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To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain lands in the State of Arizona, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DECONCINI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SEDONA RANGER STATION LAND CONVEYANCE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsections (b) and (c),
5 the Secretary of Agriculture (referred to in this section
6 as the “Secretary”) may convey, by quitclaim deed, all
7 right, title, and interest of the United States in and to
8 the approximately 21.09375-acre tract of lands (including
9 improvements on the lands) that has the following legal
10 description:

1 GILA AND SALT RIVER MERIDIAN
 2 COCONINO COUNTY, ARIZONA
 3 TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 6 EAST, SECTION 7
 4 NW¹/₄ NW¹/₄ NW¹/₄ SW¹/₄ SE¹/₄, S¹/₂ NW¹/₄ NW¹/₄
 5 SW¹/₄ SE¹/₄, SW¹/₄ NW¹/₄ SW¹/₄ SE¹/₄, NW¹/₄ SW¹/₄
 6 SW¹/₄ SE¹/₄, SW¹/₄ SW¹/₄ SW¹/₄ SE¹/₄, SE¹/₄ SW¹/₄
 7 SW¹/₄ SE¹/₄, W¹/₂ SW¹/₄ SE¹/₄ SW¹/₄ SE¹/₄, S¹/₂ NE¹/₄
 8 SW¹/₄ SE¹/₄ SW¹/₄ SE¹/₄, SE¹/₄ SW¹/₄ SE¹/₄ SW¹/₄ SE¹/₄,
 9 SW¹/₄ SE¹/₄ SE¹/₄ SW¹/₄ SE¹/₄, E¹/₂ SE¹/₄ SE¹/₄ SW¹/₄
 10 SE¹/₄, E¹/₂ W¹/₂ NE¹/₄ SE¹/₄ SW¹/₄ SE¹/₄, E¹/₂ NE¹/₄
 11 SE¹/₄ SW¹/₄ SE¹/₄, E¹/₂ W¹/₂ SE¹/₄ NE¹/₄ SW¹/₄ SE¹/₄,
 12 E¹/₂ SE¹/₄ NE¹/₄ SW¹/₄ SE¹/₄, SE¹/₄ NE¹/₄ NE¹/₄ SW¹/₄
 13 SE¹/₄, E¹/₂ SW¹/₄ NE¹/₄ NE¹/₄ SW¹/₄ SE¹/₄, S¹/₂ NW¹/₄
 14 SE¹/₄ SE¹/₄ SW¹/₄ SE¹/₄, NE¹/₄ NW¹/₄ SE¹/₄ SE¹/₄ SW¹/₄
 15 SE¹/₄.

16 (b) CONDITIONS.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraphs (2)
 18 and (3), any conveyance pursuant to subsection (a)
 19 shall be conditioned on the Secretary's entering into
 20 one or more agreements that are sufficient to en-
 21 sure, to the satisfaction of the Secretary, that, col-
 22 lectively, all persons with whom the agreements are
 23 to be made will construct, on a site to be determined
 24 by the Secretary, improvements for administrative
 25 purposes for the Coconino National Forest in Ari-

1 zona (referred to in this section as the “administra-
2 tive improvements”) that are equal in value to the
3 lands and improvements authorized to be conveyed
4 by subsection (a).

5 (2) METHODS OF EXCHANGE.—

6 (A) SERIES OF TRANSACTIONS.—The lands
7 and improvements may be conveyed by a series
8 of transactions.

9 (B) PAYMENT.—At the discretion of the
10 Secretary, each person to whom conveyances
11 are to be made under this section may deposit
12 sums in an amount not less than the fair mar-
13 ket value, to be determined at the time of con-
14 veyance, of the lands and improvements con-
15 veyed to the person. The sums deposited with
16 the Secretary shall remain available until ex-
17 pended by the Secretary for the purpose of con-
18 structing the administrative improvements.

19 (3) UNEQUAL VALUE.—

20 (A) PAYMENT.—If the value of any lands
21 and improvements authorized to be conveyed by
22 subsection (a) to a person exceeds the value of
23 the administrative improvements that the per-
24 son agrees to have constructed in exchange for
25 the conveyance, the person shall make a pay-

1 ment to the United States in an amount equal
2 to the difference in value.

3 (B) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—The
4 amount described in subparagraph (A) shall re-
5 main available to the Secretary until expended
6 for the purpose of acquiring other lands needed
7 for national forest purposes in the Coconino
8 National Forest in Arizona.

9 (c) PROCEDURE FOR OFFERS.—

10 (1) PUBLIC OFFERS.—The Secretary shall so-
11 licit public offers for the lands and improvements
12 authorized to be conveyed under subsection (a).

13 (2) OPENING.—All offers shall be publicly
14 opened at the time and place stated in the sollicita-
15 tion notice issued pursuant to paragraph (1) and in
16 accordance with the administrative requirements of
17 the Secretary.

18 (3) CONSIDERATION OF VALUES.—The Sec-
19 retary shall consider the respective values of the
20 lands and improvements authorized to be conveyed
21 under subsection (a) and the administrative improve-
22 ments before entering into an agreement or land ex-
23 change with any person whose offer conforming to
24 the solicitation notice issued pursuant to paragraph

1 (1) is determined by the Secretary to be most advan-
2 tageous to the Federal Government.

3 (4) REJECTION OF OFFERS.—Notwithstanding
4 any other provision of this section, the Secretary
5 may reject any offer if the Secretary determines that
6 the rejection is in the public interest.

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