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Referred to the Committee on Resources

AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the city of Sisters, Oregon, a certain parcel of land for use in connection with a sewage treatment facility.

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. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds that—

3 (1) the city of Sisters, Oregon, faces a public
4 health threat from a major outbreak of infectious
5 diseases due to the lack of a sewer system;

6 (2) the lack of a sewer system also threatens
7 groundwater and surface water resources in the
8 area;

9 (3) the city is surrounded by Forest Service
10 land and has no reasonable access to non-Federal
11 parcels of land large enough, and with the proper
12 soil conditions, for the development of a sewage
13 treatment facility;

14 (4) the Forest Service currently must operate,
15 maintain, and replace 11 separate septic systems to
16 serve existing Forest Service facilities in the city of
17 Sisters; and

18 (5) the Forest Service currently administers 77
19 acres of land within the city limits that would in-
20 crease in value as a result of construction of a sewer
21 system.

22 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable and upon
24 completion of any documents or analysis required by any
25 environmental law, but not later than 180 days after the
26 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture

1 shall convey to the city of Sisters, Oregon, at no cost to
2 the city except the cost of preparation of any documents
3 required by any environmental law in connection with the
4 conveyance, an amount of land that is not more than is
5 reasonably necessary for a sewage treatment facility and
6 for the disposal of treated effluent consistent with sub-
7 section (c).

8 (b) LAND DESCRIPTION.—The amount of land con-
9 veyed under subsection (a) shall be not less than 160 acres
10 and not more than 240 acres from within—

11 (1) the SE quarter of section 09, township 15
12 south, range 10 west, W.M., Deschutes, Oregon, and
13 the portion of the SW quarter of section 09, town-
14 ship 15 south, range 10 west, W.M., Deschutes, Or-
15 egon, that lies east of Three Creeks Lake Road, but
16 not including the westernmost 500 feet of that por-
17 tion; and

18 (2) the portion of the SW quarter of section 09,
19 township 15 south, range 10 west, W.M., Deschutes
20 County, Oregon, lying easterly of Three Creeks Lake
21 Road.

22 (c) CONDITION.—The conveyance under subsection
23 (a) shall be made on the condition that the city agree to
24 conduct a public process before the final determination is

1 made regarding land use for the disposition of treated ef-
 2 fluent.

3 (d) USE OF LAND.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The land conveyed under
 5 subsection (a) shall be used by the city for a sewage
 6 treatment facility and for the disposal of treated ef-
 7 fluent.

8 (2) OPTIONAL REVERTER.—If at any time the
 9 land conveyed under subsection (a) ceases to be used
 10 for a purpose described in paragraph (1), at the op-
 11 tion of the United States, title to the land shall re-
 12 vert to the United States.

13 (e) AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE LAND IN SUBSTI-
 14 TUTION.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the
 15 Secretary shall acquire land within Oregon, and within or
 16 in the vicinity of the Deschutes National Forest, of an
 17 acreage equivalent to that of the land conveyed under sub-
 18 section (a). Any lands acquired shall be added to and ad-
 19 ministered as part of the Deschutes National Forest.

Passed the Senate July 1, 1999.

Attest:

GARY SISCO,
Secretary.