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H. R. 940

[Report No. 111-250]

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

SEPTEMBER 10, 2009

Additional sponsors: Mr. SCALISE, Mr. CAO, Mr. MELANCON, Mr. FLEMING, Mr. CASSIDY, and Mr. BOUSTANY

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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. 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-
11 tion existing under the laws of the State of Lou-
12 isiana.

13 (2) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
14 of Agriculture.

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

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

21 (1) All federally owned lands within section 9,
22 Township 10 North, Range 5 West, in Winn Parish,
23 Louisiana.

24 (2) A parcel of land consisting of 2.16 acres sit-
25 uated in the SW¹/₄ of section 4, Township 10 North,

1 Range 5 West, Winn Parish, Louisiana, as more
2 specifically depicted on a certificate of survey dated
3 March 7, 2007, by Glen L. Cannon, P.L.S. 4436.

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

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

16 (2) the 2.16 acres described in subsection
17 (a)(2).

18 (c) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Secretary may
19 configure the lands to maximize marketability or achieve
20 management objectives, and may prescribe such terms and
21 conditions on the land sales authorized by this Act as the
22 Secretary deems in the public interest.

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

1 (e) MARKET VALUE.—The market value of the land
2 sold under this Act shall be as determined by an appraisal
3 approved by the Secretary and done in conformity with
4 the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acqui-
5 sitions; or, if sold by means other than that provided in
6 subsection (b), market value may be determined by com-
7 petitive sale.

8 (f) HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES.—(1) In any disposal
9 of lands authorized by this Act, the Secretary shall meet
10 disclosure requirements for hazardous substances, but
11 shall otherwise not be required to remediate or abate those
12 substances.

13 (2) Nothing in this section shall otherwise affect the
14 application of the Comprehensive Environmental Re-
15 sponse, Compensation and Liability Act (“CERCLA”, 42
16 U.S.C. 9601, and following) to conveyances of lands out
17 of Federal ownership.

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

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

24 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—Monies deposited pursuant to
25 subsection (a) shall be available to the Secretary until ex-

1 pended, without further appropriation, for the acquisition
2 of lands and interests in land in the Kisatchie National
3 Forest in Louisiana.

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

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

9 (b) PERMITS.—An offer by Collins Camp Properties
10 shall be accompanied by written statements from holders
11 of Forest Service special use authorizations agreeing to
12 relinquish their authorizations upon a sale to Collins
13 Camp Properties. For any holder not providing such writ-
14 ten authorization, the Secretary shall require the Collins
15 Camp Properties to administer such authorization accord-
16 ing to its terms until the date of expiration.

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