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S. 1548

To provide for the conveyance of certain Forest Service land to the city
of Coffman Cove, Alaska.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 28, 2005

Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. STEVENS) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Nat-
ural Resources

A BILL

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to the city of Coffman Cove, Alaska.

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 “Coffman Cove Admin-
5 istrative Site Conveyance Act of 2005”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) the community of Coffman Cove, Alaska,
9 which originated as a logging camp in the 1960’s,
10 was incorporated as a city in 1989;

1 (2) the Forest Service property located in the
2 center of the City was used by the Forest Service as
3 a work center;

4 (3) the Forest Service work facilities included
5 part of the logging camp, a log sort yard, and a log
6 transfer site, all of which supported the long-term
7 timber sale operations and other subsequent timber
8 sales in the Tongass National Forest;

9 (4) as the long-term timber sale operations con-
10 cluded, the need for the Forest Service to use the
11 Forest Service site in Coffman Cove diminished;

12 (5) the Forest Service work center facilities
13 that supported timber operations have been removed
14 and the site has been restored;

15 (6) the location of the administrative site inter-
16 feres with the ability of the City to further develop
17 commercial operations and tourism support facilities
18 relating to a new ferry terminal;

19 (7) the City wants to acquire a portion of the
20 site to continue the transition of the City from a
21 timber-dependent economy to a more fully developed
22 and diversified economy; and

23 (8) the Forest Service expects that only ap-
24 proximately 3 acres of the administrative site will be

1 used in the future for National Forest System pur-
2 poses.

3 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

4 In this Act:

5 (1) CITY.—The term “City” means the city of
6 Coffman Cove, Alaska.

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

9 **SEC. 4. CONVEYANCE.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
11 sion of law, the Secretary shall convey to the City, without
12 consideration and without additional warrants or liability
13 on behalf of the United States, fee simple title to the par-
14 cel of Forest Service land described in subsection (b).

15 (b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The parcel of Forest Service
17 land referred to in subsection (a) is the approxi-
18 mately 12 acres of land identified in U.S. Survey
19 10099, as depicted on the plat entitled “Subdivision
20 of U.S. Survey No. 10099” and recorded as Plat
21 2003–1 on January 21, 2003, Petersburg Recording
22 District, Alaska.

23 (2) EXCLUDED LAND.—The parcel of Forest
24 Service land conveyed under subsection (a) does not
25 include the portion of U.S. Survey 10099 that is

1 north of the right-of-way for Forest Development
2 Road 3030–295 and southeast of Tract CC–8.

3 (c) RIGHT-OF-WAY.—The United States may reserve
4 a right-of-way to provide access to the Forest Service land
5 excluded from the conveyance to the City under subsection
6 (b)(2).

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