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To provide for the expeditious completion of the acquisition of land owned by the State of Wyoming within the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. THOMAS (for himself and Mr. ENZI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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 “Grand Teton National
5 Park Land Exchange Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 As used in this Act:

1 (1) The term “Federal lands” means public
2 lands as defined in section 103(e) of the Federal
3 Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43
4 U.S.C. 1702(e)).

5 (2) The term “Governor” means the Governor
6 of the State of Wyoming.

7 (3) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
8 of the Interior.

9 (4) The term “State lands” means lands and
10 interest in lands owned by the State of Wyoming
11 within the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park
12 as identified on a map titled “Private, State &
13 County Inholdings Grand Teton National Park”,
14 dated March 2001, and numbered GTNP/0001.

15 **SEC. 3. ACQUISITION OF STATE LANDS.**

16 (a) The Secretary is authorized to acquire approxi-
17 mately 1,406 acres of State lands within the exterior
18 boundaries of Grand Teton National Park, as generally
19 depicted on the map referenced in section 2(4), by any
20 one or a combination of the following—

21 (1) donation;

22 (2) purchase with donated or appropriated
23 funds; or

24 (3) exchange of Federal lands in the State of
25 Wyoming that are identified for disposal under ap-

1 proved land use plans in effect on the date of enact-
2 ment of this Act under section 202 of the Federal
3 Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43
4 U.S.C. 1712) that are of equal value to the State
5 lands acquired in the exchange.

6 (b) In the event that the Secretary or the Governor
7 determines that the Federal lands eligible for exchange
8 under subsection (a)(3) are not sufficient or acceptable for
9 the acquisition of all the State lands identified in section
10 2(4), the Secretary shall identify other Federal lands or
11 interests therein in the State of Wyoming for possible ex-
12 change and shall identify such lands or interests together
13 with their estimated value in a report to the Committee
14 on Energy and Natural Resources of the United States
15 Senate and the Committee on Resources of the House of
16 Representatives. Such lands or interests shall not be avail-
17 able for exchange unless authorized by an Act of Congress
18 enacted after the date of submission of the report.

19 **SEC. 4. VALUATION OF STATE AND FEDERAL INTERESTS.**

20 (a) AGREEMENT ON APPRAISER.—If the Secretary
21 and the Governor are unable to agree on the value of any
22 Federal lands eligible for exchange under section 3(a)(3)
23 or State lands, then the Secretary and the Governor may
24 select a qualified appraiser to conduct an appraisal of
25 those lands. The purchase or exchange under section 3(a)

1 shall be conducted based on the values determined by the
2 appraisal.

3 (b) NO AGREEMENT ON APPRAISER.—If the Sec-
4 retary and the Governor are unable to agree on the selec-
5 tion of a qualified appraiser under subsection (a), then
6 the Secretary and the Governor shall each designate a
7 qualified appraiser. The two designated appraisers shall
8 select a qualified third appraiser to conduct the appraisal
9 with the advice and assistance of the two designated ap-
10 praisers. The purchase or exchange under section 3(a)
11 shall be conducted based on the values determined by the
12 appraisal.

13 (c) APPRAISAL COSTS.—The Secretary and the State
14 of Wyoming shall each pay one-half of the appraisal costs
15 under subsections (a) and (b).

16 **SEC. 5. ADMINISTRATION OF STATE LANDS ACQUIRED BY**
17 **THE UNITED STATES.**

18 The State lands conveyed to the United States under
19 section 3(a) shall become part of Grand Teton National
20 Park. The Secretary shall manage such lands under the
21 Act of August 25, 1916 (commonly know as the “National
22 Park Service Organic Act”), and other laws, rules, and
23 regulations applicable to Grand Teton National Park.

1 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION FOR APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
3 as may be necessary for the purposes of this Act.

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