

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. 3369

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 13, 2010

Ms. MURKOWSKI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## 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 “Connell Lake Water-  
5       shed Protection and Recreation Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

7       (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

1           (1) the Forest Service owns the land sur-  
2           rounding Connell Lake, which is located within the  
3           boundaries of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough;

4           (2) the Lake serves as—

5                 (A) a major water source for the Borough;

6           and

7                 (B) a local recreation site;

8           (3) the Borough—

9                 (A) has a great interest in the manage-  
10           ment of the Connell Lake area; and

11                 (B) desires to participate directly in the  
12           planning and management of the area;

13           (4) the Borough would be eligible to obtain land  
14           in the Connell Lake area from the Federal Govern-  
15           ment under the Act of June 14, 1926 (commonly  
16           known as the “Recreation and Public Purposes  
17           Act”) (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.) if the land was not  
18           located within a national forest;

19           (5) Congress has previously enacted legislation  
20           to authorize units of local governments to obtain  
21           land from a national forest under the Act of June  
22           14, 1926 (commonly known as the “Recreation and  
23           Public Purposes Act”) (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.) in  
24           circumstances similar to the circumstances applica-  
25           ble to the Connell Lake area; and

1           (6) the management plan for Connell Lake  
2           under the comprehensive plan for the Borough is  
3           consistent with—

4                   (A) the forest management plan for the  
5           area; and

6                   (B) the Act of June 14, 1926 (commonly  
7           known as the “Recreation and Public Purposes  
8           Act”) (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.).

9           (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to provide  
10          for the application of the Act of June 14, 1926 (commonly  
11          known as the “Recreation and Public Purposes Act”) (43  
12          U.S.C. 869 et seq.) to the Connell Lake area to enable  
13          the Borough to obtain land in the area in accordance with  
14          the basic terms and conditions of that Act.

15       **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

16          In this Act:

17                   (1) BOROUGH.—The term “Borough” means  
18          the Ketchikan Gateway Borough located in the State  
19          of Alaska.

20                   (2) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Federal land”  
21          means the approximately 880 acres of Federal land  
22          and interests in land in the Connell Lake area, as  
23          generally depicted on the map.

1           (3) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-  
2           titled “Connell Lake Watershed—Aliquot Part De-  
3           scription”.

4   **SEC. 4. CONVEYANCE OF CONNELL LAKE LAND.**

5           (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
6           sion of law, in accordance with this Act and the Act of  
7           June 14, 1926 (commonly known as the “Recreation and  
8           Public Purposes Act”) (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.), and sub-  
9           ject to valid existing rights, the Secretary of Agriculture  
10          and the Secretary of the Interior, as appropriate, shall  
11          convey the Federal land to the Borough.

12          (b) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map shall be on file  
13          and available for inspection in—

14               (1) the office of the Chief of the Forest Service;  
15          and

16               (2) the office of the Forest Supervisor located  
17          in Ketchikan, Alaska.

18          (c) MANAGEMENT.—On conveyance of the Federal  
19          land, the Federal land shall be managed in accordance  
20          with the the Act of June 14, 1926 (commonly known as  
21          the “Recreation and Public Purposes Act”) (43 U.S.C.  
22          869 et seq.), including the provisions of that Act relating  
23          to the reversion of land.

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