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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

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Snoqualmie National
3 Forest Boundary Adjustment Act of 1996”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 The Congress finds the following:

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

11 (2) A boundary adjustment will facilitate a land
12 exchange which involves approximately 7,200 acres
13 of National Forest land and 33,000 acres of private
14 land owned by Weyerhaeuser Company, of which
15 6,278 acres are outside the present Snoqualmie Na-
16 tional Forest boundary.

17 (3) Weyerhaeuser Company and the Forest
18 Service are prepared to exchange these lands, which
19 will benefit both the United States and
20 Weyerhaeuser by consolidating their respective land-
21 ownership holdings and providing reduced costs for
22 each party to implement their land management ob-
23 jectives, providing an opportunity to implement more
24 effective ecosystem based management, providing in-
25 creased recreation opportunities for the American
26 public, providing enhanced fish and wildlife habitat

1 protection, and supporting the “Mountains-to-the
2 Sound” goal of a continuous greenway between the
3 Cascade Mountains and Puget Sound.

4 **SEC. 3. BOUNDARY MODIFICATION.**

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

15 (b) RULE FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION
16 FUND.—For the purposes of section 7 of the Land and
17 Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 460l–
18 9), the boundary of the Snoqualmie National Forest, as
19 modified pursuant to subsection (a), shall be considered
20 to be the boundary of that National Forest as of January
21 1, 1965.