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# H. R. 7001

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TIFFANY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## 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 “Wabeno Economic De-  
5 velopment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN NATIONAL FOREST SYS-**  
2 **TEM LAND IN THE CHEQUAMEGON-NICOLET**  
3 **NATIONAL FOREST TO TONY'S WABENO REDI-**  
4 **MIX, LLC.**

5 (a) CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—If, during the 180-  
6 day period beginning on the date of Federal approval of  
7 the appraisal under subsection (d), Tony's Wabeno Redi-  
8 Mix, LLC submits to the Secretary an offer to acquire  
9 the property described in subsection (b) for market value,  
10 as determined by such appraisal, the Secretary shall, not  
11 later than 180 days after receiving such offer, convey to  
12 Tony's Wabeno Redi-Mix, LLC all right, title, and interest  
13 of the United States in and to the property described in  
14 subsection (b).

15 (b) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The property referred to in  
17 subsection (a) is the parcel of real property, includ-  
18 ing all land and improvements, generally depicted as  
19 “Federal Parcel to be Conveyed” on the map, con-  
20 sisting of approximately 14 acres of National Forest  
21 System land located in the Chequamegon-Nicolet  
22 National Forest in Wisconsin.

23 (2) MAP.—

24 (A) MINOR ERRORS.—The Secretary may  
25 correct minor errors in the map.

1 (B) AVAILABILITY.—A copy of the map  
2 shall be on file and available for public inspec-  
3 tion in the appropriate office of the Forest  
4 Service.

5 (3) SURVEY.—The exact acreage and legal de-  
6 scription of the National Forest System land to be  
7 conveyed under subsection (a) shall be determined  
8 by a survey satisfactory to the Secretary.

9 (c) TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONVEY-  
10 ANCE.—

11 (1) REQUIREMENTS.—The conveyance under  
12 subsection (a) shall be—

13 (A) subject to valid existing rights;

14 (B) made by quitclaim deed; and

15 (C) subject to such other terms and condi-  
16 tions as the Secretary considers to be appro-  
17 priate to protect the interests of the United  
18 States.

19 (2) COSTS.—As a condition of the conveyance  
20 under subsection (a), Tony's Wabeno Redi-Mix, LLC  
21 shall pay to the Secretary—

22 (A) an amount equal to the market value  
23 of the land to be conveyed under subsection (a),  
24 as determined by the appraisal under sub-  
25 section (d); and

1 (B) all costs associated with the convey-  
2 ance, including the cost of—

3 (i) a survey, if necessary, under sub-  
4 section (b)(3);

5 (ii) conducting the appraisal under  
6 subsection (d); and

7 (iii) any environmental analysis or re-  
8 source survey required under Federal law.

9 (d) APPRAISAL.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 300 days  
11 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
12 retary shall complete an appraisal to determine the  
13 market value of the land to be conveyed under sub-  
14 section (a).

15 (2) STANDARDS.—The appraisal under para-  
16 graph (1) shall be conducted in accordance with—

17 (A) the Uniform Appraisal Standards for  
18 Federal Land Acquisitions; and

19 (B) the Uniform Standards of Professional  
20 Appraisal Practice.

21 (e) HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.—Notwithstanding the  
22 requirements of section 120(h) of the Comprehensive En-  
23 vironmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of  
24 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9620(h)), with respect to the conveyance  
25 under subsection (a), the Secretary—

1           (1) shall only be required to meet disclosure re-  
2           quirements for hazardous substances, pollutants, or  
3           contaminants under section 120(h); and

4           (2) shall not otherwise be required to remediate  
5           or abate the hazardous substances, pollutants, or  
6           contaminants disclosed pursuant to paragraph (1).

7           (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8           (1) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-  
9           titled “Conveyance of Federal Parcel Chequamegon-  
10          Nicolet National Forest” and dated September 27,  
11          2023.

12          (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
13          the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the  
14          Chief of the Forest Service.

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