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To direct the Secretary of the Interior to disclaim any Federal interest in lands adjacent to Spirit Lake and Twin Lakes in the State of Idaho resulting from possible omission of lands from an 1880 survey.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OTTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

5 (1) The meander lines in the original surveys by
6 John B. David, deputy surveyor, of two lakes in the
7 State of Idaho, Spirit Lake, formerly known as Lake
8 Tesemini, located in T. 53 N., R. 4 W., Boise Merid-

1 ian, and Twin Lakes, formerly known as Fish Lake,
2 located in T. 52 N. and T. 53 N., R. 4 W., Boise
3 Meridian, do not reflect the current line of ordinary
4 high water conditions.

5 (2) All lands adjacent to the original meander
6 lines have been patented.

7 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to direct
8 the Secretary of the Interior to issue a recordable dis-
9 claimer of interest by the United States to any omitted
10 lands or lands lying outside the record meander lines in
11 the vicinity of the lakes referred to in subsection (a).

12 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

13 In this Act:

14 (1) RECORDABLE DISCLAIMER OF INTEREST.—

15 The term “recordable disclaimer of interest” means
16 a document recorded in the county clerk’s office or
17 other such local office where real property docu-
18 ments are recorded, in which the United States dis-
19 claims any right, title, or interest to those lands
20 found lying outside the recorded meander lines of
21 the lakes referred to in section 1(a)(1), including
22 omitted lands, if any.

23 (2) OMITTED LANDS.—The term “omitted
24 lands” means those lands that were in place on the
25 date of the original surveys referred to in section

1 1(a)(1) but were not included in the survey of the
2 township and the meander lines of the water body
3 due to gross error or fraud by the original surveyor.

4 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
5 the Secretary of the Interior.

6 **SEC. 3. SURVEYS.**

7 The Secretary shall—

8 (1) conduct a survey investigation of the condi-
9 tions along the lakeshores of Spirit Lake and Twin
10 Lakes in the townships referenced in section 1(a);
11 and

12 (2) after the completion of the survey investiga-
13 tion, resurvey the original meander lines along the
14 lakeshores, using the results of the survey investiga-
15 tion.

16 **SEC. 4. DISCLAIMER OF INTEREST IN LANDS ADJACENT TO**
17 **SPIRIT LAKE AND TWIN LAKES, IDAHO.**

18 Upon acceptance and approval of the surveys under
19 section 3 by the Secretary, the Secretary shall—

20 (1) prepare a recordable disclaimer of interest
21 with land descriptions, using the lot or tract num-
22 bers of the omitted lands, if any, and lands lying
23 outside the record meander lines, as shown on the
24 survey plats; and

1 (2) record such recordable disclaimer of interest
2 simultaneously with the filing of the surveys.

3 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

4 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
5 retary \$400,000 to carry out this Act. Funds appropriated
6 to carry out the purposes of this Act may be available
7 without fiscal year limitation.

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