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H. R. 7354

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to transfer certain National Forest System land in the State of Washington to Skamania County, Washington.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER 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 “Wind River Adminis-
5 trative Site Conveyance Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) COUNTY.—The term “County” means the
9 Skamania County, Washington.

1 (2) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-
 2 titled “Wind River Administrative Site Conveyance
 3 Proposal” and dated February 7, 2020.

4 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
 5 the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the
 6 Chief of the Forest Service.

7 **SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE OF LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—If the County submits a written
 9 request to the Secretary not later than 180 days after the
 10 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall, not
 11 later than 24 months after the date of the enactment of
 12 this Act, convey to the County all right, title, and interest
 13 of the United States in and to the approximately 23.4
 14 acres of National Forest System land, related infrastruc-
 15 ture, and all improvements, as generally depicted as “pro-
 16 posed conveyance” on the map.

17 (b) MAP.—

18 (1) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map shall be
 19 kept on file and available for public inspection in the
 20 appropriate office of the Forest Service.

21 (2) CORRECTION OF ERRORS.—The Secretary
 22 may correct minor errors in the map.

23 (c) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The conveyance
 24 under subsection (a) shall be—

25 (1) subject to valid existing rights;

1 (2) notwithstanding any other provision of law,
2 made without consideration;

3 (3) made by quitclaim deed;

4 (4) subject to a right-of-way and restrictive
5 easement reservation of a width to be determined by
6 the Secretary, for the protection of the Pacific Crest
7 National Scenic Trail;

8 (5) completed in accordance with the Forest
9 Service Facility Realignment and Enhancement Act
10 of 2005 (16 U.S.C. 580d, et seq.), except that sec-
11 tion 504(b) and (c) of that Act shall not apply;

12 (6) subject to right-of-way reservations made
13 pursuant to section 507 of the Federal Land Policy
14 and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1767);
15 and

16 (7) subject to any other terms and conditions
17 as the Secretary determines appropriate.

18 (d) FEDERAL PROPERTY DISPOSAL.—Chapter 5 of
19 subtitle I of title 40, United States Code, shall not apply
20 to the conveyance under subsection (a).

21 (e) HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.—With respect to the
22 conveyance under subsection (a), the Secretary—

23 (1) shall meet disclosure requirements for haz-
24 ardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants
25 under section 120(h) of the Comprehensive Environ-

1 mental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
2 of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9620(h)); and

3 (2) shall not otherwise be required to remediate
4 or abate the hazardous substances, pollutants, or
5 contaminants disclosed pursuant to paragraph (1).

6 (f) CLOSING COSTS.—As a condition for the convey-
7 ance under subsection (a), the County shall pay all closing
8 costs associated with the conveyance, including for—

9 (1) title insurance and title search; and

10 (2) any applicable inspection fees, escrow fees,
11 attorneys fees, and recording fees.

12 (g) SURVEY.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The exact acreage and legal
14 description of the National Forest System land to be
15 conveyed under subsection (a) shall be determined
16 by a survey satisfactory to the Secretary.

17 (2) COSTS OF SURVEY.—The Secretary shall
18 bear all costs associated with the survey under para-
19 graph (1).

20 (h) USE OF LAND.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The lands and related infra-
22 structure conveyed under subsection (a) shall be
23 maintained by the County pursuant to standards es-
24 tablished by the Secretary of the Interior under sec-
25 tion 306101 of title 54, United States Code.

1 (2) REVERSION.—If any portion of the land
2 conveyed under subsection (a) is used in a manner
3 that is inconsistent with the use described in para-
4 graph (1), the land shall, at the discretion of the
5 Secretary, revert to the United States.

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