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H. R. 529

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources

AN ACT

To authorize the exchange of National Forest System lands
in the Targhee National Forest in Idaho for non-Federal
lands within the forest in Wyoming.

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. AUTHORIZATION OF EXCHANGE.**

2 (a) CONVEYANCE.—Notwithstanding the require-
3 ments in the Act entitled “An Act to Consolidate National
4 Forest Lands”, approved March 20, 1922 (16 U.S.C.
5 485), and section 206(b) of the Federal Land Policy and
6 Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716(b)) that Fed-
7 eral and non-Federal lands exchanged for each other must
8 be located within the same State, the Secretary of Agri-
9 culture may convey the Federal lands described in section
10 2(a) in exchange for the non-Federal lands described in
11 section 2(b) in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

12 (b) APPLICABILITY OF OTHER PROVISIONS OF
13 LAW.—Except as otherwise provided in this Act, the land
14 exchange authorized by this section shall be made under
15 the existing authorities of the Secretary.

16 (c) ACCEPTABILITY OF TITLE AND MANNER OF CON-
17 VEYANCE.—The Secretary shall not carry out the ex-
18 change described in subsection (a) unless the title to the
19 non-Federal lands to be conveyed to the United States,
20 and the form and procedures of conveyance, are acceptable
21 to the Secretary.

22 **SEC. 2. DESCRIPTION OF LANDS TO BE EXCHANGED.**

23 (a) FEDERAL LANDS.—The Federal lands referred to
24 in this Act are located in the Targhee National Forest
25 in Idaho, are generally depicted on the map entitled
26 “Targhee Exchange, Idaho-Wyoming—Proposed, Federal

1 Land”, dated September 1994, and are known as the
2 North Fork Tract.

3 (b) NON-FEDERAL LANDS.—The non-Federal lands
4 referred to in this Act are located in the Targhee National
5 Forest in Wyoming, are generally depicted on the map en-
6 titled “Non-Federal Land, Targhee Exchange, Idaho-Wy-
7 oming—Proposed”, dated September 1994, and are
8 known as the Squirrel Meadows Tract.

9 (c) MAPS.—The maps referred to in subsections (a)
10 and (b) shall be on file and available for inspection in the
11 office of the Targhee National Forest in Idaho and in the
12 office of the Chief of the Forest Service.

13 **SEC. 3. EQUALIZATION OF VALUES.**

14 Prior to the exchange authorized by section 1, the
15 values of the Federal and non-Federal lands to be so ex-
16 changed shall be established by appraisals of fair market
17 value that shall be subject to approval by the Secretary.
18 The values either shall be equal or shall be equalized using
19 the following methods:

20 (1) ADJUSTMENT OF LANDS.—

21 (A) PORTION OF FEDERAL LANDS.—If the
22 Federal lands are greater in value than the
23 non-Federal lands, the Secretary shall reduce
24 the acreage of the Federal lands until the val-

1 ues of the Federal lands closely approximate
2 the values of the non-Federal lands.

3 (B) ADDITIONAL FEDERALLY-OWNED
4 LANDS.—If the non-Federal lands are greater
5 in value than the Federal lands, the Secretary
6 may convey additional federally owned lands
7 within the Targhee National Forest up to an
8 amount necessary to equalize the values of the
9 non-Federal lands and the lands to be trans-
10 ferred out of Federal ownership. However, such
11 additional federally owned lands shall be limited
12 to those meeting the criteria for land exchanges
13 specified in the Targhee National Forest Land
14 and Resource Management Plan.

15 (2) PAYMENT OF MONEY.—The values may be
16 equalized by the payment of money as provided in
17 section 206(b) of the Federal Land Policy and Man-
18 agement Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716(b)).

19 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

20 For purposes of this Act:

21 (1) The term “Federal lands” means the Fed-
22 eral lands described in section 2(a).

23 (2) The term “non-Federal lands” means the
24 non-Federal lands described in section 2(b).

1 (3) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
2 of Agriculture.

 Passed the House of Representatives March 28,
1995.

Attest:

ROBIN H. CARLE,

Clerk.