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Referred to the Committee on Resources

AN ACT

To provide for the expeditious completion of the acquisition of land owned by the State of Wyoming within the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Grand Teton National
5 Park Land Exchange Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 As used in this Act:

3 (1) The term “Federal lands” means public
4 lands as defined in section 103(e) of the Federal
5 Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43
6 U.S.C. 1702(e)).

7 (2) The term “Governor” means the Governor
8 of the State of Wyoming.

9 (3) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
10 of the Interior.

11 (4) The term “State lands” means lands and
12 interest in lands owned by the State of Wyoming
13 within the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park
14 as identified on a map titled “Private, State &
15 County Inholdings Grand Teton National Park”,
16 dated March 2001, and numbered GTNP/0001.

17 **SEC. 3. ACQUISITION OF STATE LANDS.**

18 (a) The Secretary is authorized to acquire approxi-
19 mately 1,406 acres of State lands within the exterior
20 boundaries of Grand Teton National Park, as generally
21 depicted on the map referenced in section 2(4), by any
22 one or a combination of the following—

23 (1) donation;

24 (2) purchase with donated or appropriated
25 funds; or

1 (3) exchange of Federal lands in the State of
2 Wyoming that are identified for disposal under ap-
3 proved land use plans in effect on the date of enact-
4 ment of this Act under section 202 of the Federal
5 Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43
6 U.S.C. 1712) that are of equal value to the State
7 lands acquired in the exchange.

8 (b) In the event that the Secretary or the Governor
9 determines that the Federal lands eligible for exchange
10 under subsection (a)(3) are not sufficient or acceptable for
11 the acquisition of all the State lands identified in section
12 2(4), the Secretary shall identify other Federal lands or
13 interests therein in the State of Wyoming for possible ex-
14 change and shall identify such lands or interests together
15 with their estimated value in a report to the Committee
16 on Energy and Natural Resources of the United States
17 Senate and the Committee on Resources of the House of
18 Representatives. Such lands or interests shall not be avail-
19 able for exchange unless authorized by an Act of Congress
20 enacted after the date of submission of the report.

21 **SEC. 4. VALUATION OF STATE AND FEDERAL INTERESTS.**

22 (a) AGREEMENT ON APPRAISER.—If the Secretary
23 and the Governor are unable to agree on the value of any
24 Federal lands eligible for exchange under section 3(a)(3)
25 or State lands, then the Secretary and the Governor may

1 select a qualified appraiser to conduct an appraisal of
2 those lands. The purchase or exchange under section 3(a)
3 shall be conducted based on the values determined by the
4 appraisal.

5 (b) NO AGREEMENT ON APPRAISER.—If the Sec-
6 retary and the Governor are unable to agree on the selec-
7 tion of a qualified appraiser under subsection (a), then
8 the Secretary and the Governor shall each designate a
9 qualified appraiser. The two designated appraisers shall
10 select a qualified third appraiser to conduct the appraisal
11 with the advice and assistance of the two designated ap-
12 praisers. The purchase or exchange under section 3(a)
13 shall be conducted based on the values determined by the
14 appraisal.

15 (c) APPRAISAL COSTS.—The Secretary and the State
16 of Wyoming shall each pay one-half of the appraisal costs
17 under subsections (a) and (b).

18 **SEC. 5. ADMINISTRATION OF STATE LANDS ACQUIRED BY**

19 **THE UNITED STATES.**

20 The State lands conveyed to the United States under
21 section 3(a) shall become part of Grand Teton National
22 Park. The Secretary shall manage such lands under the
23 Act of August 25, 1916 (commonly know as the “National
24 Park Service Organic Act”), and other laws, rules, and
25 regulations applicable to Grand Teton National Park.

