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To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange certain land
in the State of Florida, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JEFF MILLER of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred
to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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certain land in the State of Florida, and for other purposes.

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 “Florida National For-
5 est Land Management Act of 2002”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-
9 titled “Florida Land Dispositions” and dated March
10 31, 2002.

1 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of Agriculture.

3 (3) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
4 of Florida.

5 **SEC. 3. SALE OR EXCHANGE OF LAND.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may, under such
7 terms and conditions as the Secretary may prescribe, sell
8 or exchange any right, title, and interest of the United
9 States in and to the parcels of Federal land in the State
10 described in subsection (b).

11 (b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The parcels of Federal
12 land in the State referred to in subsection (a) consist of
13 the following:

14 (1) Tract A–942a, East Bay, Santa Rosa Coun-
15 ty, consisting of approximately 61 acres, and more
16 particularly described as T. 1 S., R. 27 W., Sec. 31,
17 W¹/₂ of SW¹/₄.

18 (2) Tract A–942b, East Bay, Santa Rosa Coun-
19 ty, consisting of approximately 40 acres, and more
20 particularly described as T. 1 S., R. 27 W., Sec. 38.

21 (3) Tract A–942c, Ft. Walton, Okaloosa Coun-
22 ty, located southeast of the intersection of and adja-
23 cent to State Road 86 and Mooney Road, consisting
24 of approximately 0.59 acres, and more particularly
25 described as T. 1 S., R. 24 W., Sec. 26.

1 (4) Tract A-942d, located southeast of
2 Crestview, Okaloosa County, consisting of approxi-
3 mately 79.90 acres, and more particularly described
4 as T. 2 N., R. 23 W., Sec. 2, NW¹/₄ NE¹/₄ and
5 NE¹/₄ NW¹/₄.

6 (5) Tract A-943, Okaloosa County Fair-
7 grounds, Ft. Walton, Okaloosa County, consisting of
8 approximately 30.14 acres, and more particularly de-
9 scribed as T. 1 S., R. 24 W., Sec. 26, S¹/₂.

10 (6) Tract A-944, City Ball Park—Ft. Walton,
11 Okaloosa County, consisting of approximately 12.43
12 acres, and more particularly described as T. 1 S., R.
13 24 W., Sec. 26, S¹/₂.

14 (7) Tract A-945, Landfill-Golf Course Driving
15 Range, located southeast of Crestview, Okaloosa
16 County, consisting of approximately 40.85 acres,
17 and more particularly described as T. 2 N., R. 23
18 W., Sec. 4, NW¹/₄ NE¹/₄.

19 (8) Tract A-959, 2 vacant lots on the north
20 side of Micheaux Road in Bristol, Liberty County,
21 consisting of approximately 0.5 acres, and more par-
22 ticularly described as T. 1 S., R. 7 W., Sec. 6.

23 (9) Tract C-3m-d, located southwest of Astor
24 in Lake County, consisting of approximately 15.0

1 acres, and more particularly described as T. 15 S.,
2 R. 28 E., Sec. 37.

3 (10) Tract C-691, Lake County, consisting of
4 the subsurface rights to approximately 40.76 acres
5 of land, and more particularly described as T. 17 S.,
6 R. 29 E., Sec. 25, SE¹/₄ NW¹/₄.

7 (11) Tract C-2208b, Lake County, consisting
8 of approximately 39.99 acres, and more particularly
9 described as T. 17 S., R. 28 E., Sec. 28, NW¹/₄
10 SE¹/₄.

11 (12) Tract C-2209, Lake County, consisting of
12 approximately 127.2 acres, as depicted on the map,
13 and more particularly described as T. 17 S., R. 28
14 E., Sec. 21, NE¹/₄ SW¹/₄, SE¹/₄ NW¹/₄, and SE¹/₄
15 NE¹/₄.

16 (13) Tract C-2209b, Lake County, consisting
17 of approximately 39.41 acres, and more particularly
18 described as T. 17 S., R. 29 E., Sec. 32, NE¹/₄
19 SE¹/₄.

20 (14) Tract C-2209c, Lake County, consisting
21 of approximately 40.09 acres, and more particularly
22 described as T. 18 S., R. 28 E., Sec. 14, SE¹/₄
23 SW¹/₄.

24 (15) Tract C-2209d, Lake County, consisting
25 of approximately 79.58 acres, and more particularly

1 described as T. 18 S., R. 29 E., Sec. 5, SE¹/₄
2 NW¹/₄, NE¹/₄ SW¹/₄.

3 (16) Tract C-2210, government lot 1, 20 rec-
4 reational residential lots, and adjacent land on Lake
5 Kerr, Marion County, consisting of approximately 30
6 acres, and more particularly described as T. 13 S.,
7 R. 25 E., Sec. 22.

8 (17) Tract C-2212, located West of Ocala,
9 Marion County, consisting of approximately 5.0
10 acres, and more particularly described as T. 14 S.,
11 R. 21 E., Sec. 19, W¹/₂ NW¹/₄ NW¹/₄ SW¹/₄.

12 (18) Tract C-2213, located in the F.M.
13 Arrendondo grant, East of Ocala, Marion County,
14 and including a portion of the land located east of
15 the western right-of-way of State Highway 19, con-
16 sisting of approximately 15.0 acres, and more par-
17 ticularly described as T. 14 and 15 S., R. 26 E.,
18 Sec. 36, 38, and 40.

19 (19) All improvements on the parcels described
20 in paragraphs (1) through (18).

21 (c) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

22 (1) AVAILABILITY.—The map shall be on file
23 and available for public inspection in the office of
24 the Chief of the Forest Service.

25 (2) MODIFICATIONS.—The Secretary may—

1 (A) correct minor errors in the map; and

2 (B) for the purposes of soliciting offers for
3 the sale or exchange of land under subsection
4 (d), modify the descriptions of land specified in
5 subsection (b) based on—

6 (i) a survey; or

7 (ii) a determination by the Secretary
8 that the modification would be in the best
9 interest of the public.

10 (d) SOLICITATIONS OF OFFERS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to such terms and
12 conditions as the Secretary may prescribe, the Sec-
13 retary may solicit offers for the sale or exchange of
14 land described in subsection (b).

15 (2) REJECTION OF OFFERS.—The Secretary
16 may reject any offer received under this section if
17 the Secretary determines that the offer—

18 (A) is not adequate; or

19 (B) is not in the public interest.

20 (e) METHODS OF SALE.—The Secretary may sell the
21 land described in subsection (b) at public or private sale
22 (including at auction), in accordance with any terms, con-
23 ditions, and procedures that the Secretary determines to
24 be appropriate.

1 (f) BROKERS.—In any sale or exchange of land de-
2 scribed in subsection (b), the Secretary may—

3 (1) use a real estate broker; and

4 (2) pay the real estate broker a commission in
5 an amount that is comparable to the amounts of
6 commission generally paid for real estate trans-
7 actions in the area.

8 (g) CONCURRENCE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR
9 FORCE.—A parcel of land described in paragraphs (1)
10 through (7) of subsection (b) shall not be sold or ex-
11 changed by the Secretary without the concurrence of the
12 Secretary of the Air Force.

13 (h) CASH EQUALIZATION.—Notwithstanding section
14 206(b) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act
15 of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716(b)), if the value of non-Federal
16 land for which Federal land is exchanged under this sec-
17 tion is less than the value of the Federal land exchanged,
18 the Secretary may accept a cash equalization payment in
19 excess of 25 percent of the value of the Federal land.

20 (i) DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The net proceeds derived
22 from any sale or exchange under this Act shall be
23 deposited in the fund established by Public Law 90-
24 171 (commonly known as the “Sisk Act”; 16 U.S.C.
25 484a).

1 (2) USE.—Amounts deposited under paragraph
2 (1) shall be available to the Secretary for expendi-
3 ture, without further appropriation, for—

4 (A) acquisition of land and interests in
5 land for inclusion as units of the National For-
6 est System in the State; and

7 (B) reimbursement of costs incurred by the
8 Secretary in carrying out land sales and ex-
9 changes under this Act, including the payment
10 of real estate broker commissions under sub-
11 section (f).

12 **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATION.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Land acquired by the United
14 States under this Act shall be—

15 (1) subject to the Act of March 1, 1911 (com-
16 monly known as the “Weeks Act”; 16 U.S.C. 480 et
17 seq.); and

18 (2) administered in accordance with laws (in-
19 cluding regulations) applicable to the National For-
20 est System.

21 (b) APPLICABLE LAW.—The land described in section
22 3(b) shall not be subject to the Federal Property and Ad-
23 ministrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 471 et seq.).

24 (c) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
25 the land described in section 3(b) is withdrawn from loca-

1 tion, entry, and patent under the public land laws, mining
2 laws, and mineral leasing laws (including geothermal leas-
3 ing laws).

