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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 “Snoqualmie National
5 Forest Boundary Adjustment Act of 1996”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Certain private lands in the State of Wash-
4 ington presently owned by Weyerhaeuser Company
5 and others are located adjacent to the Snoqualmie
6 National Forest and are logical extensions of the
7 forest.

8 (2) A boundary adjustment will facilitate a land
9 exchange which involves approximately 7,200 acres
10 of National Forest land and 33,000 acres of private
11 land owned by Weyerhaeuser Company, of which
12 6,278 acres are outside the present Snoqualmie Na-
13 tional Forest boundary.

14 (3) Weyerhaeuser Company and the Forest
15 Service are prepared to exchange these lands, which
16 will benefit both the United States and
17 Weyerhaeuser by consolidating their respective land-
18 ownership holdings and providing reduced costs for
19 each party to implement their land management ob-
20 jectives, providing an opportunity to implement more
21 effective ecosystem based management, providing in-
22 creased recreation opportunities for the American
23 public, providing enhanced fish and wildlife habitat
24 protection, and supporting the “Mountains-to-the
25 Sound” goal of a continuous greenway between the
26 Cascade Mountains and Puget Sound.

1 **SEC. 3. BOUNDARY MODIFICATION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture is
3 hereby directed to modify the boundary of the Snoqualmie
4 National Forest to include and encompass 10,589.47
5 acres, more or less, as generally depicted on a map entitled
6 “Snoqualmie National Forest Proposed 1996 Boundary
7 Modification” dated July 1, 1996. Such map, together
8 with a legal description of all lands included in the bound-
9 ary adjustment, shall be on file and available for public
10 inspection in the Office of the Chief of the Forest Service
11 in Washington, District of Columbia.

12 (b) RULE FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION
13 FUND.—For the purposes of section 7 of the Land and
14 Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 460l–
15 9), the boundary of the Snoqualmie National Forest, as
16 modified pursuant to subsection (a), shall be considered
17 to be the boundary of that National Forest as of January
18 1, 1965.

Passed the House of Representatives September 26,
1996.

Attest:

Clerk.