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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RICHARDSON 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 “Santa Fe National
5 Forest Boundary Adjustment Act of 1995”.

6 **SEC. 2. BOUNDARY MODIFICATION.**

7 The boundary of the Santa Fe National Forest is
8 hereby modified and expanded as generally depicted on a
9 map entitled “Santa Fe National Forest Boundary Ex-
10 pansion 1994”, dated July 19, 1994. The map shall be

1 on file and available for public inspection in the office of
2 the Chief, Forest Service, Washington, DC.

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

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior is
5 authorized to exchange public lands and interests in lands
6 managed by the Bureau of Land Management for private
7 lands and interests therein depicted on the map referenced
8 in section 2.

9 (b) WITHDRAWAL.—Upon the acquisition of lands
10 under subsection (a) by the Secretary of the Interior, and
11 subject to valid existing rights, such lands are hereby with-
12 drawn from all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal
13 under the public land laws; from location, entry, and pat-
14 ent under the mining laws; and from disposition under all
15 laws pertaining to mineral and geothermal leasing.

16 **SEC. 4. INTERCHANGE OF FEDERAL LANDS IN NEW MEX-**
17 **ICO.**

18 (a) IDENTIFICATION OF LANDS.—In conjunction
19 with the land exchange under section 3, the Secretary of
20 Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior shall identify
21 federally-owned lands and interests in lands currently situ-
22 ated within the Santa Fe National Forest which are suit-
23 able for transfer to and administration by the Bureau of
24 Land Management. The identification of National Forest

1 lands available for such transfer shall utilize criteria which
2 are mutually agreeable to both of the Secretaries.

3 (b) LANDS ACQUIRED FOR THE BUREAU OF LAND
4 MANAGEMENT.—

5 (1) TRANSFER BY SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall
6 transfer, to the Bureau of Land Management, those
7 lands and interests in lands identified pursuant to
8 subsection (a). The transfer shall be effective upon
9 publication in the Federal Register of notice of such
10 transfer that identifies such lands and interests.
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12 (2) BOUNDARY MODIFICATION.—The boundary
13 of the Santa Fe National Forest shall be modified
14 as of the date of notice under paragraph (1) to ex-
15 clude such lands transferred to the Secretary of the
16 Interior.

17 (3) MANAGEMENT.—Lands transferred under
18 paragraph (1) shall be added to and administered by
19 the Bureau of Land Management as part of the
20 public lands (as defined in section 103(e) of the
21 Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976
22 (43 U.S.C. 1702(e))).

23 (c) LANDS ACQUIRED FOR THE FOREST SERVICE.—

24 (1) ADDITION TO SANTE FE NATIONAL FOR-
25 EST.—Lands or interests in lands—

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

3 (B) acquired by the Secretary of Agri-
4 culture within the areas identified as “potential
5 acquisition” on the map referenced in section 2,
6 shall, upon acquisition, be added to and adminis-
7 tered as part of the Santa Fe National Forest in ac-
8 cordance with the laws relating to the National For-
9 ests.

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

15 (3) AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN FUNDS.—For
16 purposes of section 7(a)(1) of the Land and Water
17 Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 4601–
18 9(a)(1)), the boundary of the Santa Fe National
19 Forest, as modified pursuant to this Act, shall be
20 treated as if it were the boundary as of January 1,
21 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 trans-
7 fers by this Act shall be those procedures agreed to be-
8 tween the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of
9 Agriculture.

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