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H. R. 5032

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest System lands in the Mendocino National Forest, California, to authorize the use of the proceeds from such conveyances for National Forest purposes, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 27, 2002

Mr. THOMPSON of California 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. LAND CONVEYANCE, FARAWAY RANCH,**
4 **MENDOCINO NATIONAL FOREST, CALI-**
5 **FORNIA.**

6 (a) CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—Not later than 120
7 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-

1 reitary of Agriculture shall convey to the owner of the
2 property known as Faraway Ranch, in Lake County, Cali-
3 fornia (in this section referred to as the “recipient”), all
4 right, title, and interest of the United States in and to
5 the following National Forest System lands in the
6 Mendocino National Forest in Lake County, California:

7 (1) “Faraway Ranch, Tract 39” (approximately
8 15.8 acres) consisting of a portion of lot 6 of section
9 4, township 18 north, range 10 west, Mount Diablo
10 base and meridian, as generally depicted on the map
11 entitled “Faraway Ranch, Tracts 39 and 40” and
12 dated June 30, 2002.

13 (2) “Faraway Ranch, Tract 40” (approximately
14 105.1 acres) consisting of a portion of the N¹/₂SW¹/₄
15 and lot 7 of section 4, and a portion of lots 15 and
16 16 of section 5, township 18 north, range 10 west,
17 Mount Diablo base and meridian, as generally de-
18 picted on the map entitled “Faraway Ranch, Tracts
19 39 and 40” and dated June 30, 2002.

20 (b) CONSIDERATION.—As consideration for the con-
21 veyance under subsection (a), the recipient shall pay to
22 the Secretary an amount equal to the fair market value
23 of the National Forest System lands conveyed under such
24 subsection. The fair market value of such lands shall be
25 determined by an appraisal that is acceptable to the Sec-

1 retary and conforms with the Federal appraisal standards,
2 as defined in the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Fed-
3 eral Land Acquisitions developed by the Interagency Land
4 Acquisition Conference.

5 (c) PAYMENT OF COSTS.—All direct costs associated
6 with the conveyance under section (a), including the costs
7 of appraisal, title, and survey work, shall be paid by the
8 recipient.

9 (d) USE OF PROCEEDS.—

10 (1) DEPOSIT.—The Secretary shall deposit the
11 amounts received by the Secretary under subsections
12 (b) and (c) in the fund established by Public Law
13 90–171 (commonly known as the Sisk Act; 16
14 U.S.C. 484a).

15 (2) USE.—Funds deposited under paragraph
16 (1) shall be available to the Secretary until ex-
17 pended, without further appropriation—

18 (A) for the acquisition of land and inter-
19 ests in land for National Forest System pur-
20 poses in the State of California; and

21 (B) for reimbursement of costs incurred by
22 the Forest Service in making the conveyance
23 under subsection (a).

24 (3) STATUS OF ACQUIRED LAND.—Notwith-
25 standing Public Law 85–862 (16 U.S.C. 521a), any

1 lands acquired under paragraph (2)(A) shall be
2 managed as lands acquired under the March 1, 1911
3 (commonly known as the Weeks Act; 16 U.S.C. 480,
4 500, 515 et seq.), regardless of whether any of the
5 lands conveyed under subsection (a) were reserved
6 from the public domain.

7 (e) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
8 the lands to be conveyed under subsection (a) are hereby
9 withdrawn from all forms of location, entry, and patent
10 under the public land laws and the mining and mineral
11 leasing laws of the United States.

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