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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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## AN ACT

To require the conveyance of certain National Forest System  
lands in Mendocino National Forest, California, to pro-  
vide for the use of the proceeds from such conveyance  
for National Forest 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. LAND CONVEYANCE, FARAWAY RANCH,**  
2 **MENDOCINO NATIONAL FOREST, CALI-**  
3 **FORNIA.**

4 (a) CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—Subject to subsection  
5 (b), the Secretary of Agriculture shall convey to the owner  
6 of the property known as the Faraway Ranch in Lake  
7 County, California (in this section referred to as the “re-  
8 cipient”), by quitclaim deed, all right, title, and interest  
9 of the United States in and to the following National For-  
10 est System lands in Mendocino National Forest in Lake  
11 County, California:

12 (1) “Faraway Ranch, Tract 39” (approximately  
13 15.8 acres), consisting of a portion of lot 6 of sec-  
14 tion 4, township 18 north, range 10 west, Mount  
15 Diablo base and meridian, as generally depicted on  
16 the map entitled “Faraway Ranch, Tracts 39 and  
17 40” and dated June 30, 2002.

18 (2) “Faraway Ranch, Tract 40” (approximately  
19 105.1 acres) consisting of a portion of the N1/  
20 2SW1/4 and lot 7 of section 4, and a portion of lots  
21 15 and 16 of section 5, township 18 north, range 10  
22 west, Mount Diablo base and meridian, as generally  
23 depicted on the map referred to in paragraph (1).

24 (b) TIME FOR CONVEYANCE.—The Secretary shall  
25 make the conveyance under subsection (a) not later than  
26 120 days after the date on which the recipient deposits

1 sufficient funds with the Bureau of Land Management,  
2 California State Office, Branch of Geographic Services, to  
3 cover survey work costs and with the Forest Service,  
4 Mendocino National Forest, to cover Forest Service direct  
5 transaction costs described in subsection (e).

6 (c) CORRECTIONS.—With the agreement of the re-  
7 cipient, the Secretary may make minor corrections to the  
8 legal descriptions and map of the lands to be conveyed  
9 pursuant to this section.

10 (d) CONSIDERATION.—As consideration for the con-  
11 veyance under subsection (a), the recipient shall pay to  
12 the Secretary an amount equal to the fair market value  
13 of the National Forest System lands conveyed under such  
14 subsection. The fair market value of such lands shall be  
15 determined by an appraisal that is acceptable to the Sec-  
16 retary and conforms with the Federal appraisal standards,  
17 as defined in the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Fed-  
18 eral Land Acquisitions developed by the Interagency Land  
19 Acquisition Conference.

20 (e) PAYMENT OF COSTS.—All direct transaction costs  
21 associated with the conveyance under section (a), includ-  
22 ing the costs of appraisal, title, and survey work, shall be  
23 paid by the recipient.

24 (f) USE OF PROCEEDS.—

1           (1) DEPOSIT.—The Secretary shall deposit the  
2           amounts received by the Secretary as consideration  
3           under subsection (d) in the fund established by Pub-  
4           lic Law 90–171 (commonly known as the Sisk Act;  
5           16 U.S.C. 484a).

6           (2) USE.—Funds deposited under paragraph  
7           (1) shall be available to the Secretary until ex-  
8           pended, without further appropriation—

9                   (A) for the acquisition of land and inter-  
10           ests in land for National Forest System pur-  
11           poses in the State of California; and

12                   (B) for reimbursement of costs incurred by  
13           the Forest Service in making the conveyance  
14           under subsection (a).

15           (3) STATUS OF ACQUIRED LAND.—Notwith-  
16           standing Public Law 85–862 (16 U.S.C. 521a), any  
17           lands acquired under paragraph (2)(A) shall be  
18           managed as lands acquired under the Act of March  
19           1, 1911 (commonly known as the Weeks Act; 16  
20           U.S.C. 480, 500, 515 et seq.), regardless of whether  
21           any of the lands conveyed under subsection (a) were  
22           reserved from the public domain.

23 **SEC. 2. WITHDRAWAL.**

24           Subject to valid existing rights, the lands to be con-  
25           veyed under subsection (a) of section 1 are hereby with-

- 1 drawn from all forms of location, entry, and patent under
- 2 the public land laws and the mining and mineral leasing
- 3 laws of the United States.

Passed the House of Representatives October 8,  
2003.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,  
*Clerk.*