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H. R. 7261

To authorize a land exchange to acquire lands for the Blue Ridge Parkway from the Town of Blowing Rock, North Carolina, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 3, 2008

Ms. FOXX introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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 “Blue Ridge Parkway
5 and Town of Blowing Rock Land Exchange Act of 2008”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
9 the Secretary of the Interior.

1 (2) TOWN.—The term “Town” means the Town
2 of Blowing Rock in the State of North Carolina.

3 (3) MAP.—The term “map” means the Na-
4 tional Park Service map entitled “_____”, num-
5 bered “_____”, and dated “_____”.

6 (4) EXCHANGE.—The term “exchange” means
7 the exchange of land authorized by section 3(a).

8 **SEC. 3. LAND EXCHANGE.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (d), the Sec-
10 retary may exchange approximately 20 acres of land with-
11 in the boundary of the Blue Ridge Parkway that are gen-
12 erally depicted on the map as “Blowing Rock Reservoir”,
13 for approximately 192 acres of land owned by the Town
14 that are generally depicted on the map as “Town of Blow-
15 ing Rock Exchange Lands”.

16 (b) MAP AVAILABILITY.—The map shall be on file
17 and available for public inspection in the appropriate of-
18 fices of the National Park Service.

19 (c) TIMING.—The Secretary shall seek to complete
20 the land exchange not later than two years after the date
21 of enactment of this Act.

22 (d) APPLICABLE LAWS; TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—
23 The exchange shall be subject to—

24 (1) laws, regulations, and policies applicable to
25 exchanges of land administered by the National

1 Park Service, including those concerning land ap-
2 praisals, equalization of values, and environmental
3 compliance; and

4 (2) such terms and conditions as the Secretary
5 considers appropriate.

6 (e) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.—Upon completion of
7 the exchange, the Secretary shall adjust the boundary of
8 the Blue Ridge Parkway to reflect the exchanged lands.

9 (f) ADMINISTRATION.—Lands acquired by the Sec-
10 retary through the exchange shall be administered as part
11 of the Blue Ridge Parkway in accordance with all applica-
12 ble laws and regulations.

13 (g) FUTURE DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY.—If the
14 Town desires to dispose of the reservoir property that is
15 the subject of the exchange, the Secretary shall have the
16 right of first refusal to acquire the property for the Blue
17 Ridge Parkway.

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