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To provide for the conditional transfer of the Oregon and California Railroad Grant Lands, the Coos Bay Military Wagon Road Grant Lands, and related public domain lands to the State of Oregon

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Mr. BUNN of Oregon introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. SHORT TITLE AND TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “O&C Forest Transfer Act.”

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
7 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title and table of contents.
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Sec. 5. Qualifying resolution of assent.
Sec. 6. New Management Plans.
Sec. 7. Suspension of laws rendered obsolete by transfer of railroad grant lands and wagon road grant lands.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 For purposes of this Act:

3 (1) The term “Railroad Grant Lands” means
4 the Oregon and California Railroad Grant Lands.

5 (2) The term “Wagon Road Grant Lands”
6 means the Coos Bay Military Wagon Road Grant
7 Lands.

8 (3) The term “O&C counties” means 18 coun-
9 ties in the State of Oregon within which the Rail-
10 road Grant Lands and Wagon Road Grant Lands
11 are situated.

12 (4) The term “controverted lands” means those
13 parcels of the Railroad Grant Lands that are in-
14 cluded within the boundaries of the National Forest
15 System and managed by the Department of Agri-
16 culture, subject to certain obligations to the
17 O&C Counties under the Act of August 28, 1937
18 (43 U.S.C. 1181a–1181f).

19 (5) The term “qualifying resolution of assent”
20 means legislation adopted by the State of Oregon to
21 effectuate the transfer of the Railroad Grant Lands,

1 the Wagon Road Grant Lands and certain, related
2 public domain lands pursuant to this Act.

3 (6) The term “O&C Lands Fund” means the
4 fund established by the State of Oregon pursuant to
5 section 5(a)(5) of this Act.

6 (7) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
7 of the Interior.

8 (8) The term “blocking up” or “blocked up”
9 means the act or result of consolidation of ownership
10 by two or more owners of multiple, scattered parcels
11 to ownership of a smaller number of contiguous, ad-
12 joining larger parcels through trades or other such
13 transfers between owners.

14 **SEC. 3. FINDINGS.**

15 Congress finds the following:

16 (1) The Oregon and California Railroad Grant
17 Lands and the Coos Bay Military Wagon Road
18 Grants Lands were originally conveyed by the Unit-
19 ed States into private ownership by the Act of July
20 25, 1866 (as amended by the Acts of June 25,
21 1868, and April 10, 1869), the Act of March 3,
22 1869, and the Act of May 4, 1870, to promote, in
23 conjunction with construction of a wagon road and
24 railway for military and other national purposes, the

1 economic development of the State of Oregon and its
2 communities.

3 (2) The railway and the wagon road were build
4 and the national purposes of the grants were satis-
5 fied. The lands were in private ownership and under
6 the jurisdiction of the sovereign State of Oregon and
7 were carried on the property tax rolls for up to 30
8 years. But conditions in the original grants intended
9 to facilitate community development were not com-
10 plied with and on February 14, 1907, the State of
11 Oregon petitioned the Congress of the United States
12 by legislative memorial to take steps necessary to
13 compel action in furtherance of the local purposes
14 of the original grants.

15 (3) The Railroad Grant Lands and Wagon
16 Road Grant Lands were revested to the United
17 States by the Act of June 9, 1916 (39 Stat. 218),
18 and the Act of February 26, 1919 (40 Stat. 1179),
19 for the purposes of management and redistribution to
20 promote the original goal of economic development
21 in the O&C Counties.

22 (4) The United States ceased reconveying the
23 grant lands back into private ownership and, in-
24 stead, Congress placed the Railroad Grant lands by
25 the Act of August 28, 1937 (43 U.S.C. 1181a-

1 1181f), and the Wagon Road Grant Lands by the
2 Act of May 24, 1939 (43 U.S.C. 1181f–1181f–4),
3 into management for the sustained yield of timber,
4 with minimum harvest levels and the sharing of tim-
5 ber revenues with local governments, to provide for
6 long-term community stability in the O&C Counties,
7 while also providing for conservation of watersheds
8 and recreational opportunities.

9 (5) The Railroad Grant Lands and Wagon
10 Road Grant Lands are unique in the history of pub-
11 lic lands in the United States, in that they were once
12 conveyed into private ownership but were revested to
13 the United States after the railroad and wagon road
14 were built, whereas most railroad and wagon road
15 grant lands in other states were conveyed into per-
16 manent private ownership to provide the land and
17 resource base upon which local economies were de-
18 veloped.

19 (6) All of the Wagon Road Grant Lands and
20 most of the Railroad Grant Lands are managed
21 within the Department of the Interior, but the con-
22 troverted lands were included within the boundaries
23 of the National Forest System upon their formation
24 by proclamations of the President and are managed
25 within the Department of Agriculture.

1 (7) Beginning in 1953 and thereafter, the O&C
2 Counties voluntarily relinquished revenues from the
3 Railroad Grant Lands to which they were otherwise
4 entitled so that the Secretary of the Interior could
5 use such revenues for the management and develop-
6 ment of the Railroad Grant Lands.

7 (8) As a result of the voluntarily relinquishment
8 of revenues, the O&C Counties have invested funds,
9 the 1996 value of which is approximately
10 \$2,000,000,000, in fire protection, recreation facili-
11 ties, roads, bridges, buildings, reforestation, and
12 other projects to enhance the usefulness and produc-
13 tivity of the Railroad Grant Lands, all with the ex-
14 pectation that their investment would be repaid
15 through permanent management of the Railroad
16 Grant Lands for the sustained yield of timber and
17 future timber harvests and other purposes author-
18 ized by the Act of August 28, 1937 (43 U.S.C.
19 1181a–1181f).

20 (9) As a result of the nature of the original
21 grants, the Railroad Grant Lands and the Wagon
22 Road Grant Lands are scattered in a checkerboard
23 pattern across the O&C Counties, interspersed pri-
24 marily with private and State-owned lands and scat-
25 tered parcels of other Federally owned timberlands

1 managed within the Department of the Interior by
2 the Bureau of Land Management in coordination
3 with the Railroad Grant Lands.

4 (10) The scattered checkerboard pattern of
5 Federal ownership of the Railroad Grant Lands and
6 Wagon Road Grant Lands results in economic ineffi-
7 ciencies in the management of such lands and the
8 interspersed private and State-owned lands and
9 interferes with coordinated management across the
10 landscape to achieve conservation goals.

11 (11) The Railroad Grant Lands and the Wagon
12 Road Grant Lands were managed by the Secretary
13 of the Interior for 50 years primarily for the sus-
14 tained yield of timber as required by law, but such
15 lands are not now being managed for that purpose.

16 (12) The Railroad Grant Lands, Wagon Road
17 Grant Lands and related federally owned
18 timberlands managed by the Bureau of Land Man-
19 agement are biologically capable of producing in ex-
20 cess of 1,600,000,000 board feet of timber per year
21 on a sustained-yield basis to meet local and national
22 needs.

23 (13) In 1995, the Legislative Assembly of the
24 State of Oregon petitioned Congress to pass such
25 legislation as may be necessary to transfer title to

1 the Railroad Grant Lands to the State of Oregon,
2 subject to such terms and conditions as are nec-
3 essary to assure management in perpetuity for the
4 sustained yield of timber to stabilize and support the
5 O&C counties, conserve watersheds, and provide
6 recreation opportunities to all citizens.

7 (14) The State of Oregon is actively engaged in
8 the management, for itself and for the benefit of
9 others, of large tracts of timberland and possesses
10 the regulatory infrastructure and technical, sci-
11 entific, and management expertise to efficiently and
12 competently manage additional timberlands in a
13 manner that effectively balances environmental pro-
14 tection with economic necessity. Oregon law pro-
15 hibits the export of timber from lands owned by the
16 State of Oregon, thereby helping to maintain the
17 supply of raw materials for domestic processing.

18 (15) The State of Oregon is capable of manag-
19 ing the Railroad and Wagon Road Grant Lands effi-
20 ciently while maintaining a high level of wildlife and
21 ecosystem protection. State management of these
22 lands would enable the demonstration of the prin-
23 ciples and promise of adaptive forest and watershed
24 management in areas with an intricate mixture of
25 public and private land. Oregon can be a laboratory

1 for finding creative ways of managing forests and
2 watersheds under multiple owners to meet a balance
3 of environmental and commodity goals.

4 (16) There is a strong national interest in
5 maintaining a stable and dependable domestic tim-
6 ber supply, particularly from lands, such as the Rail-
7 road Grant Lands and Wagon Road Grant Lands,
8 already dedicated to that purpose.

9 (17) It is in the national interest to reduce the
10 size of the Bureau of Land Management, reduce the
11 burden on the Federal Treasury of managing the
12 Railroad Grant Lands, Wagon Road Grant Lands
13 and related federally owned timberlands, and trans-
14 fer control of and land management authority over
15 such lands to the most local level of government ca-
16 pable of effectively and efficiently managing the
17 lands.

18 (18) There is a strong national interest in pro-
19 tecting and conserving all of the natural resources,
20 including fish and wildlife, found on the Railroad
21 Grant Lands, Wagon Road Grant Lands, and relat-
22 ed federally owned timberlands.

23 (19) National, State, and local interests both
24 public and private, and both economic and ecologic,
25 would be best served if the checkerboard pattern of

1 property ownership in the O&C counties in the area
2 of the Railroad Grant Lands and Wagon Road
3 Grant Lands was transformed through a process of
4 blocking up ownerships.

5 (20) National, State, and local interests in the
6 Railroad Grant Lands and the Wagon Road Grant
7 Lands would be best served if these lands and relat-
8 ed federally owned timberlands managed by the Bu-
9 reau of Land Management were transferred to the
10 State of Oregon, subject to terms and conditions
11 necessary to assure their management consistent
12 with the intent of this Act.

13 **SEC. 4. TRANSFER OF RAILROAD GRANT LANDS AND**
14 **WAGON ROAD GRANT LANDS TO THE STATE**
15 **OF OREGON.**

16 (a) TRANSFER REQUIRED.—Within three years fol-
17 lowing receipt of a qualifying resolution of assent that sat-
18 isfies the conditions specified in section 5(a), and provided
19 that the qualifying resolution of assent is filed on or before
20 December 31, 1999, the Secretary of the Interior shall
21 transfer to the State of Oregon all right, title, and interest
22 of the United States in and to all of the real property
23 described in subsection (b), including the resources and
24 water rights associated with such property, if any. The
25 transfer shall also include all data, documents, draft plans,

1 plans, maps, agreements, and all other papers or electroni-
2 cally stored information relating to ownership or manage-
3 ment of such real property.

4 (b) DESCRIPTION OF REAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO
5 TRANSFER.—The real property to be transferred to the
6 State of Oregon under subsection (a) shall consist of the
7 following:

8 (1) The Railroad Grant Lands, consisting of all
9 lands revested to the United States pursuant to the
10 Act of June 9, 1916 (39 Stat. 218), but not includ-
11 ing the controverted lands.

12 (2) All lands acquired by the United States
13 after June 9, 1916, including the Wagon Road
14 Grant Lands, and managed within the Department
15 of the Interior by the Bureau of Land Management
16 under the Act of August 28, 1937 (43 U.S.C.
17 1181a–1181f).

18 (3) All federally owned lands managed within
19 the Department of the Interior by the Bureau of
20 Land Management, classified as timberland, and
21 lying within one or more of the O&C counties.

22 (4) The land and structures both owned by the
23 United States in the State of Oregon and utilized,
24 as of the date of enactment of this Act, by the Bu-
25 reau of Land Management as district or resource

1 area offices or for other administrative purposes in
2 the Bureau of Land Management's Medford Dis-
3 trict, Roseburg District, Eugene District, Salem Dis-
4 trict, Coos Bay District, and the Klamath Resource
5 Area of the Lakeview District.

6 (5) All office equipment, motor vehicles, and
7 other rolling stock and supplies held in inventory by
8 the Bureau of Land Management as of the date
9 lands are transferred by this Act in the districts and
10 resource areas described in paragraph (b)(4) above
11 and utilized or intended to be utilized by the Bureau
12 of Land Management in the administration, man-
13 agement, or maintenance of lands transferred by
14 this Act.

15 (c) PREPARATIONS FOR TRANSFER.—Beginning on
16 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall
17 take all steps necessary to prepare for the land transfer
18 required by subsection (a). Not later than 90 days after
19 such date, the Secretary shall prepare legal descriptions
20 and a map or maps of all real property to be transferred
21 and file such descriptions and maps with the Governor of
22 the State of Oregon. Such descriptions and maps shall be
23 held in the Office of the Governor or in such location des-
24 ignated by the Governor for public review. The Secretary
25 may correct or adjust such descriptions and maps after

1 consultation with the O&C counties and the Governor of
2 the State of Oregon to ensure that such descriptions and
3 maps accurately reflect the lands to be transferred. The
4 Secretary is not required to conduct a survey of any lands
5 prior to transferring such lands under this Act.

6 (d) EFFECT OF TRANSFER ON SPECIAL REVENUE-
7 SHARING REQUIREMENTS.—If the transfer of lands under
8 subsection (a) is completed prior to October 1, 2003, the
9 O&C counties shall nevertheless continue to receive the
10 special payment amounts under section 13983 of the Om-
11 nibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (Public Law
12 103–66; 43 U.S.C. 1181f note) or any amendments there-
13 to through September 30, 2003, but in any event such
14 payments under that Act will cease after payments for fis-
15 cal year 2003 are complete.

16 (e) TIME FOR TRANSFER.—The Secretary shall com-
17 plete the land transfer required by subsection (a) not later
18 than three years after the date on which the Secretary
19 receives a qualifying resolution of assent.

20 (f) NOTICE OF TRANSFER TO CONGRESS.—Upon
21 completion of the land transfer required by subsection (a),
22 the Secretary shall submit to Congress written notice de-
23 scribing the lands subject to the transfer. The notice shall
24 include a copy of the qualifying resolution of assent and

1 a copy of the final legal descriptions and maps prepared
2 under subsection (c).

3 **SEC. 5. QUALIFYING RESOLUTION OF ASSENT.**

4 (a) CONDITIONS PREREQUISITE TO TRANSFER.—To
5 satisfy the conditions necessary for transfer of the Rail-
6 road Grant Lands, Wagon Road Grant Lands, inter-
7 spersed federally owned timberlands managed by the Bu-
8 reau of Land Management, and related property under
9 section 4, the resolution of assent by the legislature of the
10 State of Oregon must be filed with the Secretary on or
11 before December 31, 1999, and must provide for manage-
12 ment by the State of Oregon consistent with the following
13 terms:

14 (1) That the State of Oregon has taken all
15 steps necessary to receive title to the lands conveyed
16 by this Act, hold such lands in trust for the financial
17 benefit of the O&C counties through sustained-yield
18 timber production, and manage such lands in ac-
19 cordance with such trust obligations and for the ben-
20 efit of the people of Oregon and of the United
21 States.

22 (2) That, upon receipt of title, the State of Or-
23 egon through its Oregon Board of Forestry and Or-
24 egon Department of Forestry or the successors to
25 such Board and Department will manage the lands

1 conveyed by this Act for permanent timber produc-
2 tion under the principle of sustained yield for the
3 purpose of contributing to the economic stability of
4 local communities. While providing a permanent
5 source of timber supply, the State of Oregon shall
6 protect watersheds and fisheries, regulate stream
7 flows, provide wildlife habitat and recreational op-
8 portunities, and institute a program that provides
9 for blocking up of the lands through trades and
10 other transfers with willing private and other public
11 landowners within the O&C Counties.

12 (3) That, in managing the lands conveyed by
13 this Act for the purposes set forth in paragraph (2),
14 the State of Oregon will be guided by principles of
15 good stewardship based on the best verifiable sci-
16 entific information available at the time.

17 (4) That, prior to January 1, 2004, manage-
18 ment by the State of Oregon of the transferred lands
19 shall be pursuant to a State management plan that
20 is consistent with the standards and guidelines of
21 the Northwest Forest Plan adopted on April 13,
22 1994, or other Federal land management plans in
23 effect at the time of transfer. Beginning January 1,
24 2004 and thereafter, management by the State of
25 Oregon in accordance with the objectives of this Act

1 will be conducted under a habitat conservation plan
2 developed and approved pursuant to the Endangered
3 Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531
4 et seq.) so as to coordinate with management on
5 lands remaining in Federal ownership.

6 (5) That a fund has been established in the
7 treasury of the State of Oregon entitled the “O&C
8 Lands Fund,” into which all gross revenues derived
9 from timber sales or otherwise produced from the
10 lands conveyed by this Act or subsequently ex-
11 changed lands are deposited.

12 (6) That, prior to January 1, 2004, disburse-
13 ments will be made annually to the O&C counties,
14 with disbursements to individual counties made in
15 the same proportion that each of them has received
16 disbursements of revenues under the Act of August
17 28, 1937 (43 U.S.C. 1181a–1181f). Annual dis-
18 bursements prior to January 1, 2004, to the O&C
19 counties from the O&C Lands Fund shall be the
20 lesser of 50 percent of gross revenues deposited in
21 the O&C Lands Fund or the amount that, when
22 taken together with payments received under section
23 13983 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of
24 1993 (Public Law 103–66; 43 U.S.C. 1181f note),
25 the combined total payments are equal to the

1 amount received by the O&C counties under section
2 13983 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of
3 1993 during the year in which the qualifying resolu-
4 tion of assent is submitted to the Secretary. Prior to
5 January 1, 2004, all of the revenues deposited in the
6 O&C Lands Fund remaining after annual payments
7 to the O&C counties will be utilized by the State of
8 Oregon for management of the lands conveyed by
9 this Act for the purposes set forth in paragraphs (2)
10 and (3).

11 (7) Beginning January 1, 2004, and thereafter,
12 50 percent of gross revenues deposited in the O&C
13 Lands Fund will be disbursed annually to the O&C
14 counties, with disbursements to individual counties
15 made in the same proportion that each of them has
16 received disbursements of revenues under the Act of
17 August 28, 1937 (43 U.S.C. 1181a–1181f). Begin-
18 ning January 1, 2004, and thereafter, the remaining
19 50 percent of gross revenues deposited in the O&C
20 Lands Fund will be utilized by the State of Oregon
21 for management of the lands conveyed by this Act
22 for the purposes set forth in paragraphs (2) and (3),
23 with any balance remaining thereafter available to
24 the State for other public purposes at the discretion
25 of the State. Payments to the O&C counties from

1 the O&C Lands Fund shall not serve as a basis for
2 offsetting or reducing payments or revenue distribu-
3 tions by the State to any O&C county under any
4 other State program or legislation.

5 (8) That the State will accept title subject to all
6 valid existing rights and will assume the obligations
7 of the United States under the terms of any lease,
8 contract, permit, easement, license or other valid
9 binding agreement outstanding between the United
10 States and any other party relating to the lands con-
11 veyed by this Act as of the date title is transferred
12 to the State.

13 (9) That the State will administer a mineral
14 rights program applicable to any person who, as of
15 the date of enactment of this Act has filed an
16 unpatented mining claim, filed a patent application,
17 or received a first-half patent certificate. Patented
18 lands located within lands transferred pursuant to
19 this Act shall not be subject to this Act, except for
20 the protection of access and other such rights as
21 provided for in paragraph 8 of this section. The
22 State program required by this paragraph will insure
23 that surface, subsurface and access rights of
24 unpatented mining claims, potentially eligible patent-
25 ees and private patented lands are no less favorable

1 than under Federal law as of January 1, 1996, and
2 that holders of all first-half final patent certificates
3 as of the date of enactment of this Act will be
4 awarded full patents not later than two years after
5 the notice required by section 4, subsection (f) of
6 this Act, and that all unpatented mining claims and
7 patent applications filed as of the date of enactment
8 of this Act will carry the same rights as, and be sub-
9 ject to requirements that are no less favorable to
10 claimants than under Federal law as of January 1,
11 1996. The State program established pursuant to
12 this paragraph shall recognize all unpatented mining
13 claims filed as of the date of enactment of this Act
14 for so long as the claimant performs assessment
15 work or pays holding fees and meets other require-
16 ments, if any, as provided by Federal law as of Jan-
17 uary 1, 1996. Any fees charged under the State pro-
18 gram required by this paragraph shall be paid to the
19 State.

20 (10) That, in the case of lands conveyed under
21 this Act that are capable of commercial production
22 of timber, the State will not sell, transfer, or other-
23 wise dispose of such lands, except in cases of min-
24 eral patents or in trades or exchanges for lands of
25 equal value as timberlands in a program of blocking

1 up to aid in consolidating ownerships to increase the
2 efficiency and effectiveness of management for eco-
3 nomic and ecologic purposes.

4 (11) That the State will continue to manage as
5 parks, campgrounds, and other developed recreation
6 sites and facilities any lands conveyed by this Act
7 that are designated as parks, campgrounds, and
8 other developed recreation sites and facilities as of
9 January 1, 1996.

10 (12) That, notwithstanding any other provision
11 of this Act, the State of Oregon will reserve from
12 entry for commercial timber production any lands
13 transferred by this Act that are identified in and
14 designated by Federal statute as of January 1, 1996
15 as areas reserved from entry for commercial timber
16 production including, but not limited to, wild and
17 scenic river areas and wilderness areas.

18 (13) That the State will, except as may be in-
19 consistent with paragraphs 8 and 9 above, hold the
20 lands conveyed by this Act open and accessible for
21 hunting, fishing, hiking, swimming, boating, trap-
22 ping, rockhounding and other recreational uses in
23 accordance with applicable State and Federal laws
24 by all the people of the State and of the United
25 States.

1 (14) That the State has established a program
2 giving preference in employment within the Oregon
3 Department of Forestry to any person employed by
4 the Bureau of Land Management within the State
5 of Oregon as of the date a qualifying resolution of
6 assent is filed with the Secretary and whose employ-
7 ment by the Bureau of Land Management termi-
8 nates on or before January 1, 2004 as a result of
9 the land transfer provided for in this Act, and shall
10 grant an interview to any such person who requests
11 one.

12 (b) RIGHT OF REENTRY.—

13 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
14 the United States shall retain a right of reentry
15 until January 1, 2025, in all lands transferred under
16 this Act and held by the State of Oregon.

17 (2) Such right of reentry of the United States
18 shall ripen if, upon petition for review by nine or
19 more of the O&C counties or upon request for review
20 from the President of the United States, the Sec-
21 retary determines that the land conveyed by this Act
22 is not being managed in accordance with the condi-
23 tions specified in subsection (a), and such non-
24 compliance is not cured within two years following
25 such determination. Any determination by the Sec-

1 retary under this subsection shall be made on the
2 record after an opportunity for a hearing.

3 (3) The ripened right of reentry retained by the
4 United States shall vest and all right, title and inter-
5 est in lands and other property transferred under
6 this Act shall revert to the United States only if—

7 (A) the Secretary files a declaration of re-
8 entry within three months after the two-year
9 period provided for in subsection (2) with the
10 Governor of the State of Oregon; and

11 (B) the Secretary records a declaration of
12 reentry in the office of the county recorder in
13 each of the O&C counties within three months
14 after the filing required under paragraph (A)
15 and prior to January 1, 2050.

16 (4) As a condition of reentry pursuant to sub-
17 sections (2) and (3), the United States shall manage
18 the lands thereafter for permanent timber produc-
19 tion for the benefit of local communities, with reve-
20 nues derived therefrom to be distributed in the same
21 manner provided for by the Act of August 28, 1937
22 (43 U.S.C. 1181a–1181f).

23 (5) Unless exercised and perfected sooner pur-
24 suant to subsections (2) and (3), the right of reentry
25 shall expire on January 1, 2050.

1 **SEC. 6. NEW MANAGEMENT PLANS.**

2 (a) If a qualifying resolution of assent has been filed
3 with the Secretary as provided in section 5 of this Act,
4 the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture
5 shall, not later than January 1, 2001, commence prepara-
6 tion of amendments to the Northwest Forest Plan adopted
7 April 13, 1994, or other Federal land management plans
8 in effect as of January 1, 2001, which amendments shall
9 anticipate the transfer of land as required by this Act and
10 subsequent State management, and which amendments
11 shall become effective on January 1, 2004 on lands cur-
12 rently under the Northwest Forest Plan that remain in
13 Federal ownership on and after January 1, 2004.

14 **SEC. 7. SUSPENSION OF LAWS RENDERED OBSOLETE BY**
15 **TRANSFER OF RAILROAD GRANT LANDS AND**
16 **WAGON ROAD GRANT LANDS**

17 (a) DESCRIPTION OF SUSPENDED LAWS; DATE OF
18 SUSPENSION.—Provided that the Secretary of Interior has
19 submitted to Congress the notice required by section 4(f),
20 the following laws are suspended effective January 1,
21 2004, and are of no further force or effect unless and until
22 the right of reentry ripens and vests and title to trans-
23 ferred lands reverts to the United States pursuant to sec-
24 tion 5(b) of this Act:

25 (1) The Act of August 28, 1937 (43 U.S.C.
26 1181a–1181f).

1 (2) The Act of May 24, 1939 (43 U.S.C.
2 1181f-1181f-4).

3 (3) The Act of June 24, 1954 (43 U.S.C.
4 1181g-1181i), concerning the controverted lands.

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