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# S. 2424

To require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain Federal land to facilitate scientific research supporting Federal space and defense programs.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HATCH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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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. LAND CONVEYANCE, WASATCH-CACHE NA-**  
4       **TIONAL FOREST, RICH COUNTY, UTAH.**

5       (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6               (1) FOUNDATION.—The term “Foundation”  
7       means the Utah State University Research Founda-  
8       tion.

9               (2) PARCEL.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “Parcel”  
2 means the approximately 80 acres of real prop-  
3 erty located—

4 (i) outside the boundaries of Wasatch-  
5 Cache National Forest in Rich County,  
6 Utah; and

7 (ii) within secs. 19 and 30, T. 14 N.,  
8 R. 5 E., Salt Lake Base and Meridian.

9 (B) INCLUSION.—The term “Parcel” in-  
10 cludes any improvement on the property de-  
11 scribed in subparagraph (A), as of the date of  
12 enactment of this Act.

13 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
14 the Secretary of Agriculture.

15 (b) CONVEYANCE.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (c)  
17 and valid existing rights, not later than 180 days  
18 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
19 retary shall convey to the Foundation, without con-  
20 sideration, all right, title, and interest of the United  
21 States in and to the Parcel, for use by the Founda-  
22 tion for scientific and educational purposes.

23 (2) SURVEY.—The exact acreage and legal de-  
24 scription of the Parcel shall be determined by a sur-  
25 vey satisfactory to the Secretary.

1           (3) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—

2           The Secretary may require such additional terms  
3           and conditions in connection with the conveyance  
4           under this subsection as the Secretary considers to  
5           be appropriate to protect the interests of the United  
6           States.

7           (c) REVERSIONARY INTEREST.—

8           (1) IN GENERAL.—If at any time the Secretary  
9           determines in accordance with paragraph (2) that  
10          the Parcel is not being used in accordance with the  
11          purposes described in subsection (b)(1)—

12                 (A) all right, title, and interest in and to  
13                 the Parcel (including any improvements on the  
14                 Parcel as of the date of the determination) shall  
15                 revert to, at the option of the Secretary, and  
16                 become the property of, the United States; and

17                 (B) the United States shall have the right  
18                 of immediate entry onto the Parcel.

19          (2) DETERMINATION.—A determination by the  
20          Secretary under this subsection shall be made—

21                 (A) on the record; and

22                 (B) after an opportunity for a hearing.

23          (d) COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.—

24                 (1) PAYMENT BY FOUNDATION.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
2 subparagraph (B), as a condition of the convey-  
3 ance under this section, the Foundation shall  
4 pay, or (if applicable) reimburse the Secretary  
5 for, the costs of the conveyance, including  
6 any—

7 (i) survey costs;

8 (ii) costs for environmental docu-  
9 mentation; and

10 (iii) other related administrative costs.

11 (B) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary shall pay  
12 the costs of any environmental remediation of  
13 the Parcel.

14 (C) REFUND OF EXCESS.—The Secretary  
15 shall refund to the Foundation, if applicable, an  
16 amount equal to the difference between—

17 (i) the amounts collected by the Sec-  
18 retary from the Foundation in advance of  
19 the incurrence by the Secretary of a cost  
20 under subparagraph (A); and

21 (ii) the amount of such a cost actually  
22 incurred by the Secretary.

23 (2) TREATMENT OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED.—Any  
24 amounts received as reimbursement under para-  
25 graph (1)(A) shall be—

1           (A) credited to the fund or account that  
2           was used by the Secretary to cover the applica-  
3           ble costs of the conveyance under this section;

4           (B) merged with the amounts in that fund  
5           or account; and

6           (C) available for the same purposes, and  
7           subject to the same conditions and limitations,  
8           as amounts in the fund or account.

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