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To require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey at market value certain National Forest System land in the State of Arizona.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. FLAKE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and 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 “Oracle Cabins Convey-
5 ance Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) PERMITTEE.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “permittee”
10 means a person who, on the date of the enact-

1 ment of this Act, holds a valid permit for use
2 of a property.

3 (B) INCLUSIONS.—The term “permittee”
4 includes any heirs, executors, and assigns of the
5 permittee or interest of the permittee.

6 (2) PROPERTY.—The term “property” means—

7 (A) the approximately 1.1 acres of Na-
8 tional Forest System land in sec. 8, T. 10 S.,
9 R. 16 E., Gila and Salt River Meridian, as gen-
10 erally depicted on the map entitled “Coronado
11 National Forest Land Conveyance Act of
12 2017”, special use permit numbered SAN5005-
13 03, and dated October 2017;

14 (B) the approximately 4.5 acres of Na-
15 tional Forest System land in sec. 8, T. 10 S.,
16 R. 16 E., Gila and Salt River Meridian, as gen-
17 erally depicted on the map entitled “Coronado
18 National Forest Land Conveyance Act of
19 2017”, special use permit numbered SAN5116-
20 03, and dated October 2017; and

21 (C) the approximately 3.9 acres of Na-
22 tional Forest System land in NW¹/₄, sec. 1, T.
23 10 S., R. 15 E., Gila and Salt River Meridian,
24 as generally depicted on the map entitled
25 “Coronado National Forest Land Conveyance

1 Act of 2017”, special use permit numbered
2 SAN5039–02, and dated October 2017.

3 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
4 the Secretary of Agriculture.

5 **SEC. 3. SALE OF LAND.**

6 (a) SALE.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing
8 rights, during the period described in paragraph (2),
9 not later than 90 days after the date on which a
10 permittee submits a request to the Secretary, the
11 Secretary shall—

12 (A) accept tender of consideration from
13 that permittee; and

14 (B) sell and quitclaim to that permittee all
15 right, title, and interest of the United States in
16 and to the property for which the permittee
17 holds a permit.

18 (2) PERIOD DESCRIBED.—The period referred
19 to in paragraph (1) is the period beginning on the
20 date of enactment of this Act and ending on the
21 date of expiration of the applicable permit.

22 (b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Secretary may
23 establish such terms and conditions on the sales of the
24 properties under this Act as the Secretary determines to
25 be in the public interest.

1 (c) CONSIDERATION.—A sale of a property under this
2 Act shall be for cash consideration equal to the market
3 value of the property, as determined by the appraisal de-
4 scribed in subsection (d).

5 (d) APPRAISAL.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall complete
7 an appraisal of each property, which shall—

8 (A) include the value of any appurtenant
9 easements; and

10 (B) exclude the value of any private im-
11 provements made by a permittee of the property
12 before the date of appraisal.

13 (2) STANDARDS.—An appraisal under para-
14 graph (1) shall be conducted in accordance with—

15 (A) the Uniform Appraisal Standards for
16 Federal Land Acquisitions, established in ac-
17 cordance with the Uniform Relocation Assist-
18 ance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act
19 of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4601 et seq.); and

20 (B) the Uniform Standards of Professional
21 Appraisal Practice.

22 (e) COSTS.—The Secretary shall pay—

23 (1) the cost of a conveyance of a property under
24 this Act; and

1 (2) the cost of an appraisal under subsection
2 (d).

3 (f) PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF LAND.—

4 (1) DEPOSIT OF RECEIPTS.—The consideration
5 received by the Secretary for the sale of a property
6 under this Act shall be deposited into a special ac-
7 count in the Treasury of the United States.

8 (2) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts deposited under
9 paragraph (1) shall be available to the Secretary
10 until expended, without further appropriation, for
11 hazardous fuel reduction projects on National Forest
12 System land in the State of Arizona.

13 (g) MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after
15 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
16 shall file maps and legal descriptions of each prop-
17 erty.

18 (2) FORCE OF LAW.—The maps and legal de-
19 scriptions filed under paragraph (1) shall have the
20 same force and effect as if included in this Act, ex-
21 cept that the Secretary may correct typographical
22 errors in the maps and legal descriptions.

23 (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The maps and
24 legal descriptions filed under paragraph (1) shall be
25 on file and available for public inspection in the of-

1 fice of the Supervisor of the Coronado National For-
2 est.

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