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H. R. 3497

To expand the boundary of the Snoqualmie National Forest, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 1996

Ms. DUNN of Washington (for herself, Mr. WHITE, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. TATE, Mrs. SMITH of Washington, Mr. METCALF, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. DICKS, and Mr. HASTINGS of Washington) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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 “Snoqualmie National
5 Forest Boundary Adjustment Act of 1996”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Certain private lands in the State of Wash-
9 ington presently owned by Weyerhaeuser Company

1 and others are located adjacent to the Snoqualmie
2 National Forest and are logical extensions of the
3 forest.

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

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

23 **SEC. 3. BOUNDARY MODIFICATION.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture is
25 hereby directed to modify the boundary of the Snoqualmie

1 National Forest to include and encompass 10,589.47
2 acres, more or less, as generally depicted on a map entitled
3 “Snoqualmie National Forest Proposed 1996 Boundary
4 Modification” dated _____ 1996. Such map, to-
5 gether with a legal description of all lands included in the
6 boundary adjustment, shall be on file and available for
7 public inspection in the Office of the Chief of the Forest
8 Service in Washington, District of Columbia.

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

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