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H. R. 2941

[Report No. 115-353]

To provide for the conveyance of certain National Forest System land within
Kisatchie National Forest in the State of Louisiana.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 20, 2017

Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself, Mr. RICHMOND, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana, and Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union
and ordered to be printed

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 “Kisatchie National
5 Forest Land Conveyance Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDING.**

7 Congress finds that it is in the public interest to au-
8 thorize the conveyance of certain Federal land in the
9 Kisatchie National Forest in the State of Louisiana for
10 market value consideration.

11 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

12 In this Act:

13 (1) COLLINS CAMP PROPERTIES.—The term
14 “Collins Camp Properties” means Collins Camp
15 Properties, Inc., a corporation incorporated under
16 the laws of the State.

17 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
18 the Secretary of Agriculture.

19 (3) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
20 of Louisiana.

21 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF CONVEYANCES, KISATCHIE NA-**
22 **TIONAL FOREST, LOUISIANA.**

23 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing
25 rights and subsection (b), the Secretary may convey

1 the Federal land described in paragraph (2) by quit-
2 claim deed at public or private sale, including com-
3 petitive sale by auction, bid, or other methods.

4 (2) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The Federal land
5 referred to in paragraph (1) consists of—

6 (A) all Federal land within sec. 9, T. 10
7 N., R. 5 W., Winn Parish, Louisiana; and

8 (B) a 2.16-acre parcel of Federal land lo-
9 cated in the SW¹/₄ of sec. 4, T. 10 N., R. 5 W.,
10 Winn Parish, Louisiana, as depicted on a cer-
11 tificate of survey dated March 7, 2007, by Glen
12 L. Cannon, P.L.S. 4436.

13 (b) FIRST RIGHT OF PURCHASE.—Subject to valid
14 existing rights and section 6, during the 1-year period be-
15 ginning on the date of enactment of this Act, on the provi-
16 sion of consideration by the Collins Camp Properties to
17 the Secretary, the Secretary shall convey, by quitclaim
18 deed, to Collins Camp Properties all right, title and inter-
19 est of the United States in and to—

20 (1) not more than 47.92 acres of Federal land
21 comprising the Collins Campsites within sec. 9, T.
22 10 N., R. 5 W., in Winn Parish, Louisiana, as gen-
23 erally depicted on a certificate of survey dated Feb-
24 ruary 28, 2007, by Glen L. Cannon, P.L.S. 4436;
25 and

1 (2) the parcel of Federal land described in sub-
2 section (a)(2)(B).

3 (c) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Secretary may—

4 (1) configure the Federal land to be conveyed
5 under this Act—

6 (A) to maximize the marketability of the
7 conveyance; or

8 (B) to achieve management objectives; and

9 (2) establish any terms and conditions for the
10 conveyances under this Act that the Secretary deter-
11 mines to be in the public interest.

12 (d) CONSIDERATION.—Consideration for a convey-
13 ance of Federal land under this Act shall be—

14 (1) in the form of cash; and

15 (2) in an amount equal to the market value of
16 the Federal land being conveyed, as determined
17 under subsection (e).

18 (e) MARKET VALUE.—The market value of the Fed-
19 eral land conveyed under this Act shall be determined—

20 (1) in the case of Federal land conveyed under
21 subsection (b), by an appraisal that is—

22 (A) conducted in accordance with the Uni-
23 form Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Ac-
24 quisitions; and

25 (B) approved by the Secretary; or

1 (2) if conveyed by a method other than the
2 methods described in subsection (b), by competitive
3 sale.

4 (f) HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—In any conveyance of Fed-
6 eral land under this Act, the Secretary shall meet
7 disclosure requirements for hazardous substances,
8 but shall otherwise not be required to remediate or
9 abate the substances.

10 (2) EFFECT.—Nothing in this section otherwise
11 affects the application of the Comprehensive Envi-
12 ronmental Response, Compensation, and Liability
13 Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.) to the convey-
14 ances of Federal land.

15 **SEC. 5. PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF LAND.**

16 The Secretary shall deposit the proceeds of a convey-
17 ance of Federal land under section 4 in the fund estab-
18 lished under Public Law 90–171 (commonly known as the
19 “Sisk Act”) (16 U.S.C. 484a).

20 **SEC. 6. ADMINISTRATION.**

21 (a) COSTS.—As a condition of a conveyance of Fed-
22 eral land to Collins Camp Properties under section 4, the
23 Secretary shall require Collins Camp Properties to pay at
24 closing—

25 (1) reasonable appraisal costs; and

1 (2) the cost of any administrative and environ-
2 mental analyses required by law (including regula-
3 tions).

4 (b) PERMITS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—An offer by Collins Camp
6 Properties for the acquisition of the Federal land
7 under section 4 shall be accompanied by a written
8 statement from each holder of a Forest Service spe-
9 cial use authorization with respect to the Federal
10 land that specifies that the holder agrees to relin-
11 quish the special use authorization on the convey-
12 ance of the Federal land to Collins Camp Properties.

13 (2) SPECIAL USE AUTHORIZATIONS.—If any
14 holder of a special use authorization described in
15 paragraph (1) fails to provide a written authoriza-
16 tion in accordance with that paragraph, the Sec-
17 retary shall require, as a condition of the convey-
18 ance, that Collins Camp Properties administer the
19 special use authorization according to the terms of
20 the special use authorization until the date on which
21 the special use authorization expires.

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