1) ADJUSTMENT OF LANDS.—*

21 *(A) PORTION OF FEDERAL LANDS.—If the*
22 *Federal lands are greater in value than the non-*
23 *Federal lands, the Secretary shall reduce the*
24 *acreage of the Federal lands until the values of*

1 *the Federal lands closely approximate the values*
2 *of the non-Federal lands.*

3 (B) *ADDITIONAL FEDERALLY OWNED*
4 *LANDS.—If the non-Federal lands are greater in*
5 *value than the Federal lands, the Secretary may*
6 *convey additional federally owned lands within*
7 *the Targhee National Forest up to an amount*
8 *necessary to equalize the values of the non-Fed-*
9 *eral lands and the lands to be transferred out of*
10 *Federal ownership. However, such additional*
11 *federally owned lands shall be adjacent to the*
12 *lands identified on the map referred to in section*
13 *2(a).*

14 (2) *PAYMENT OF MONEY.—The values may be*
15 *equalized by the payment of money as provided in*
16 *section 206(b) of the Federal Land Policy and Man-*
17 *agement Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716(b)).*

18 **SEC. 4. ACQUISITION OF SQUIRREL MEADOWS TRACT.**

19 *The Secretary shall seek to acquire any portion of the*
20 *non-Federal lands that is not acquired under this Act.*

21 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

22 *For purposes of this Act:*

23 (1) *The term “Federal lands” means the Federal*
24 *lands described in section 2(a).*

1 (2) *The term “non-Federal lands” means the*
2 *non-Federal lands described in section 2(b).*

3 (3) *The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of*
4 *Agriculture.*

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to authorize the exchange of National Forest System lands in the Targhee National Forest in Idaho for non-Federal lands within the forest in Wyoming.”.