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H. R. 1121

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 28, 2009

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources

AN ACT

To authorize a land exchange to acquire lands for the Blue Ridge Parkway from the Town of Blowing Rock, North Carolina, 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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Blue Ridge Parkway
3 and Town of Blowing Rock Land Exchange Act of 2009”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
7 the Secretary of the Interior.

8 (2) TOWN.—The term “Town” means the Town
9 of Blowing Rock in the State of North Carolina.

10 (3) MAP.—The term “map” means the Na-
11 tional Park Service map titled “Blue Ridge Park-
12 way, Proposed Land Exchange with Town of Blow-
13 ing Rock”, numbered “601/90,000A”, and dated
14 “April, 2008”.

15 (4) EXCHANGE.—The term “exchange” means
16 the exchange of land authorized by section 3(a).

17 **SEC. 3. LAND EXCHANGE.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (d), the Sec-
19 retary may exchange approximately 20 acres of land with-
20 in the boundary of the Blue Ridge Parkway that are gen-
21 erally depicted on the map as “Blowing Rock Reservoir”,
22 for approximately 192 acres of land owned by the Town
23 that are generally depicted on the map as “Town of Blow-
24 ing Rock Exchange Lands”.

1 (b) MAP AVAILABILITY.—The map shall be on file
2 and available for public inspection in the appropriate of-
3 fices of the National Park Service.

4 (c) TIMING.—The Secretary shall seek to complete
5 the land exchange not later than three years after the date
6 of the enactment of this Act.

7 (d) APPLICABLE LAWS; TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—
8 The exchange shall be subject to—

9 (1) laws, regulations, and policies applicable to
10 exchanges of land administered by the National
11 Park Service, including those concerning land ap-
12 praisals, equalization of values, and environmental
13 compliance; and

14 (2) such terms and conditions as the Secretary
15 considers appropriate.

16 (e) EQUALIZATION OF VALUES.—If the lands pro-
17 posed for exchange are found to be not equal in value,
18 the equalization of values may be achieved by adjusting
19 the acreage amounts identified in subsection (a).

20 (f) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.—Upon completion of
21 the exchange, the Secretary shall adjust the boundary of
22 the Blue Ridge Parkway to reflect the exchanged lands.

23 (g) ADMINISTRATION.—Lands acquired by the Sec-
24 retary through the exchange shall be administered as part

1 of the Blue Ridge Parkway in accordance with all applica-
2 ble laws and regulations.

3 (h) FUTURE DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY.—If the
4 Town desires to dispose of the reservoir property that is
5 the subject of the exchange, the Secretary shall have the
6 right of first refusal to acquire the property for the Blue
7 Ridge Parkway.

Passed the House of Representatives July 27, 2009.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.