Public Law 107–371
107th Congress

An Act

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.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:
   (1) The meander lines in the original surveys by John
       B. David, deputy surveyor, of two lakes in the State of Idaho,
       Spirit Lake, formerly known as Lake Tesemini, located in T.
       53 N., R. 4 W., Boise Meridian, and Twin Lakes, formerly
       known as Fish Lake, located in T. 52 N. and T. 53 N., R.
       4 W., Boise Meridian, do not reflect the current line of ordinary
       high water conditions.
   (2) All lands adjacent to the original meander lines have
       been patented.

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

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) RECORDABLE DISCLAIMER OF INTEREST.—The term
    “recordable disclaimer of interest” means a document recorded
    in the county clerk’s office or other such local office where
    real property documents are recorded, in which the United
    States disclaims any right, title, or interest to those lands
    found lying outside the recorded meander lines of the lakes
    referred to in section 1(a)(1), including omitted lands, if any.

(2) OMITTED LANDS.—The term “omitted lands” means
    those lands that were in place on the date of the original
    surveys referred to in section 1(a)(1) but were not included
    in the survey of the township and the meander lines of the
    water body due to gross error or fraud by the original surveyor.

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

SEC. 3. SURVEYS.

The Secretary shall—
SEC. 4. DISCLAIMER OF INTEREST IN LANDS ADJACENT TO SPIRIT LAKE AND TWIN LAKES, IDAHO.

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

(1) prepare a recordable disclaimer of interest with land descriptions, using the lot or tract numbers of the omitted lands, if any, and lands lying outside the record meander lines, as shown on the survey plats; and

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

SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary $400,000 to carry out this Act. Funds appropriated to carry out the purposes of this Act may be available without fiscal year limitation.

Approved December 19, 2002.