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[Report No. 113-615]

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUFFMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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Additional sponsor: Mr. LAMALFA

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on October 23, 2013]

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 2014”.*

6 **SEC. 2. LAND EXCHANGE, TRINITY PUBLIC UTILITIES DIS-**
7 **TRICT, TRINITY COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, THE**
8 **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, AND THE**
9 **FOREST SERVICE.**

10 (a) *LAND EXCHANGE REQUIRED.—If not later than*
11 *three years after enactment of this Act, the Utilities District*
12 *conveys to the Secretary of the Interior all right, title, and*
13 *interest of the Utilities District in and to Parcel A, subject*
14 *to such terms and conditions as the Secretary of the Interior*
15 *may require, the Secretary of Agriculture shall convey Par-*
16 *cel B to the Utilities District, subject to such terms and*
17 *conditions as the Secretary of Agriculture may require, in-*
18 *cluding the reservation of easements for all roads and trails*
19 *considered to be necessary for administrative purposes and*
20 *to ensure public access to National Forest System lands.*

21 (b) *AVAILABILITY OF MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIP-*
22 *TIONS.—Maps are entitled “Trinity County Land Ex-*
23 *change Act of 2014 – Parcel A” and “Trinity County Land*
24 *Exchange Act of 2014 – Parcel B”, both dated March 24,*
25 *2014. The maps shall be on file and available for public*

1 *inspection in the Office of the Chief of the Forest Service*
2 *and the appropriate office of the Bureau of Land Manage-*
3 *ment. With the agreement of the parties to the conveyances*
4 *under subsection (a), the Secretary of the Interior and the*
5 *Secretary of Agriculture may make technical corrections to*
6 *the maps and legal descriptions.*

7 *(c) EQUAL VALUE EXCHANGE.—*

8 *(1) LAND EXCHANGE PROCESS.—The land ex-*
9 *change under this section shall be an equal value ex-*
10 *change. Except as provided in paragraph (3), the Sec-*
11 *retary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture*
12 *shall carry out the land exchange in accordance with*
13 *section 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Manage-*
14 *ment Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716).*

15 *(2) APPRAISAL OF PARCELS.—The values of Par-*
16 *cel A and Parcel B shall be determined by appraisals*
17 *performed by a qualified appraiser mutually agreed*
18 *to by the parties to the conveyances under subsection*
19 *(a). The appraisals shall be approved by the Sec-*
20 *retary of Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture*
21 *and conducted in conformity with the Uniform Ap-*
22 *praisal Standards for Federal Land.*

23 *(3) CASH EQUALIZATION.—If the values of Par-*
24 *cel A and Parcel B are not equal, the values may be*
25 *equalized through the use of a cash equalization pay-*

1 *ment, however, if the final appraised value of Parcel*
2 *A exceeds the value of Parcel B, the surplus value of*
3 *Parcel A shall be considered to be a donation by the*
4 *Utilities District. Notwithstanding section 206(b) of*
5 *the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of*
6 *1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716(b)), a cash equalization pay-*
7 *ment may be made in excess of 25 percent of the ap-*
8 *praised value of the Parcel B.*

9 *(d) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.—Any cash equali-*
10 *zation payment received by the United States under sub-*
11 *section (c) shall be deposited in the general fund of the*
12 *Treasury to be used for deficit reduction.*

13 *(e) SURVEY.—The exact acreage and legal description*
14 *of Parcel A and Parcel B shall be determined by a survey*
15 *satisfactory to the Secretary of the Interior and the Sec-*
16 *retary of Agriculture.*

17 *(f) COSTS.—As a condition of the land exchange under*
18 *subsection (a), the Utilities District shall pay the costs asso-*
19 *ciated with—*

20 *(1) the surveys described in subsection (e);*

21 *(2) the appraisals described in subsection (c)(2);*

22 *and*

23 *(3) any other reasonable administrative or reme-*
24 *diation cost determined by the Secretary of Agri-*
25 *culture.*

1 (g) *MANAGEMENT OF ACQUIRED LAND.*—Upon the ac-
2 quisition of Parcel A, the Secretary of the Interior, acting
3 through the Redding Field Office of the Bureau of Land
4 Management, shall administer Parcel A as public land in
5 accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management
6 Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) and the laws and regu-
7 lations applicable to public land administered by the Bu-
8 reau of Land Management, except that public recreation
9 and public access to and for recreation shall be the highest
10 and best use of Parcel A.

11 (h) *COMPLETION OF LAND EXCHANGE.*—Once the
12 Utilities District offers to convey Parcel A to the Secretary
13 of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture shall complete
14 the conveyance of Parcel B not later than one year after
15 the date of enactment of this Act.

16 (i) *DEFINITIONS.*—For the purposes of this section:

17 (1) *PARCEL A.*—The term “Parcel A” means the
18 approximately 47 acres of land, known as the “Sky
19 Ranch parcel”, adjacent to public land administered
20 by the Redding Field Office of the Bureau of Land
21 Management as depicted on the map entitled “Trinity
22 County Land Exchange Act of 2014 – Parcel A”,
23 dated March 24, 2014, more particularly described as
24 a portion of Mineral Survey 178, south Highway 299,
25 generally located in the S1/2 of the S1/2 of Section

1 7 and the N1/2 of the N1/2 of Section 8, Township
2 33 North, Range 10 West, Mount Diablo Meridian.

3 (2) *PARCEL B.*—The term “Parcel B” means the
4 approximately 100 acres land in the Shasta-Trinity
5 National Forest in the State of California near the
6 Weaverville Airport in Trinity County as depicted on
7 the map entitled “Trinity County Land Exchange Act
8 of 2014 – Parcel B” dated March 24, 2014, more par-
9 ticularly described as Lot 8, SW1/4 SE1/4, and S1/
10 2 N1/2 SE, Section 31, Township 34 North, Range 9
11 West, Mount Diablo Meridian.

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

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