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[Report No. 106–489]

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 *This Act may be cited as the “Kake Tribal Corporation*
 3 *Land Transfer Act”.*

4 **SEC. 2. DECLARATION OF PURPOSE.**

5 *The purpose of this Act is to authorize the reallocation*
 6 *of lands and selection rights between the State of Alaska,*
 7 *Kake Tribal Corporation, and the City of Kake, Alaska, in*
 8 *order to provide for the protection and management of the*
 9 *municipal watershed.*

10 **SEC. 3. AMENDMENT OF ALASKA NATIVE CLAIMS SETTLE-**
 11 **MENT ACT.**

12 *The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C.*
 13 *1601 note) is amended by adding at the end the following*
 14 *new section:*

15 “KAKE TRIBAL CORPORATION LAND TRANSFER

16 “SEC. 42. (a) IN GENERAL.—If—

17 “(1) the State of Alaska relinquishes its selec-

18 *tions rights under the Alaska Statehood Act (P.L. 85–*
 19 *508) to lands described in subsection (c)(2) of this sec-*
 20 *tion; and*

21 “(2) Kake Tribal Corporation and Sealaska Cor-

22 *poration convey all right, title, and interest to lands*
 23 *described in subsection (c)(1) to the City of Kake,*
 24 *Alaska,*

25 *then the Secretary of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as*
 26 *‘Secretary’) shall, not later than 180 days thereafter, convey*

1 *to Kake Tribal Corporation title to the surface estate in*
 2 *the land identified in subsection (c)(2) of this section, and*
 3 *convey to Sealaska Corporation title to the subsurface estate*
 4 *in such land.*

5 “(b) *EFFECT ON SELECTION TOTALS.—(1) Of the*
 6 *lands to which the State of Alaska relinquishes selection*
 7 *rights and which are conveyed to the City of Kake pursuant*
 8 *to subsection (a), 694.5 acres shall be charged against lands*
 9 *to be selected by the State of Alaska under section 6(a) of*
 10 *the Alaska Statehood Act and 694.5 acres against lands to*
 11 *be selected by the State of Alaska under section 6(b) of the*
 12 *Alaska Statehood Act.*

13 “(2) *The land conveyed to Kake Tribal Corporation*
 14 *and to Sealaska Corporation under this section is, for all*
 15 *purposes, considered to be land conveyed under this Act.*
 16 *However, the conveyance of such land to Kake Tribal Cor-*
 17 *poration shall not count against or otherwise affect the Cor-*
 18 *poration’s remaining entitlement under section 16(b).*

19 “(c) *DESCRIPTION OF LANDS SUBJECT TO EX-*
 20 *CHANGE.—(1) The lands to be transferred to the City of*
 21 *Kake and under subsection (a) are the surface and sub-*
 22 *surface estate to approximately 1,430 acres of land owned*
 23 *by Kake Tribal Corporation and Sealaska Corporation, and*
 24 *depicted as ‘KTC Land to City of Kake’ on the map entitled*
 25 *‘Kake Land Exchange-1999’, dated September, 1999.*

1 “(2) *The lands subject to relinquishment by the State*
 2 *of Alaska and to conveyance to Kake Tribal Corporation*
 3 *and Sealaska Corporation under subsection (a) are the sur-*
 4 *face and subsurface estate to approximately 1,389 acres of*
 5 *Federal lands depicted as ‘Jenny Creek-Land Selected by*
 6 *the State of Alaska to KTC’ on the map entitled ‘Kake Land*
 7 *Exchange-1999’, dated September, 1999.*

8 “(d) *WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,*
 9 *the lands described in subsection (c)(2) are withdrawn from*
 10 *all forms of location, entry, and selection under the mining*
 11 *and public land laws of the United States and from leasing*
 12 *under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws. This with-*
 13 *drawal expires 18 months after the effective date of this sec-*
 14 *tion.*

15 “(e) *MAPS.—The maps referred to in this Act shall be*
 16 *maintained on file in the Office of the Chief, United States*
 17 *Forest Service, the Office of the Secretary of the Interior,*
 18 *and the Office of the Petersburg Ranger District, Alaska.*

19 “(f) *WATERSHED MANAGEMENT.—The United States*
 20 *Forest Service may cooperate with the Kake Tribal Cor-*
 21 *poration and the City of Kake in developing a watershed*
 22 *management plan that provides for the protection of the wa-*
 23 *tershed in the public interest. Grants may be made, and*
 24 *contracts and cooperative agreements may be entered into,*
 25 *to the extent necessary to assist the City of Kake and the*

1 *Kake Tribal Corporation in the preparation and implemen-*
 2 *tation of a watershed management plan for the land within*
 3 *the City of Kake’s municipal watershed.*

4 “(g) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—*This section is effective upon*
 5 *the execution of one or more reciprocal agreements that pro-*
 6 *vide for one or more reciprocal conservation easements that,*
 7 *subject to valid existing rights of third parties—*

8 “(1) *encumber all lands depicted as ‘KTC Land*
 9 *to City of Kake’ and ‘KTC Land-Conservation Ease-*
 10 *ment to City of Kake’ on a map entitled ‘Kake Land*
 11 *Exchange-1999’ dated September 1999;*

12 “(2) *provide for the relinquishment by Kake*
 13 *Tribal Corporation to the Corporation’s development*
 14 *rights on lands described in paragraph (1); and*

15 “(3) *provide for perpetual protection and man-*
 16 *agement of lands depicted as ‘KTC Land-Conserva-*
 17 *tion Easement to City of Kake’ on the map described*
 18 *in paragraph (1) as—*

19 “(A) *a watershed;*

20 “(B) *a municipal drinking water source in*
 21 *accordance with the laws of the State of Alaska;*

22 “(C) *a source of fresh water for the Gunnuk*
 23 *Creek Hatchery; and*

24 “(D) *habitat for black bear, deer, birds, and*
 25 *other wildlife.*

1 “(h) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There*
2 *are authorized such sums as may be necessary to carry out*
3 *this Act. No funds authorized under this section may be*
4 *paid to Kake Tribal Corporation unless Kake Tribal Cor-*
5 *poration is a party to any reciprocal agreements entered*
6 *into under subsection (g).’’.*

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Attest:

GARY SISCO,
Secretary.

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