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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 30, 2004

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

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## 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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Chickasaw National  
5 Recreation Area Land Exchange Act of 2004”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

8 (1) By provision 64 of the agreement between  
9 the United States and the Choctaws and Chickasaws

1       dated March 21, 1902 (32 Stat. 641, 655–56), ap-  
2       proved July 1, 1902, 640 acres of property were  
3       ceded to the United States for the purpose of cre-  
4       ating Sulphur Springs Reservation, later known as  
5       Platt National Park, to protect water and other re-  
6       sources and provide public access.

7               (2) In 1976, Platt National Park, the Arbuckle  
8       Recreation Area, and additional lands were com-  
9       bined to create Chickasaw National Recreation Area  
10      to protect and expand water and other resources as  
11      well as to memorialize the history and culture of the  
12      Chickasaw Nation.

13             (3) More recently, the Chickasaw Nation has  
14      expressed interest in establishing a cultural center  
15      inside or adjacent to the park.

16             (4) The Chickasaw National Recreation Area’s  
17      Final Amendment to the General Management Plan  
18      (1994) found that the best location for a proposed  
19      Chickasaw Nation Cultural Center is within the  
20      Recreation Area’s existing boundary and that the se-  
21      lected cultural center site should be conveyed to the  
22      Chickasaw Nation in exchange for land of equal  
23      value.

24             (5) The land selected to be conveyed to the  
25      Chickasaw Nation holds significant historical and

1 cultural connections to the people of the Chickasaw  
2 Nation.

3 (6) The City of Sulphur, Oklahoma, is a key  
4 partner in this land exchange through its donation  
5 of land to the Chickasaw Nation for the purpose of  
6 exchange with the United States.

7 (7) The City of Sulphur, Oklahoma, has con-  
8 veyed fee simple title to the non-Federal land de-  
9 scribed as Tract 102–26 to the Chickasaw Nation by  
10 Warranty Deed.

11 (8) The National Park Service, the Chickasaw  
12 Nation, and the City of Sulphur, Oklahoma, have  
13 signed a preliminary agreement to effect a land ex-  
14 change in order to allow the construction of a cul-  
15 tural center and to further protect the watershed  
16 and riparian resources of the park.

17 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to author-  
18 ize, direct, facilitate, and expedite the land conveyance and  
19 trust acquisition in accordance with the terms and condi-  
20 tions of this Act.

21 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

22 For the purposes of this Act, the following definitions  
23 apply:

24 (1) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Federal land”  
25 means the Chickasaw National Recreational Area

1 lands and interests therein, identified as Tract 102–  
2 25 on the Map.

3 (2) NON-FEDERAL LAND.—The term “non-Fed-  
4 eral land” means the lands and interests therein,  
5 formerly owned by the City of Sulphur, Oklahoma,  
6 and currently owned by the Chickasaw Nation, lo-  
7 cated adjacent to the existing boundary of Chicka-  
8 saw National Recreation Area and identified as  
9 Tract 102–26 on the Map.

10 (3) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map en-  
11 titled “Proposed Land Exchange and Boundary Re-  
12 vision, Chickasaw National Recreation Area”, dated  
13 September 8, 2003, and numbered 107/800035a.

14 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
15 the Secretary of the Interior.

16 **SEC. 4. CHICKASAW NATIONAL RECREATION AREA LAND**  
17 **CONVEYANCE.**

18 (a) LAND CONVEYANCE.—Not later than 6 months  
19 after the Chickasaw Nation conveys all right, title, and  
20 interest in and to the non-Federal land to the United  
21 States, the Secretary shall take the Federal land into trust  
22 for the benefit of the Chickasaw Nation.

23 (b) EQUAL VALUE OF LANDS.—The value of the  
24 Federal land and the non-Federal land shall be of approxi-  
25 mately equal value, as determined by the Secretary

1 through an appraisal performed by a qualified appraiser  
2 and in conformance with the Uniform Appraisal Stand-  
3 ards for Federal Land Acquisitions.

4 (c) CONDITIONS.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),  
5 the land conveyance and trust acquisition authorized  
6 under subsection (a) shall not take place until the comple-  
7 tion of all items included in the Preliminary Exchange  
8 Agreement among the City of Sulphur, the Chickasaw Na-  
9 tion, and the National Park Service, executed on July 16,  
10 2002.

11 (d) ADMINISTRATION OF ACQUIRED LAND.—Upon  
12 the conveyance of the non-Federal land to the Secretary  
13 pursuant to this Act, the non-Federal land shall become  
14 part of the Chickasaw National Recreation Area and the  
15 Secretary shall—

16 (1) manage such land in accordance with the  
17 Act of August 25, 1916 (ch. 408, 39 Stat. 535), and  
18 the other laws, rules, and regulations applicable to  
19 the National Park System; and

20 (2) revise the boundary of Chickasaw National  
21 Recreation Area to reflect the acquisition.

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