

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 4559

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## AN ACT

To provide for the conveyance of certain National Forest System land to the towns of Laona and Wabeno, Wisconsin, and for other purposes.

1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2        *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. CONVEYANCE OF CHEQUAMEGON-NICOLET NA-**  
2 **TIONAL FOREST LAND TO TOWNS OF LAONA**  
3 **AND WABENO, WISCONSIN.**

4 (a) CONVEYANCE TO TOWN OF LAONA.—

5 (1) CONVEYANCE.—At the request of the town  
6 of Laona, Wisconsin (referred to in this subsection  
7 as the “town”), the Secretary of Agriculture shall  
8 convey to the town all right, title, and interest of the  
9 United States in and to the parcel of National For-  
10 est System land in Forest County, Wisconsin, con-  
11 sisting of approximately 176 acres, as further de-  
12 scribed in paragraph (2), for the purpose of permit-  
13 ting the town to use the parcel as a site for an in-  
14 dustrial park and for other purposes.

15 (2) LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—The parcel of land  
16 referred to in paragraph (1) consists of the  
17  $N\frac{1}{2}SW\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $SW\frac{1}{4}NW\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $S\frac{1}{2}SE\frac{1}{4}NW\frac{1}{4}$ , and that  
18 part of the  $W\frac{1}{2}NE\frac{1}{4}$  lying south of the Rat River,  
19 excluding Lot #1 of Forest County Certified Survey  
20 Map #157861 and a 100-foot wide former rail road  
21 right-of-way running through the  $W\frac{1}{2}NE\frac{1}{4}$ , all in  
22 section 6, township 35 north, range 15 east, Laona  
23 Township, Forest County, Wisconsin.

24 (3) CONSIDERATION.—As consideration for the  
25 conveyance under this subsection, the town shall pay  
26 to the Secretary an amount equal to \$300,000,

1 which is the appraised fair market value of the par-  
2 cel of National Forest System land to be conveyed.

3 (b) CONVEYANCE TO TOWN OF WABENO.—

4 (1) CONVEYANCE.—At the request of the town  
5 of Wabeno, Wisconsin (referred to in this subsection  
6 as the “town”), the Secretary of Agriculture shall  
7 convey to the town all right, title, and interest of the  
8 United States in and to the parcel of National For-  
9 est System land in Forest County, Wisconsin, con-  
10 sisting of approximately 173 acres, as further de-  
11 scribed in paragraph (2), for the purpose of permit-  
12 ting the town to use the parcel as a site for an in-  
13 dustrial park and for other purposes.

14 (2) LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—The parcel of land  
15 referred to in paragraph (1) consists of the  
16  $S^{1/2}NW^{1/4}$ ,  $E^{1/2}SW^{1/4}$ , and east 17.30 acres of the  
17  $NW^{1/4}SW^{1/4}$ , excluding a 100-foot wide former rail  
18 road right-of-way running through the  $NE^{1/4}SW^{1/4}$   
19 and  $SE^{1/4}NW^{1/4}$  and a 0.02 acre parcel in the  
20  $SW^{1/4}NW^{1/4}$ , a 0.93 acre parcel in the  $SE^{1/4}SW^{1/4}$ ,  
21 and a 2.36 acre parcel in the  $E^{1/2}SW^{1/4}$  reserved for  
22 highway purposes, as described in volume 7, 276-  
23 277, Forest County Records, and all in section 7,  
24 township 34 north, range 15 east, Wabeno Town-  
25 ship, Forest County, Wisconsin.

1           (3) CONSIDERATION.—As consideration for the  
2 conveyance under this subsection, the town shall pay  
3 to the Secretary an amount equal to \$320,000,  
4 which is the appraised fair market value of the par-  
5 cel of National Forest System land to be conveyed.

6           (c) SURVEY.—If necessary, the exact acreage and  
7 legal description of the lands to be conveyed under sub-  
8 sections (a) and (b) shall be determined by surveys satis-  
9 factory to the Secretary. The cost of a survey shall be  
10 borne by the recipient of the land.

11          (d) DEPOSIT AND USE OF PROCEEDS.—

12           (1) DEPOSIT.—The Secretary shall deposit the  
13 proceeds from the conveyance of land under this sec-  
14 tion in the fund established under Public Law 90–  
15 171 (commonly known as the Sisk Act; 16 U.S.C.  
16 484a).

17           (2) USE.—Funds deposited pursuant to para-  
18 graph (1) shall be available to the Secretary, without  
19 further appropriation and until expended—

20                   (A) to acquire land and interests in land  
21 for inclusion in the Chequamegon-Nicolet Na-  
22 tional Forest in Wisconsin; and

23                   (B) to reimburse costs incurred by the Sec-  
24 retary in carrying out the conveyances under

1           this section, including the payment of any real  
2           estate broker commissions.

3           (3) ADMINISTRATION.—The lands acquired  
4           under paragraph (2)(A) shall be included in the  
5           Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest and adminis-  
6           tered in accordance with the laws applicable to that  
7           National Forest.

8           (e) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,  
9           the land to be conveyed under this section is withdrawn  
10          from location, entry, and patent under the public land  
11          laws, mining laws, and mineral leasing laws, including geo-  
12          thermal leasing laws.

13          (f) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Sec-  
14          retary may require such additional terms and conditions  
15          in connection with the conveyances under this section as  
16          the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the inter-  
17          ests of the United States.

          Passed the House of Representatives September 26,  
2006.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

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