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

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 7, 1994]

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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 "Santa Fe National For-*
5 *est Boundary Adjustment Act of 1994".*

1 **SEC. 2. BOUNDARY MODIFICATION.**

2 *The boundary of the Santa Fe National Forest is here-*
3 *by modified and expanded as generally depicted on a map*
4 *entitled "Santa Fe National Forest Boundary Expansion*
5 *1994", dated July 19, 1994. The map shall be on file and*
6 *available for public inspection in the office of the Chief, For-*
7 *est Service, Washington, DC.*

8 **SEC. 3. ATALAYA PEAK EXCHANGES.**

9 *(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior is au-*
10 *thorized to exchange public lands and interests in lands*
11 *managed by the Bureau of Land Management for private*
12 *lands and interests therein depicted on the map referenced*
13 *in section 2.*

14 *(b) WITHDRAWAL.—Upon the acquisition of lands*
15 *under subsection (a) by the Secretary of the Interior, and*
16 *subject to valid existing rights, such lands are hereby with-*
17 *drawn from all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal*
18 *under the public land laws; from location, entry, and patent*
19 *under the mining laws; and from disposition under all laws*
20 *pertaining to mineral and geothermal leasing.*

21 **SEC. 4. INTERCHANGE OF FEDERAL LANDS IN NEW MEXICO.**

22 *(a) IDENTIFICATION OF LANDS.—In conjunction with*
23 *the land exchange under section 3, the Secretary of Agri-*
24 *culture and the Secretary of the Interior shall identify fed-*
25 *erally-owned lands and interests in lands currently situated*
26 *within the Santa Fe National Forest which are suitable for*

1 *transfer to and administration by the Bureau of Land*
2 *Management. The identification of National Forest lands*
3 *available for such transfer shall utilize criteria which are*
4 *mutually agreeable to both of the Secretaries.*

5 (b) *LANDS ACQUIRED FOR THE BUREAU OF LAND*
6 *MANAGEMENT.—*

7 (1) *TRANSFER BY SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.—*The Secretary of Agriculture shall transfer, to the Bureau of Land Management, those lands and interests in lands identified pursuant to subsection (a). The transfer shall be effective upon publication in the Federal Register of notice of such transfer that identifies such lands and interests.

14 (2) *BOUNDARY MODIFICATION.—*The boundary of the Santa Fe National Forest shall be modified as of the date of notice under paragraph (1) to exclude such lands transferred to the Secretary of the Interior.

18 (3) *MANAGEMENT.—*Lands transferred under paragraph (1) shall be added to and administered by the Bureau of Land Management as part of the public lands (as defined in section 103(e) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1702(e))).

24 (c) *LANDS ACQUIRED FOR THE FOREST SERVICE.—*

1 (1) *ADDITION TO SANTE FE NATIONAL FOREST.*—

2 *Lands or interests in lands—*

3 (A) *acquired by the Secretary of the Inte-*
4 *rior pursuant to section 3, or*

5 (B) *acquired by the Secretary of Agriculture*
6 *within the areas identified as “potential acquisi-*
7 *tion” on the map referenced in section 2,*

8 *shall, upon acquisition, be added to and administered*
9 *as part of the Santa Fe National Forest in accord-*
10 *ance with the laws relating to the National Forests.*

11 (2) *MANAGEMENT PRESCRIPTION.*—*The Sec-*
12 *retary of Agriculture shall manage the lands and in-*
13 *terests in lands referred to in paragraph (1) pri-*
14 *marily to preserve open space and scenic values and*
15 *to preclude development.*

16 (3) *AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN FUNDS.*—*For pur-*
17 *poses of section 7(a)(1) of the Land and Water Con-*
18 *servation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 4601–9(a)(1)),*
19 *the boundary of the Santa Fe National Forest, as*
20 *modified pursuant to this Act, shall be treated as if*
21 *it were the boundary as of January 1, 1965.*

22 ***SEC. 5. SAVINGS PROVISION.***

23 *Nothing in this Act shall affect the authorities of the*
24 *Secretary of Agriculture to acquire lands in New Mexico*
25 *by purchase or exchange and, notwithstanding the Act of*

1 *June 15, 1926 (16 U.S.C. 471a), all such lands heretofore*
2 *or hereafter acquired by the exchange of National Forest*
3 *lands shall be managed as a part of the National Forest*
4 *System.*

5 **SEC. 6. IMPLEMENTATION.**

6 *The procedures used in carrying out the land transfers*
7 *by this Act shall be those procedures agreed to between the*
8 *Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture.*

9 **SEC. 7. SEARCH AND RESCUE.**

10 *As provided in section 4(c) of the Wilderness Act, me-*
11 *chanical transport, including motor vehicles, motorized*
12 *equipment, and the landing of fixed-wing and rotary air-*
13 *craft, shall be permitted anywhere within the boundaries*
14 *of the Santa Fe National Forest with respect to any emer-*
15 *gency involving the health or safety to an individual within*
16 *the national forest.*