

110TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3702

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Montana, to Jefferson County, Montana, for use as a cemetery.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2007

Mr. REHBERG 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 “Montana Cemetery Act
5 of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) COUNTY.—The term “County” means Jef-
2 ferson County, Montana.

3 (2) MAP.—The term “map” means the map
4 that is—

5 (A) entitled “Elkhorn Cemetery”;

6 (B) dated May 9, 2005; and

7 (C) on file in the office of the Beaverhead-
8 Deerlodge National Forest Supervisor.

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

11 **SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE TO JEFFERSON COUNTY, MONTANA.**

12 (a) CONVEYANCE.—Not later than 180 days after the
13 date of enactment of this Act and subject to valid existing
14 rights, the Secretary (acting through the Regional For-
15 ester, Northern Region, Missoula, Montana) shall convey
16 by quitclaim deed to the County for no consideration, all
17 right, title, and interest of the United States, except as
18 provided in subsection (e), in and to the parcel of land
19 described in subsection (b).

20 (b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The parcel of land re-
21 ferred to in subsection (a) is the parcel of approximately
22 9.67 acres of National Forest System land (including any
23 improvements to the land) in the County that is known
24 as the “Elkhorn Cemetery”, as generally depicted on the
25 map.

1 (c) USE OF LAND.—As a condition of the conveyance
2 under subsection (a), the County shall—

3 (1) use the land described in subsection (b) as
4 a County cemetery; and

5 (2) agree to manage the cemetery with due con-
6 sideration and protection for the historic and cul-
7 tural values of the cemetery, under such terms and
8 conditions as are agreed to by the Secretary and the
9 County.

10 (d) EASEMENT.—In conveying the land to the County
11 under subsection (a), the Secretary, in accordance with
12 applicable law, shall grant to the County an easement
13 across certain National Forest System land, as generally
14 depicted on the map, to provide access to the land con-
15 veyed under that subsection.

16 (e) REVERSION.—In the quitclaim deed to the Coun-
17 ty, the Secretary shall provide that the land conveyed to
18 the County under subsection (a) shall revert to the Sec-
19 retary, at the election of the Secretary, if the land is—

20 (1) used for a purpose other than the purposes
21 described in subsection (c)(1); or

22 (2) managed by the County in a manner that
23 is inconsistent with subsection (c)(2).

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