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

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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

1 the town of Taos, New Mexico, subject to the terms and
2 conditions stated in subsection (b), all right, title, and in-
3 terest of the United States in and to the land and improve-
4 ments thereon described as follows:

5 That property locally referred to as the “Old
6 Taos Ranger District Office and Warehouse” located
7 in the town of Taos, Taos County, New Mexico, con-
8 taining approximately 0.633 acres, specifically de-
9 scribed in that certain warranty deed dated January
10 22, 1937, by William T. and Mary E. Hinde, hus-
11 band and wife, to the United States, as recorded on
12 January 23, 1937, in book A-34, page 415, of the
13 Record of Deeds of Taos County, New Mexico.

14 (b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—

15 (1) CONSIDERATION.—The conveyance de-
16 scribed in subsection (a) shall be in consideration of
17 the amount of \$360,000, payable in full within the
18 6-month period referred to in subsection (a), or, at
19 the option of the town of Taos, in 20 annual pay-
20 ments of \$18,000 due on January 1 of the first year
21 following enactment of this Act and annually there-
22 after until the total amount due has been paid, as
23 agreed upon by the Secretary of Agriculture. The
24 cash so received shall be deposited into a special
25 fund in the Treasury which will remain available

1 until expended by the Secretary for the purpose of
2 acquiring, within the State of New Mexico, lands or
3 administrative facilities on National Forest System
4 lands. The town of Taos shall not be charged inter-
5 est on amounts owed the United States for such
6 conveyance.

7 (2) RELEASE.—On transfer of the property
8 under subsection (a) the town of Taos shall release
9 the United States from any liability for claims relat-
10 ing to the property.

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