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To provide for the conveyance by the Secretary of Agriculture of the Sandpoint Federal Building and adjacent land in Sandpoint, Idaho, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CRAIG (for himself and Mr. CRAPO) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Sandpoint Land and
5 Facilities Conveyance Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF SANDPOINT FEDERAL BUILDING**
7 **AND ADJACENT LAND, SANDPOINT, IDAHO.**

8 (a) TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDIC-
9 TION.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-

1 ment of this Act, the Administrator of General Services
2 shall transfer to the Secretary of Agriculture, without re-
3 imbursement, administrative jurisdiction over the
4 Sandpoint Federal Building and approximately 3.17 acres
5 of land in Sandpoint, Idaho, as depicted on the map enti-
6 tled “Sandpoint Federal Building,” dated September 12,
7 2002, on file in the Office of the Chief of the Forest Serv-
8 ice and the Office of the Supervisor, Idaho National Pan-
9 handle Forest, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho.

10 (b) ASSUMPTION AND REPAYMENT OF DEBT.—As of
11 the date on which administrative jurisdiction of the prop-
12 erty is transferred under subsection (a), the Secretary
13 shall assume the obligation of the Administrator of Gen-
14 eral Services to repay to the Federal Finance Bank the
15 debt incurred with respect to the transferred property.
16 The Secretary may repay the debt using—

17 (1) the proceeds of the conveyance of the prop-
18 erty under this section;

19 (2) amounts appropriated to the Forest Service
20 for the rental, upkeep, and maintenance of facilities;
21 and

22 (3) any other unobligated appropriated amounts
23 available to the Secretary.

24 (c) CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY.—

1 (1) CONVEYANCE AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary
2 may convey, by quitclaim deed, all right, title, and
3 interest of the United States in and to the property
4 transferred to the Secretary under subsection (a).
5 The conveyance may be made by sale or by ex-
6 change.

7 (2) SOLICITATIONS OF OFFERS.—The Secretary
8 may solicit offers for the conveyance of the property
9 under this section on such terms and conditions as
10 the Secretary may prescribe. The Secretary may re-
11 ject any offer made under this section if the Sec-
12 retary determines that the offer is not adequate or
13 not in the public interest.

14 (d) CONSIDERATION.—

15 (1) CONDITIONS OF SALE.—If the property is
16 conveyed under subsection (c) by sale, the purchaser
17 shall pay to the Secretary an amount equal to the
18 fair market value of the property as determined
19 under paragraph (3). At the election of the Sec-
20 retary, the consideration may be in the form of cash
21 or other consideration, including the construction of
22 administrative facilities for the National Forest Sys-
23 tem in Bonner County, Idaho.

24 (2) CONDITIONS OF EXCHANGE.—If the prop-
25 erty is conveyed in exchange for construction of ad-

1 ministrative facilities, the conveyance shall be sub-
2 ject to—

3 (A) construction of the administrative fa-
4 cilities in accordance with terms or conditions
5 that the Secretary may prescribe, including
6 final building design and costs;

7 (B) completion of the administrative facili-
8 ties in a manner satisfactory to the Secretary;

9 (C) the condition that the exchange be an
10 equal value exchange, or if the value of the
11 property and the administrative facilities are
12 not equal, as determined under paragraph (3),
13 that the values be equalized in accordance with
14 paragraph (4); and

15 (D) any requirements of the Secretary that
16 the entity acquiring the property assume any
17 outstanding indebtedness on the property to the
18 Federal Finance Bank.

19 (3) VALUATION.—The value of the property to
20 be conveyed under subsection (c), and the value of
21 any administrative facilities in exchange for the
22 property, shall be determined by an appraisal that
23 conforms to the Uniform Appraisal Standards for
24 Federal Land Acquisitions and is acceptable to the
25 Secretary.

1 (4) EQUALIZATION OF VALUES.—Notwith-
2 standing any other provision of law, the Secretary
3 may accept a cash equalization payment in excess of
4 25 percent of the value of the property conveyed
5 under subsection (c).

6 **SEC. 3. DISPOSITION OF FUNDS.**

7 (a) DEPOSIT OF PROCEEDS.—The Secretary shall de-
8 posit the proceeds derived for the conveyance of the prop-
9 erty under this section in the fund established by Public
10 Law 90–171 (commonly known as the “Sisk Act”; 16
11 U.S.C. 484a).

12 (b) USE OF PROCEEDS.—Amounts deposited under
13 subsection (a) shall be available to the Secretary, without
14 further appropriation and until expended, for—

15 (1) the acquisition, construction, or improve-
16 ment of administrative facilities and associated land;
17 and

18 (2) the acquisition of land and interests in land
19 for addition to the National Forest System in the
20 Northern Region of the Forest Service in the State
21 of Idaho.

22 (c) LIMITATIONS.—Funds deposited under subsection
23 (a) shall not be paid or distributed to States or counties
24 under any provision of law, or otherwise considered mon-

1 eys received from units of the National Forest System for
2 purposes of—

3 (1) the Act of May 23, 1908 (16 U.S.C. 500);

4 (2) the Act of March 1, 1911 (16 U.S.C. 500,
5 commonly known as the “Weeks Law”); or

6 (3) the fourteenth paragraph under the heading
7 “Forest Service” in the Act of March 4, 1913 (16
8 U.S.C. 501).

9 (d) MANAGEMENT OF LANDS ACQUIRED BY THE
10 UNITED STATES.—Subject to valid existing rights, the
11 Secretary shall manage any land acquired under this Act,
12 in accordance with the Act of March 1, 1911 (16 U.S.C.
13 480 et seq., commonly known as the “Weeks Law”) and
14 other laws relating to the National Forest System.

15 (e) APPLICABLE LAW.—Except as otherwise provided
16 in this section, the conveyance of property under this sec-
17 tion shall be subject to the laws applicable to conveyances
18 of National Forest System land. Part 1955 of title 7, Code
19 of Federal Regulations, shall not apply to any action car-
20 ried out under this section.

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