

In 2002, well after the imposition of the fire ban by both the Governor of Colorado and the Forest Supervisor—I was flying over Hayman Fire with the same district ranger. In addition to having a birds-eye view of the largest wildfire in State history, the two of us also had an excellent view of several campfires dotting the landscape outside its perimeter. He told me that even in the midst of a fire season like the one we had in Colorado—where some 800 human caused wildfires destroyed over a quarter of a million acres—that enforcing the ban was a continuing problem in large part because the fine is so small.

Enhancing the penalties for those who choose to disregard the directives of our land managers may be one way we can reduce both the number of human caused wildfires and the terrible destruction they leave in their wake by creating a deterrent. This bill would accomplish that by imposing a minimum fine of \$500 for individuals who violate fire regulations during period when declared fire bans are in effect.

I hope the House will pass the bill, and ask for your support.

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. RADANOVICH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3247, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "A Bill to provide consistent enforcement authority to the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Forest Service to respond to violations of regulations regarding the management, use, and protection of public lands under the jurisdiction of these agencies, and for other purposes."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SMALL TRACTS ACT AMENDMENTS

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4617) to amend the Small Tracts Act to facilitate the exchange of small tracts of land, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4617

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. LAND EXCHANGES, TAHOE NATIONAL FOREST, CALIFORNIA.

(a) CHRISTENSEN EXCHANGE AUTHORIZED.—Notwithstanding section 3 of Public Law 97-465 (16 U.S.C. 521e; commonly known as the Small Tracts Act), the Secretary of Agriculture may use the authority of such Act to convey to Irving N. Christensen all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a parcel of National Forest System land lying north of California State Highway

49 within the N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ of section 17 of township 19 north, range 9 east, Mount Diablo meridian, in exchange for lands owned by Irving N. Christensen, as of the date of the enactment of this Act, in that portion of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 16 of township 19 north, range 9 east, Mount Diablo meridian, lying southwest of California State Highway 49 and that portion of S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 17 of township 19 north, range 9 east, Mount Diablo meridian, lying southwest of California State Highway 49 and northeast of the North Fork Yuba River.

(b) MCCREARY EXCHANGE AUTHORIZED.—For purposes of Public Law 97-465 (16 U.S.C. 521c et seq.; commonly known as the Small Tracts Act), the land exchange authorized by this subsection is deemed to involve a mineral survey fraction. Using the authority of such Act, the Secretary of Agriculture may convey to Dennis W. McCreary and Cindy M. McCreary all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a parcel of National Forest System land in Lot 121 of section 35 of township 20 north, range 10 east, Mount Diablo meridian, in exchange for lands owned by Dennis W. McCreary and Cindy M. McCreary, as of the date of the enactment of this Act, in Lot 19 of such section 35.

(c) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights, all lands to be exchanged under this section are withdrawn from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws of the United States.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. RADANOVICH) and the gentlewoman from Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. RADANOVICH).

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 4617 would facilitate the exchange of two small tracts of land under the Small Tracts Act in the Tahoe National Forest in California.

The first would exchange 3 acres of mineral rights from the Forest Service to the owner of the surface in exchange for 7 acres of land adjacent to a Forest Service campground.

The second would provide for the exchange of less than 1 acre owned by the Forest Service and located in the backyard of the property owner, with a parcel of less than an acre near a Forest Service trailhead. The Forest Service has indicated its interest and support for these exchanges in correspondence to the landowners, and I urge support of this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, we have no objection to the consideration of H.R. 4617.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. RADANOVICH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4617, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof)

the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "A Bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out certain land exchanges involving small parcels of National Forest System land in the Tahoe National Forest in the State of California, and for other purposes."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MCINNIS CANYONS NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4827) to amend the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area and Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness Act of 2000 to rename the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area as the McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4827

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. MCINNIS CANYONS NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA.

(a) PURPOSE.—The Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area and Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 460mm et seq.) is amended in section 2(b) by striking "Colorado Canyons" and inserting "McInnis Canyons".

(b) DEFINITIONS.—Section 3 of such Act is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking "Colorado" and inserting "McInnis"; and

(2) in paragraph (2), by striking "Colorado" and inserting "McInnis".

(c) COLORADO CANYONS NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA.—Section 4 of such Act is amended—

(1) in the heading, by striking "COLORADO" and inserting "MCINNIS"; and

(2) in subsection (a), by striking "Colorado Canyons" and inserting "McInnis Canyons".

(d) ADVISORY COUNCIL.—Section 8(a) of such Act is amended by striking "Colorado Canyons" and inserting "McInnis Canyons".

(e) SHORT TITLE.—Section 1 of such Act is amended by striking "Colorado" and inserting "McInnis".

(f) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the "Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area" shall be deemed to be a reference to the "McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area".

(g) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amendments made by this section take effect on January 1, 2005.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. RADANOVICH) and the gentlewoman from Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. RADANOVICH).

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation, introduced by the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. WALDEN), would rename the Colorado Canyons National Conservation