

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 589

AN ACT

To provide for a boundary adjustment and land conveyance involving the Raggeds Wilderness, White River National Forest, Colorado, to correct the effects of earlier erroneous land surveys.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT AND LAND CONVEY-**
2 **ANCE, RAGGEDS WILDERNESS, WHITE RIVER**
3 **NATIONAL FOREST, COLORADO.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

5 (1) certain landowners in Gunnison County,
6 Colorado, who own real property adjacent to the por-
7 tion of the Raggeds Wilderness in the White River
8 National Forest, Colorado, have occupied or im-
9 proved their property in good faith and in reliance
10 on erroneous surveys of their properties that the
11 landowners reasonably believed were accurate;

12 (2) in 1993, a Forest Service resurvey of the
13 Raggeds Wilderness established accurate boundaries
14 between the wilderness area and adjacent private
15 lands; and

16 (3) the resurvey indicates that a small portion
17 of the Raggeds Wilderness is occupied by adjacent
18 landowners on the basis of the earlier erroneous land
19 surveys.

20 (b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this section to
21 remove from the boundaries of the Raggeds Wilderness
22 certain real property so as to permit the Secretary of Agri-
23 culture to use the authority of Public Law 97–465 (com-
24 monly known as the “Small Tracts Act”) (16 U.S.C. 521c
25 et seq.) to convey the property to the landowners who oc-
26 cupied the property on the basis of erroneous land surveys.

1 (c) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.—The boundary of the
2 Raggeds Wilderness, Gunnison and White River National
3 Forests, Colorado, as designated by section 102(a)(16) of
4 Public Law 96–560 (94 Stat. 3267; 16 U.S.C. 1132 note),
5 is hereby modified to exclude from the area encompassed
6 by the wilderness a parcel of real property approximately
7 0.86-acres in size situated in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of
8 Section 28, Township 11 South, Range 88 West of the
9 6th Principal Meridian, as depicted on the map entitled
10 “Encroachment-Raggeds Wilderness”, dated November
11 17, 1993.

12 (d) MAP.—The map described in subsection (c) shall
13 be on file and available for inspection in the appropriate
14 offices of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

15 (e) CONVEYANCE OF LAND REMOVED FROM WIL-
16 DERNESS AREA.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall use
17 the authority provided by Public Law 97–465 (commonly
18 known as the “Small Tracts Act”) (16 U.S.C. 521c et
19 seq.) to convey all right, title, and interest of the United
20 States in and to the real property excluded from the
21 boundaries of the Raggeds Wilderness under subsection
22 (c) to the owners of real property in Gunnison County,
23 Colorado, whose real property adjoins the excluded real

- 1 property and who have occupied the excluded real property
- 2 in good faith reliance on an erroneous survey.

Passed the Senate October 9, 1997.

Attest:

Secretary.

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