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To provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of Coconino National Forest
land in the State of Arizona.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRIJALVA (for himself and Mr. O'HALLERAN) introduced the following
bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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National Forest land in the State of Arizona.

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. COCONINO NATIONAL FOREST LAND CONVEY-**

4 **ANCE, ARIZONA.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) ABOR.—The term “ABOR” means the Ar-
7 izona Board of Regents, on behalf of the University
8 of Arizona Experiment Station.

9 (2) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Federal land
10 and interests in land” means—

1 (A) the approximately 13.3 acres of land
2 within the Coconino National Forest, in
3 Yavapai County, Arizona as generally depicted
4 on the map entitled “Act to Convey Certain
5 NFS Land and non-Federal Land in Arizona
6 Winter Quarters” and dated June 20, 2019;
7 and

8 (B) an easement on Forest Service Road
9 9201D from its junction with Forest Service
10 Road 0618 (commonly known as “Beaver
11 Creek”).

12 (3) NON-FEDERAL LAND.—The term “non-Fed-
13 eral land” means the approximately 7.5 acres of
14 land generally depicted on the map entitled “Act to
15 Convey Certain NFS Land and non-Federal Land in
16 Arizona Summer Quarters” and dated June 20,
17 2019.

18 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
19 the Secretary of Agriculture.

20 (5) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
21 of Arizona.

22 (b) LAND EXCHANGE.—

23 (1) CONVEYANCE OF LAND.—Subject to the
24 provisions of this Act, if the ABOR offers to convey
25 to the United States all right, title, and interest of

1 the ABOR in and to the non-Federal land, the Sec-
2 retary shall, subject to valid existing rights, convey
3 to the ABOR all right, title, and interest of the
4 United States in and to the Federal land and inter-
5 ests in land.

6 (2) COMPLIANCE WITH EXISTING LAW.—Except
7 as otherwise provided in this Act, the Secretary shall
8 carry out the land exchange under this Act in ac-
9 cordance with section 206 of the Federal Land Pol-
10 icy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716).

11 (3) CONDITIONS ON ACCEPTANCE.—

12 (A) TITLE.—As a condition of the land ex-
13 change under this subsection, title to the non-
14 Federal land to be acquired by the Secretary
15 under this subsection shall be acceptable to the
16 Secretary.

17 (B) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The con-
18 veyance of the Federal land and interests in
19 land and non-Federal land shall be subject to
20 such terms and conditions as the Secretary may
21 require.

22 (4) SURVEYS.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—The exact acreage and
24 legal description of the Federal land and inter-

1 ests in land and non-Federal land shall be de-
2 termined by surveys approved by the Secretary.

3 (B) COSTS.—The Arizona Board of Re-
4 gents shall be responsible for the costs of any
5 surveys carried out under subparagraph (A)
6 and any other administrative costs of carrying
7 out the land exchange.

8 (c) VALUATION AND APPRAISALS.—

9 (1) VALUATION.—The value of the Federal land
10 and interests in land and the non-Federal land—

11 (A) shall be equal, as determined by ap-
12 praisals conducted in accordance with para-
13 graph (2); or

14 (B) if the value is not equal, shall be
15 equalized in accordance with paragraph (3).

16 (2) APPRAISALS.—

17 (A) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable
18 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
19 retary shall select an appraiser to conduct an
20 appraisal of the Federal land and interests in
21 land and the non-Federal land.

22 (B) REQUIREMENTS.—An appraisal under
23 subparagraph (A) shall be conducted in accord-
24 ance with nationally recognized appraisal stand-
25 ards including—

1 (i) the Uniform Appraisal Standards
2 for Federal Land Acquisitions; and

3 (ii) the Uniform Standards of Profes-
4 sional Appraisal Practice.

5 (d) EQUAL VALUE AND CASH EQUALIZATION.—

6 (1) EQUAL VALUE LAND EXCHANGE.—The land
7 exchange under this section shall be for equal value,
8 or the values shall be equalized by a cash payment
9 as provided for under this subsection or an adjust-
10 ment in acreage. At the option of the County, any
11 excess value of the non-Federal lands may be consid-
12 ered a gift to the United States.

13 (2) EQUALIZATION.—If the value of the Federal
14 land and the non-Federal land to be conveyed in a
15 land exchange under this subsection is not equal, the
16 value may be equalized by—

17 (A) making a cash equalization payment to
18 the Secretary or to the owner of the non-Fed-
19 eral land, as appropriate, in accordance with
20 section 206(b) of the Federal Land Policy and
21 Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716(b));
22 or

23 (B) reducing the acreage of the Federal
24 land or the non-Federal land to be exchanged,
25 as appropriate.

1 (3) DEPOSIT AND USE OF FUNDS RECEIVED
2 FROM COUNTY.—Any cash equalization payment re-
3 ceived by the Secretary under this subsection shall
4 be deposited in the fund established under Public
5 Law 90–171 (16 U.S.C. 484a; commonly known as
6 the “Sisk Act”). The funds so deposited shall re-
7 main available to the Secretary, until expended, for
8 the acquisition of lands, waters, and interests in
9 land for the San Bernardino National Forest.

10 (e) TIMELINE.—It is the intent of Congress that the
11 land exchange under subsection (b) shall be completed by
12 not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this
13 Act.

14 (f) MANAGEMENT AND STATUS OF ACQUIRED
15 LAND.—Any non-Federal land acquired by the Secretary
16 under subsection (b) shall be managed by the Secretary
17 in accordance with—

18 (1) the Act of March 1, 1911 (commonly known
19 as the “Weeks Law”) (36 Stat. 961, chapter 186;
20 16 U.S.C. 480 et seq.); and

21 (2) any other laws (including regulations) appli-
22 cable to the National Forest System.

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