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# H. R. 150

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 9, 1999

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural  
Resources

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## AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey National  
Forest System lands for use for educational purposes,  
and for other purposes.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Education Land Grant  
3 Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM**  
5 **LANDS FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES.**

6 (a) **AUTHORITY TO CONVEY.**—Upon application, the  
7 Secretary of Agriculture may convey National Forest Sys-  
8 tem lands for use for educational purposes if the Secretary  
9 determines that—

10 (1) the entity seeking the conveyance will use  
11 the conveyed land for a public or publicly funded ele-  
12 mentary or secondary school, to provide grounds or  
13 facilities related to such a school, or for both pur-  
14 poses;

15 (2) the conveyance will serve the public interest;

16 (3) the land to be conveyed is not otherwise  
17 needed for the purposes of the National Forest Sys-  
18 tem; and

19 (4) the total acreage to be conveyed does not  
20 exceed the amount reasonably necessary for the pro-  
21 posed use.

22 (b) **ACREAGE LIMITATION.**—A conveyance under this  
23 section may not exceed 80 acres. However, this limitation  
24 shall not be construed to preclude an entity from submit-  
25 ting a subsequent application under this section for an ad-

1 ditional land conveyance if the entity can demonstrate to  
2 the Secretary a need for additional land.

3 (c) COSTS AND MINERAL RIGHTS.—A conveyance  
4 under this section shall be for a nominal cost. The convey-  
5 ance may not include the transfer of mineral rights.

6 (d) REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS.—When the Secretary  
7 receives an application under this section, the Secretary  
8 shall—

9 (1) before the end of the 14-day period begin-  
10 ning on the date of the receipt of the application,  
11 provide notice of that receipt to the applicant; and

12 (2) before the end of the 120-day period begin-  
13 ning on that date—

14 (A) make a final determination whether or  
15 not to convey land pursuant to the application,  
16 and notify the applicant of that determination;  
17 or

18 (B) submit written notice to the applicant  
19 containing the reasons why a final determina-  
20 tion has not been made.

21 (e) REVERSIONARY INTEREST.—If at any time after  
22 lands are conveyed pursuant to this section, the entity to  
23 whom the lands were conveyed attempts to transfer title  
24 to or control over the lands to another or the lands are  
25 devoted to a use other than the use for which the lands

1 were conveyed, without the consent of the Secretary, title  
2 to the lands shall revert to the United States.

Passed the House of Representatives June 8, 1999.

Attest:                               JEFF TRANDAHL,  
*Clerk.*