

Union Calendar No. 338

117TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5093

[Report No. 117-434]

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

AUGUST 24, 2021

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

JULY 26, 2022

Reported from the Committee on Natural Resources; 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 “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.

10 (2) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-
11 titled “Wind River Administrative Site Conveyance
12 Proposal” and dated July 7, 2020.

13 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
14 the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the
15 Chief of the Forest Service.

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

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—If the County submits a written
18 request to the Secretary not later than 180 days after the
19 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall, not
20 later than 24 months after the date of the enactment of
21 this Act, convey to the County all right, title, and interest
22 of the United States in and to the approximately 23.4
23 acres of National Forest System land, related infrastruc-
24 ture, and all improvements, as generally depicted as “pro-
25 posed conveyance” on the map.

1 (b) MAP.—

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

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

7 (c) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The conveyance
8 under subsection (a) shall be—

9 (1) subject to valid existing rights;

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

12 (3) made by quitclaim deed;

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

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

21 (6) subject to right-of-way reservations made
22 pursuant to section 507 of the Federal Land Policy
23 and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1767);
24 and

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

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

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

8 (1) shall meet disclosure requirements for haz-
9 arduous substances, pollutants, or contaminants
10 under section 120(h) of the Comprehensive Environ-
11 mental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
12 of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9620(h)); and

13 (2) shall not otherwise be required to remediate
14 or abate the hazardous substances, pollutants, or
15 contaminants disclosed pursuant to paragraph (1).

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

19 (1) title insurance and title search; and

20 (2) any applicable inspection fees, escrow fees,
21 attorneys fees, and recording fees.

22 (g) SURVEY.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The exact acreage and legal
24 description of the National Forest System land to be

1 conveyed under subsection (a) shall be determined
2 by a survey satisfactory to the Secretary.

3 (2) COSTS OF SURVEY.—The Secretary shall
4 bear all costs associated with the survey under para-
5 graph (1).

6 (h) USE OF LAND.—

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

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

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