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To provide for the conveyance of certain land in the Santa Fe National
Forest, New Mexico.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI) 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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Fe National Forest, New Mexico.

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 “Santa Fe National
5 Forest Title Claim Resolution Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) CLAIM.—The term “Claim” means a claim
9 of the Claimants against the United States under—

1 (A) the administrative adjudication of Ra-
2 mona and Boyd Lawson, IBLA 97-459,
3 NMNM-96160, 159 IBLA 184 (June 4, 2003);
4 or

5 (B) section 316 of the Federal Land Policy
6 and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.
7 1746).

8 (2) CLAIMANTS.—The term “Claimants” means
9 Ramona Lawson and Boyd Lawson.

10 (3) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Federal land”
11 means a parcel of National Forest System land in
12 the Santa Fe National Forest, New Mexico, that
13 is—

14 (A) a portion of the land occupied by im-
15 provements that is referred to in the adminis-
16 trative adjudication described in paragraph
17 (1)(A);

18 (B) comprised of approximately 6.20 acres
19 of land;

20 (C) in lot 10, sec. 22, T. 18 N., R. 12 E.,
21 New Mexico Principal Meridian, San Miguel
22 County, New Mexico; and

23 (D) described and delineated in the survey.

24 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
25 the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the

1 Forest Service Regional Forester, Southwestern Re-
2 gion.

3 (5) SURVEY.—The term “survey” means the
4 survey plat entitled “Boundary Survey and Con-
5 servation Easement Plat”, prepared by Chris A.
6 Chavez, Land Surveyor, Forest Service,
7 NMPLS#12793, and recorded on February 27,
8 2007, at book 55, page 93, of the land records of
9 San Miguel County, New Mexico.

10 **SEC. 3. SANTA FE NATIONAL FOREST LAND CONVEYANCE.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, except as
12 provided in paragraph (1) and subject to valid existing
13 rights, convey and quitclaim to the Claimants all right,
14 title, and interest of the United States in and to the Fed-
15 eral land in exchange for—

16 (1) the grant by the Claimants to the United
17 States of a scenic easement to the Federal land
18 that—

19 (A) protects the purposes for which the
20 Federal land was designated under the Wild
21 and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1271 et seq.);
22 and

23 (B) is determined to be acceptable by the
24 Secretary; and

1 (2) a release of the United States by the Claim-
2 ants of—

3 (A) the Claim; and

4 (B) any additional related claims of the
5 Claimants against the United States.

6 (b) SURVEY.—The Secretary, with the approval of
7 the Claimants, may make minor corrections to the survey
8 and legal description of the Federal land to correct cler-
9 ical, typographical, and surveying errors.

10 (c) SATISFACTION OF CLAIM.—The conveyance of
11 Federal land under subsection (a) shall constitute a full
12 satisfaction of the Claim.

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