

Union Calendar No. 336

110TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 2675

[Report No. 110-553]

To provide for the conveyance of approximately 140 acres of land in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma to the Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 12, 2007

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

MARCH 31, 2008

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on June 12, 2007]

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 *This Act may be cited as the “Help to Access Land*
3 *for the Education of Scouts” or “HALE Scouts Act”.*

4 **SEC. 2. LAND CONVEYANCE, OUACHITA NATIONAL FOREST,**
5 **OKLAHOMA.**

6 (a) *FINDING.*—*Congress finds that it is in the public*
7 *interest to provide for the sale of certain federally owned*
8 *land in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma to the*
9 *Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of America,*
10 *for market value consideration.*

11 (b) *CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.*—*Subject to valid exist-*
12 *ing rights, the Secretary of Agriculture shall convey, by*
13 *quitclaim deed, to the Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the*
14 *Boy Scouts of America (in this section referred to as the*
15 *“Council”) all right, title, and interest of the United States*
16 *in and to certain National Forest System land in the*
17 *Ouachita National Forest in the State of Oklahoma con-*
18 *sisting of approximately 140 acres, depending on the final*
19 *measurement of the road set back and the actual size of the*
20 *affected sections, as more fully described in subsection (c).*
21 *The conveyance may not include any land located within*
22 *the Indian Nations National Scenic and Wildlife Area des-*
23 *ignated by section 10 of the Winding Stair Mountain Na-*
24 *tional Recreation and Wilderness Area Act (16 U.S.C.*
25 *460vv–8).*

1 (c) *COVERED LANDS.*—*The National Forest System*
2 *land to be conveyed under subsection (b) is depicted on the*
3 *map entitled “Boy Scout Land Request—Ouachita NF”. The*
4 *map shall be on file and available for public inspection in*
5 *the Forest Service Regional Office in Atlanta, Georgia.*

6 (d) *CONSIDERATION.*—*As consideration for the land*
7 *conveyed under subsection (b), the Council shall pay to the*
8 *Secretary an amount equal to the fair market value of the*
9 *land, as determined by an appraisal approved by the Sec-*
10 *retary and done in conformity with the Uniform Appraisal*
11 *Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions and section 206*
12 *of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976*
13 *(43 U.S.C. 1716).*

14 (e) *USE OF PROCEEDS.*—*The consideration received*
15 *under subsection (d) shall be deposited in the fund estab-*
16 *lished by Public Law 90–171 (commonly known as the*
17 *“Sisk Act”; 16 U.S.C. 484a). The amount so deposited shall*
18 *be available to the Secretary, without further appropria-*
19 *tion, for expenditure for the acquisition of land and inter-*
20 *ests in land in the Ouachita National Forest.*

21 (f) *SURVEY AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.*—*The exact*
22 *acreage and legal description of the land to be conveyed*
23 *under subsection (b) shall be determined by a survey satis-*
24 *factory to the Secretary. The Council shall pay the reason-*

1 *able costs of survey, appraisal, and any administrative*
2 *analyses required by law.*

3 *(g) ACCESS.—Access to the land conveyed under sub-*
4 *section (b) shall be from the adjacent land of the Council*
5 *or its successor. Notwithstanding section 1323(a) of the*
6 *Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (16*
7 *U.S.C. 3210(a)), the Secretary shall not be required to pro-*
8 *vide additional access to the conveyed land.*

9 *(h) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Sec-*
10 *retary may prescribe such terms and conditions on the con-*
11 *veyance under subsection (b) as the Secretary considers in*
12 *the public interest, including the reservation of access rights*
13 *to the conveyed land for administrative purposes.*

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