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H. R. 2675

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BOREN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Help to Access Land
5 for the Education of Scouts” or “HALE Scouts Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LAND CONVEYANCE, OUACHITA NATIONAL FOREST,**
2 **OKLAHOMA.**

3 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that it is in the public
4 interest to provide for the sale of certain federally owned
5 land in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma to the
6 Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of Amer-
7 ica, for market value consideration.

8 (b) CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—Subject to valid exist-
9 ing rights, the Secretary of Agriculture shall convey, by
10 quitclaim deed, to the Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the
11 Boy Scouts of America (in this section referred to as the
12 “Council”) all right, title, and interest of the United
13 States in and to certain National Forest System land in
14 the Ouachita National Forest in the State of Oklahoma
15 consisting of approximately 140 acres, depending on the
16 final measurement of the road set back and the actual size
17 of the affected sections, as more fully described in sub-
18 section (c). The conveyance may not include any land lo-
19 cated within the Indian Nations National Scenic and Wild-
20 life Area designated by section 10 of the Winding Stair
21 Mountain National Recreation and Wilderness Area Act
22 (16 U.S.C. 460vv–8).

23 (c) DESCRIPTION OF LANDS.—The National Forest
24 System land to be conveyed under subsection (b) consists
25 of the following parcels:

1 (1) A parcel of approximately 20 acres con-
2 sisting of the West Half of the Southwest Quarter
3 of the Southwest Quarter west of K07A road of sec-
4 tion 10 of Township 3 North, Range 23 East, In-
5 dian meridian.

6 (2) A parcel of approximately 120 acres con-
7 sisting of the North Half of the Northwest Quarter
8 and the North Half of the South Half of the North-
9 west Quarter of section 15 of Township 3 North,
10 Range 23 East, Indian meridian.

11 (d) CONSIDERATION.—As consideration for the land
12 conveyed under subsection (b), the Council shall pay to
13 the Secretary an amount equal to the fair market value
14 of the land, as determined by an appraisal approved by
15 the Secretary and done in conformity with the Uniform
16 Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions. The
17 appraiser shall determine the value of the land as a sepa-
18 rate tract or tracts, and not as part of a larger parcel.

19 (e) USE OF PROCEEDS.—The consideration received
20 under subsection (d) shall be deposited in the fund estab-
21 lished by Public Law 90–171 (commonly known as the
22 “Sisk Act”; 16 U.S.C. 484a). The amount so deposited
23 shall be available to the Secretary, without further appro-
24 priation, for expenditure for the acquisition of land and
25 interests in land in the Ouachita National Forest.

1 (f) SURVEY AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—The
2 exact acreage and legal description of the land to be con-
3 veyed under subsection (b) shall be determined by a survey
4 satisfactory to the Secretary. The Council shall pay the
5 reasonable costs of survey, appraisal, and any administra-
6 tive analyses required by law.

7 (g) ACCESS.—Access to the land conveyed under sub-
8 section (b) shall be from the adjacent land of the Council
9 or its successor. Notwithstanding section 1323(a) of the
10 Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (16
11 U.S.C. 3210(a)), the Secretary shall not be required to
12 provide additional access to the conveyed land.

13 (h) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The
14 Secretary may prescribe such terms and conditions on the
15 conveyance under subsection (b) as the Secretary con-
16 siders in the public interest, including the reservation of
17 access rights to the conveyed land for administrative pur-
18 poses.

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