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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BOREN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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 “Help to Access Land
5 for the Education of Scouts” or “HALE Scouts Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LAND CONVEYANCE, OUACHITA NATIONAL FOREST,**
2 **OKLAHOMA.**

3 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that it is in the public
4 interest to provide for the sale of certain federally owned
5 land in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma to the
6 Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of Amer-
7 ica, for market value consideration.

8 (b) CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—Subject to valid exist-
9 ing rights, the Secretary of Agriculture shall convey, by
10 quitclaim deed, to the Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the
11 Boy Scouts of America (in this section referred to as the
12 “Council”) all right, title, and interest of the United
13 States in and to certain National Forest System land in
14 the Ouachita National Forest in the State of Oklahoma
15 consisting of approximately 140 acres, depending on the
16 final measurement of the road set back and the actual size
17 of the affected sections, as more fully described in sub-
18 section (c). The conveyance may not include any land lo-
19 cated within the Indian Nations National Scenic and Wild-
20 life Area designated by section 10 of the Winding Stair
21 Mountain National Recreation and Wilderness Area Act
22 (16 U.S.C. 460vv–8).

23 (c) COVERED LANDS.—The National Forest System
24 land to be conveyed under subsection (b) is depicted on
25 the map entitled “Boy Scout Land Request–Ouachita
26 NF”. The map shall be on file and available for public

1 inspection in the Forest Service Regional Office in At-
2 lanta, Georgia.

3 (d) CONSIDERATION.—As consideration for the land
4 conveyed under subsection (b), the Council shall pay to
5 the Secretary an amount equal to the fair market value
6 of the land, as determined by an appraisal approved by
7 the Secretary and done in conformity with the Uniform
8 Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions and
9 section 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management
10 Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716).

11 (e) USE OF PROCEEDS.—The consideration received
12 under subsection (d) shall be deposited in the fund estab-
13 lished by Public Law 90–171 (commonly known as the
14 “Sisk Act”; 16 U.S.C. 484a). The amount so deposited
15 shall be available to the Secretary, without further appro-
16 priation, for expenditure for the acquisition of land and
17 interests in land in the Ouachita National Forest.

18 (f) SURVEY AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—The
19 exact acreage and legal description of the land to be con-
20 veyed under subsection (b) shall be determined by a survey
21 satisfactory to the Secretary. The Council shall pay the
22 reasonable costs of survey, appraisal, and any administra-
23 tive analyses required by law.

24 (g) ACCESS.—Access to the land conveyed under sub-
25 section (b) shall be from the adjacent land of the Council

1 or its successor. Notwithstanding section 1323(a) of the
2 Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (16
3 U.S.C. 3210(a)), the Secretary shall not be required to
4 provide additional access to the conveyed land.

5 (h) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The
6 Secretary may prescribe such terms and conditions on the
7 conveyance under subsection (b) as the Secretary con-
8 siders in the public interest, including the reservation of
9 access rights to the conveyed land for administrative pur-
10 poses.

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