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To authorize an exchange of lands in the State of Utah at Snowbasin
Ski Area.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HANSEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Resources

A BILL

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at Snowbasin Ski Area.

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 “Snowbasin Land Ex-
5 change Act of 1995”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds that—

8 (1) Salt Lake City, Utah, will host the 2002
9 Winter Olympics and certain Forest Service lands

1 are necessary to facilitate certain events of the
2 Olympic Games;

3 (2) Snowbasin Ski Resort, which is owned by
4 the Sun Valley Company, will host the men's and
5 women's downhill ski events plus other events associ-
6 ated with the 2002 Winter Olympics;

7 (3) in order to facilitate these events at the
8 Snowbasin Ski Resort it is necessary for the Sun
9 Valley Company to exchange in a timely fashion cer-
10 tain Forest Service lands adjacent to the Snowbasin
11 Ski Resort for similar lands desired by the Forest
12 Service; and

13 (4) the Sun Valley Company and the Snowbasin
14 Ski Resort have long established histories as respon-
15 sible caretakers and operators of ski areas adjacent
16 to Forest Service lands and have worked in coopera-
17 tion with the Forest Service to negotiate this ex-
18 change.

19 **SEC. 3. PURPOSE AND INTENT.**

20 The purpose of this Act is to authorize and direct
21 the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Inte-
22 rior to exchange 1,320 acres of federally-owned land with-
23 in the Wasatch National Forest in the State of Utah for
24 lands of approximately equal value owned by the Sun Val-
25 ley Company. It is the intent of Congress that this ex-

1 change be effected without delay within the period speci-
2 fied by section 4.

3 **SEC. 4. EXCHANGE.**

4 (a) FEDERAL LANDS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
6 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
7 of the Interior shall, subject to this Act, transfer all
8 right, title, and interest of the United States in and
9 to the lands referred to in paragraph (2) to the Sun
10 Valley Company.

11 (2) LANDS DESCRIBED.—The lands referred to
12 in paragraph (1) are certain lands within the
13 Wasatch National Forest in the State of Utah com-
14 prising 1,320 acres, more or less, as generally de-
15 picted on the map entitled “Snowbasin Land Ex-
16 change—Proposed” and dated_____.

17 (b) NON-FEDERAL LANDS.—Not later than one year
18 after United States lands are transferred under subsection
19 (a) and in exchange for those lands, the Secretary of Agri-
20 culture shall accept all right, title, and interest of the Sun
21 Valley Company in and to lands of approximate equal
22 value to such United States lands, taking into account
23 similarities in terms of location, size, use, physical charac-
24 teristics, and other amenities. The conveyance of lands
25 under this subsection shall be by general warranty deed

1 or other deed acceptable to the Secretary of Agriculture
2 and in conformity with applicable title standards of the
3 Attorney General of the United States.

4 **SEC. 5. GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE EX-**
5 **CHANGE.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The exchange authorized by this
7 Act shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

8 (1) RESERVED RIGHTS-OF-WAY.—In the patent
9 to be issued pursuant to section 4(a), the Secretary
10 of the Interior shall reserve in the United States a
11 right of reasonable access across the property con-
12 veyed for administrative purposes of the United
13 States necessary to manage adjacent federally-owned
14 lands. The terms of such access shall be prescribed
15 by the Secretary of Agriculture within 30 days after
16 the date of the enactment of this Act.

17 (2) RIGHT OF RESCISSION.—This Act shall not
18 be binding on either the United States or the Sun
19 Valley Company if, within 45 days of enactment of
20 this Act, the Sun Valley Company submits to the
21 Secretary of Agriculture a duly authorized and exe-
22 cuted resolution of the Company stating its intention
23 not to enter into the exchange authorized by this
24 Act.

1 (b) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
2 the lands described in section 4(a) to be patented to the
3 Sun Valley Company and the lands conveyed to the United
4 States by the Sun Valley Company are deemed withdrawn
5 from all forms of entry and appropriation under the public
6 land laws (including the mining laws) and from operation
7 of the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws. Such
8 withdrawals are effective upon the date of the enactment
9 of this Act for the lands described in section 4(a), and
10 upon the date of conveyance to the United States for the
11 lands described in section 3(b).

12 (c) STATUS OF LANDS.—Upon acceptance of title by
13 the Secretary of Agriculture, the lands conveyed to the
14 United States pursuant to section 4(b) shall be added to
15 and made part of the National Forest System and shall
16 be administered and managed by the Secretary of Agri-
17 culture in accordance with the laws and regulations per-
18 taining to the National Forest System.

19 (d) IMPLEMENTATION OF PLAN.—The Secretary of
20 Agriculture shall implement the Master Development Plan
21 for the Snowbasin Ski Area dated _____. Nothing in
22 this subsection is intended to affect the Forest Service's
23 responsibility to monitor and assure compliance with the
24 environmental provisions of the Master Development Plan
25 and permit during development and operation.

1 (e) OTHER LAWS.—Congress finds this exchange and
2 the Master Development Plan referred to in subsection (d)
3 to be in conformity with all other laws, including those
4 pertaining to the exchange and acquisition of lands and
5 regarding environmental protection. Except as specifically
6 required in this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture and the
7 Secretary of the Interior shall not conduct any environ-
8 mental analysis, resource surveys, or undertake any other
9 action or procedure as a condition to effecting any other
10 provision of this Act.

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