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# H. R. 328

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain lands to the town of Taos, New Mexico.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 5, 1993

Mr. RICHARDSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## 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. TAOS RANGER DISTRICT.**

4 (a) CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY.—Not later than 6  
5 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
6 retary of Agriculture shall convey by quit-claim deed to  
7 the town of Taos, New Mexico, subject to the terms and  
8 conditions stated in subsection (b), all right, title, and in-  
9 terest of the United States in and to the land and improve-  
10 ments thereon described as follows:

1           That property locally referred to as the “Old  
2 Taos Ranger District Office and Warehouse” located  
3 in the town of Taos, Taos County, New Mexico, con-  
4 taining approximately 0.633 acres, specifically de-  
5 scribed in that certain warranty deed dated January  
6 22, 1937, by William T. and Mary E. Hinde, hus-  
7 band and wife, to the United States, as recorded on  
8 January 23, 1937, in book A-34, page 415, of the  
9 Record of Deeds of Taos County, New Mexico.

10 (b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—

11           (1) CONSIDERATION.—The conveyance de-  
12 scribed in subsection (a) shall be in consideration of  
13 the amount of \$360,000, payable in full within the  
14 6-month period referred to in subsection (a), or, at  
15 the option of the town of Taos, in 20 annual pay-  
16 ments of \$18,000 due on January 1 of the first year  
17 following enactment of this Act and annually there-  
18 after until the total amount due has been paid, as  
19 agreed upon by the Secretary of Agriculture. The  
20 cash so received shall be deposited into a special  
21 fund in the Treasury which will remain available  
22 until expended by the Secretary for the purpose of  
23 acquiring, within the State of New Mexico, lands or  
24 administrative facilities on National Forest System  
25 lands. The town of Taos shall not be charged inter-

1 est on amounts owed the United States for such  
2 conveyance.

3 (2) RELEASE.—On transfer of the property  
4 under subsection (a) the town of Taos shall release  
5 the United States from any liability for claims relat-  
6 ing to the property.

7 (3) REVERSION.—The conveyance described in  
8 subsection (a) shall be a conveyance of fee simple  
9 title to the property, subject to reversion to the  
10 United States if the property is used for other than  
11 public purposes or if the compensation requirements  
12 described in paragraph (1) are not met.

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