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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.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 16, 1997

Mr. CAMPBELL 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. BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT AND LAND CONVEY-**
4 **ANCE, RAGGEDS WILDERNESS, WHITE RIVER**
5 **NATIONAL FOREST, COLORADO.**

6 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

7 (1) certain landowners in Gunnison County,
8 Colorado, who own real property adjacent to the por-

1 tion of the Raggeds Wilderness in the White River
2 National Forest, Colorado, have occupied or im-
3 proved their property in good faith and in reliance
4 on erroneous surveys of their properties that the
5 landowners reasonably believed were accurate;

6 (2) in 1993, a Forest Service resurvey of the
7 Raggeds Wilderness established accurate boundaries
8 between the wilderness area and adjacent private
9 lands; and

10 (3) the resurvey indicates that a small portion
11 of the Raggeds Wilderness is occupied by adjacent
12 landowners on the basis of the earlier erroneous land
13 surveys.

14 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section to remove
15 from the boundaries of the Raggeds Wilderness certain
16 real property so as to permit the Secretary of Agriculture
17 to use the authority of Public Law 97–465 (commonly
18 known as the “Small Tracts Act”) (16 U.S.C. 521c et
19 seq.) to convey the property to the landowners who occu-
20 pied the property on the basis of erroneous land surveys.

21 (c) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.—The boundary of the
22 Raggeds Wilderness, Gunnison National Forest and White
23 River National Forest, Colorado, as designated by section
24 102(a)(16) of Public Law 96–560 (94 Stat. 3267; 16
25 U.S.C. 1132 note), is modified to exclude from the area

1 encompassed by the wilderness a parcel of real property
2 approximately 0.86-acres in size situated in the SW¹/₄ of
3 the NE¹/₄ of Section 28, Township 11 South, Range 88
4 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, as depicted on the
5 map entitled “Encroachment-Raggeds Wilderness”, dated
6 November 17, 1993.

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

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

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