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To amend the Small Tracts Act to facilitate the exchange of small tracts of land, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DOOLITTLE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To amend the Small Tracts Act to facilitate the exchange of small tracts of land, 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 “Small Tracts Reform
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FACILITATION OF EXCHANGE OF SMALL TRACTS.**

7 (a) EXPANSION OF AVAILABILITY OF LANDS FOR
8 SALE OR EXCHANGE.—Section 3 of Public Law 97–465

1 (16 U.S.C. 521e; section 3 of the Act commonly known
2 as the Small Tracts Act) is amended—

3 (1) by striking “not practicable” and inserting
4 “either not practicable or not expedient”;

5 (2) by striking “, which have a value as deter-
6 mined by the Secretary of not more than
7 \$150,000,”; and

8 (3) in paragraph (1)—

9 (A) by striking “parcels of forty acres”
10 and inserting “parcels or portions of parcels of
11 100 acres”; and

12 (B) by striking “under the mining laws”.

13 (b) RULES OR REGULATIONS NOT REQUIRED.—
14 Nothing in the amendments made by this Act shall require
15 the Forest Service to issue rules or regulations prior to
16 any sale, exchange, or interchange under Public Law 97–
17 465 (16 U.S.C. 521e et seq.).

18 (c) SPECIAL CASES.—The Forest Supervisor may
19 complete the following interchanges under Public Law 97–
20 465 (16 U.S.C. 521e et seq.), as amended by subsection
21 (a):

22 (1) An acquisition from Irving N. Christensen
23 of that portion of SW¹/₄NW¹/₄ Section 16, T.19N.,
24 R.9E., MDM., lying southwesterly of California
25 State Highway 49 and all that portion of S¹/₂NE¹/₄

1 Section 17, T.19N., R.9E., MDM., lying southwest-
2 erly of California State Highway 49 and northeast-
3 erly of the North Fork Yuba River, through inter-
4 change of an approximately equal value of National
5 Forest System land lying northerly of California
6 State Highway 49 within the N¹/₂N¹/₂ Section 17,
7 T.19N., R.9E., MDM. The Federal land to be inter-
8 changed within the specifications of this paragraph
9 shall be agreed upon by the Forest Supervisor and
10 Irving N. Christensen.

11 (2) An acquisition from Dennis W. McCreary
12 and Cindy M. McCreary of a portion of Lot 19, Sec-
13 tion 35, T.20N., R.10E., MDM in Downieville, Si-
14 erra County, California, through interchange of a
15 portion of National Forest System land in Lot 121,
16 Section 35, T.20N., R.10E., MDM in Downieville,
17 Sierra County, California. The Federal land to be
18 interchanged within the specifications of this para-
19 graph shall be agreed upon by the Forest Supervisor
20 and Dennis W. McCreary and Cindy M. McCreary.

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