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To provide for the conveyance of National Forest System land in the State of Louisiana.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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. FINDINGS AND DEFINITIONS.**

4 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds it in the public interest
5 to authorize the sale of certain federally owned land in
6 the Kisatchie National Forest in Louisiana for market
7 value consideration.

8 (b) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this Act:

9 (1) The term “Collins Camp Properties” means
10 Collins Camp Properties, Incorporated, a corpora-

1 tion existing under the laws of the State of Lou-
2 isiana.

3 (2) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
4 of Agriculture.

5 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION TO SELL LAND.**

6 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—Subject to valid existing
7 rights and subsection (b), the Secretary is authorized to
8 sell by quitclaim deed the following lands in the State of
9 Louisiana at public or private sale, including by competi-
10 tive sale by auction, bid or otherwise:

11 (1) All federally owned lands within section 9,
12 Township 10 North, Range 5 West, in Winn Parish,
13 Louisiana.

14 (2) A parcel of land consisting of 2.16 acres sit-
15 uated in the SW¹/₄ of section 4, Township 10 North,
16 Range 5 West, Winn Parish, Louisiana, as more
17 specifically depicted on a certificate of survey dated
18 March 7, 2007, by Glen L. Cannon, P.L.S. 4436.

19 (b) FIRST RIGHT OF PURCHASE.—Subject to valid
20 existing rights and the provisions of section 4, for a period
21 of one year after the date of enactment of this Act, upon
22 tender of consideration from the Collins Camp Properties,
23 the Secretary shall sell and quitclaim to said corporation
24 all right, title and interest of the United States in—

1 (1) up to 47.92 acres within section 9, Town-
2 ship 10 North, Range 5 West, in Winn Parish, Lou-
3 isiana, as generally depicted on a certificate of sur-
4 vey dated February 28, 2007, by Glen L. Cannon,
5 P.L.S. 4436, said land comprising the Collins Camp-
6 sites; and

7 (2) the 2.16 acres described in subsection
8 (a)(2).

9 (c) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Secretary may
10 configure the lands to maximize marketability or achieve
11 management objectives, and may prescribe such terms and
12 conditions on the land sales authorized by this Act as the
13 Secretary deems in the public interest.

14 (d) CONSIDERATION.—Land sales authorized by this
15 Act shall be for cash consideration equal to the market
16 value of the land.

17 (e) MARKET VALUE.—The market value of the land
18 sold under this Act shall be as determined by an appraisal
19 approved by the Secretary and done in conformity with
20 the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acqui-
21 sitions; or, if sold by means other than that provided in
22 subsection (b), market value may be determined by com-
23 petitive sale.

24 (f) HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES.—(1) In any disposal
25 of lands authorized by this Act, the Secretary shall meet

1 disclosure requirements for hazardous substances, but
2 shall otherwise not be required to remediate or abate those
3 substances.

4 (2) Nothing in this section shall otherwise affect the
5 application of the Comprehensive Environmental Re-
6 sponse, Compensation and Liability Act (“CERCLA”, 42
7 U.S.C. 9601, and following) to conveyances of lands out
8 of Federal ownership.

9 **SEC. 3. PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF LAND.**

10 (a) DEPOSIT OF RECEIPTS.—The consideration re-
11 ceived by the Secretary for the sale of land under this Act
12 shall be deposited into the account in the Treasury of the
13 United States established by Public Law 90–171 (com-
14 monly known as the Sisk Act; 16 U.S.C. 484a).

15 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—Monies deposited pursuant to
16 subsection (a) shall be available to the Secretary until ex-
17 pended, without further appropriation, for the acquisition
18 of lands and interests in land in the Kisatchie National
19 Forest in Louisiana.

20 **SEC. 4. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.**

21 (a) COSTS.—The Secretary shall require the Collins
22 Camp Properties to pay at closing the reasonable costs
23 of appraisal and any administrative and environmental
24 analyses required by law or regulation.

1 (b) PERMITS.—An offer by Collins Camp Properties
2 shall be accompanied by written statements from holders
3 of Forest Service special use authorizations agreeing to
4 relinquish their authorizations upon a sale to Collins
5 Camp Properties. For any holder not providing such writ-
6 ten authorization, the Secretary shall require the Collins
7 Camp Properties to administer such authorization accord-
8 ing to its terms until the date of expiration.

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