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H. R. 3326

To provide for an exchange of land between the United States and the Trinity Public Utilities District of Trinity County, California, involving a parcel of National Forest System land in Shasta-Trinity National Forest.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUFFMAN 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 “Trinity County Land
5 Exchange Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. LAND EXCHANGE, TRINITY PUBLIC UTILITIES DIS-**
2 **TRICT, TRINITY COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, THE**
3 **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, AND THE**
4 **FOREST SERVICE.**

5 (a) LAND EXCHANGE REQUIRED.—If the Utilities
6 District conveys to the Secretary of the Interior all right,
7 title, and interest of the Utilities District in and to Parcel
8 A, the Secretary of Agriculture shall convey to the Utilities
9 District, in exchange, all right, title, and interest of the
10 United States in and to Parcel B.

11 (b) AVAILABILITY OF MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPT-
12 TIONS.—Any map prepared by the Secretary of the Inte-
13 rior or the Secretary of Agriculture in connection with a
14 conveyance under subsection (a), and the legal description
15 of Parcel A and Parcel B, shall be on file and available
16 for public inspection in the Office of the Chief of the For-
17 est Service and the appropriate office of the Bureau of
18 Land Management. With the agreement of the parties to
19 the conveyances under subsection (a), the Secretary of the
20 Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture may make tech-
21 nical corrections to the maps and legal descriptions.

22 (c) EQUAL VALUE EXCHANGE.—

23 (1) LAND EXCHANGE PROCESS.—The land ex-
24 change under this section is intended to be an equal
25 value exchange. Except as provided in paragraph
26 (3), the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary

1 of Agriculture shall carry out the land exchange in
2 accordance with section 206 of the Federal Land
3 Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.
4 1716).

5 (2) APPRAISAL OF PARCELS.—The values of
6 Parcel A and Parcel B shall be determined by ap-
7 praisals performed by a qualified appraiser mutually
8 agreed to by the parties to the conveyances under
9 subsection (a). The appraisals shall be performed in
10 conformance with the Uniform Appraisal Standards
11 for Federal Land Acquisitions.

12 (3) CASH EQUALIZATION.—If the values of Par-
13 cel A and Parcel B are not equal, the values may
14 be equalized through the use of a cash equalization
15 payment. Notwithstanding section 206(b) of the
16 Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976
17 (43 U.S.C. 1716(b)), a cash equalization payment
18 may be made in excess of 25 percent of the ap-
19 praised value of the Parcel B.

20 (d) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Any cash equalization pay-
22 ment received by the United States under subsection
23 (c) shall be deposited in the fund established under
24 Public Law 90–171 (16 U.S.C. 484a; commonly
25 known as the Sisk Act).

1 (2) USE OF PROCEEDS.—Amounts deposited
2 under paragraph (1) shall be available to the Sec-
3 retary of Agriculture, without further appropriation
4 and until expended, for the acquisition of land or in-
5 terests in land in California for inclusion in the Na-
6 tional Forest System.

7 (e) SURVEY AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—The
8 exact acreage and legal description of Parcel A and Parcel
9 B shall be determined by a survey satisfactory to the Sec-
10 retary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture.
11 The Utilities District shall be responsible for the costs of
12 the survey. The Federal Government and the Utilities Dis-
13 trict shall share in other administrative costs of the land
14 exchange under this section.

15 (f) MANAGEMENT OF ACQUIRED LAND.—Upon the
16 acquisition of Parcel A, the Secretary of the Interior, act-
17 ing through the Redding Field Office of the Bureau of
18 Land Management, shall administer Parcel A as public
19 land in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Man-
20 agement Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) and the
21 laws and regulations applicable to public land adminis-
22 tered by the Bureau of Land Management.

23 (g) COMPLETION OF LAND EXCHANGE.—The Sec-
24 retary of Agriculture shall complete the conveyance of
25 Parcel B not later than one year after the date on which

1 the Utilities District offers to convey Parcel A to the Sec-
2 retary of the Interior.

3 (h) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this section:

4 (1) PARCEL A.—The term “Parcel A” means
5 the approximately 47 acres of land, known as the
6 “Sky Ranch parcel”, adjacent to public land admin-
7 istered by the Redding Field Office of the Bureau of
8 Land Management.

9 (2) PARCEL B.—The term “Parcel B” means
10 the approximately 100 acres land in the Shasta-
11 Trinity National Forest in the State of California
12 near the Weaverville Airport in Trinity County.

13 (3) UTILITIES DISTRICT.—The term “Utilities
14 District” means the Trinity Public Utilities District
15 of Trinity County, California.

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