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To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain lands to the town of Taos, New Mexico, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 2 (legislative day, JANUARY 5), 1993

Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural 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. TAOS RANGER DISTRICT.**

4 (a) CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
6 after the date of enactment of this Act and subject
7 to the terms and conditions described in subsection
8 (b), the Secretary of Agriculture shall convey by
9 quitclaim deed to the town of Taos, New Mexico, all

1 right, title, and interest of the United States in and
2 to the lands and improvements on the lands de-
3 scribed in paragraph (2).

4 (2) PROPERTY.—The property referred to in
5 paragraph (1)—

6 (A) is locally referred to as the “Old Taos
7 Ranger District Office and Warehouse”;

8 (B) is located in the town of Taos, Taos
9 County, New Mexico;

10 (C) contains approximately 0.633 acres;
11 and

12 (D) is specifically described in the war-
13 ranty deed dated January 22, 1937, by William
14 T. and Mary E. Hinde, husband and wife, to
15 the United States, as recorded on January 23,
16 1937, in book A-34, page 415, of the Record
17 of Deeds of Taos County, New Mexico.

18 (b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—

19 (1) CONSIDERATION.—

20 (A) IN GENERAL.—The conveyance de-
21 scribed in subsection (a) shall be in consider-
22 ation of \$360,000, payable (subject to the ap-
23 proval of the Secretary of Agriculture)—

1 (i) in full not later than the end of the
2 180-day period referred to in subsection
3 (a)(1); or

4 (ii) at the option of the town of Taos,
5 in 20 annual payments of \$18,000 each,
6 with each payment due January 1.

7 (B) DEPOSIT OF FUNDS.—

8 (i) IN GENERAL.—Sums received pur-
9 suant to subparagraph (A) shall be depos-
10 ited in a special fund in the Treasury and
11 shall remain available until expended.

12 (ii) EXPENDITURE.—Upon request by
13 the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary
14 of the Treasury shall transfer from the
15 special fund to the Secretary of Agri-
16 culture such sums as the Secretary of Agri-
17 culture determines are necessary for the
18 purpose of acquiring lands and administra-
19 tive facilities on National Forest System
20 lands within the State of New Mexico.

21 (C) INTEREST.—The town of Taos shall
22 not be charged interest on sums owed the Unit-
23 ed States for the conveyance described in sub-
24 section (a).

1 (2) RELEASE.—Upon transfer of the property
2 described in subsection (a), the town of Taos shall
3 release the United States from any liability for
4 claims relating to the property.

5 (3) REVERSION.—The conveyance described in
6 subsection (a) shall be a conveyance of fee simple
7 title to the property, subject to reversion to the
8 United States if the property is used for other than
9 public purposes or if payment is not made in accord-
10 ance with paragraph (1).

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