§ 644.429  Wildlife purposes.

(a) Authority. The military departments, when acting as a disposal agency, are authorized under the provisions of 16 U.S.C. 667b-d, in connection with land and improvements that:

(1) Can be utilized for wildlife conservation purposes by the agency of the state exercising administration over the wildlife resources of the state wherein the real property lies, or by the Secretary of the Interior; and

(2) Are chiefly valuable for use for any such purpose and which, in the determination of the GSA, is available for such use, to convey such property to such agency without reimbursement or transfer of funds if the management thereof for the conservation of wildlife relates to other than migratory birds, or to the Secretary of the Interior if the property has particular value in carrying out the national migratory bird program. Personal property cannot be conveyed or transferred under this authority and only such improvements as the District Engineer determines to be necessary for proper execution of the applicant’s program may be conveyed.

(b) Notice of availability. If property is considered by the District Engineer to be valuable for wildlife conservation purposes, or if interest has been shown in acquiring the property for that purpose, notice of availability should be given to the agency administering state wildlife resources and to the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service if the property has particular value in carrying out the national migratory bird program.

(c) Classification—Factors to be considered and determinations to be made by disposal agency. Should the property be classified as being chiefly valuable for purposes other than wildlife conservation purposes, such as agricultural, commercial, etc., the property may not be transferred to any State or to the Department of the Interior, under the authority cited in paragraph (a) of this section. However, should an application be received for conveyance of the property for wildlife conservation purposes, and the classification of the property indicates that it is chiefly valuable for other purposes, the classification, all pertinent papers and the

FAA, and its representatives will be invited to participate in negotiations with public bodies in connection with transfer of airport property.

(j) Land survey. In the event that a property survey is required to establish a correct metes and bounds description of the land to be transferred as airport property, a survey will be provided by the prospective transferee without cost to the Government.

(k) Transfer instruments. The type of instrument used in conveying or transferring the Government’s interest will vary according to the type of property that may be involved, i.e., wholly Government-owned, mixed owned and leased, and leased property. However, instruments of conveyances will contain provisions required by the Surplus Property Act of 1944, as amended. Where a lease is involved and it is from other than the prospective transferee, such transferee will be required to obtain a long term lease on the land prior to conveyance of the Government-owned improvements. Execution of the lease to the prospective transferee and acceptance of the application by the Government should be handled simultaneously. Figure 11–8 in ER 405–1–12 is a format of quitclaim deed covering fee-owned and leased land (Airport Property). A quitclaim deed can be used to surrender leased land and convey the improvements and related personal property, or this can be done by supplemental agreement to the lease or other type of contract as considered desirable in accordance with local conveyancing practices.

(l) Recordation. All transfer instruments will be recorded by and at the expense of the transferee.

(m) Compliance. The Administrator, FAA, is responsible for determining and enforcing compliance of conditions and restrictions contained in any instrument of disposal of airport property, and is authorized to reform, correct, or amend any such instrument for such action as deemed necessary by him under applicable law. Care will be exercised to furnish copies of the application, classification, and instrument of conveyance to FAA so that it can properly perform its compliance function.
application, together with the Division Engineer’s recommendation, will be forwarded to HQDA (DAEN-REM), Washington, DC 20314. In addition to the determination that the property is chiefly valuable for wildlife conservation purposes and is available for such use, the Division Engineer will determine, when recommending that property be conveyed for such use, that the applicant has the legal and financial ability to acquire, operate and maintain the property as proposed, and will furnish information to DAEN-REM to support his opinion. With proper safeguards, contaminated property can be made available for use in the wildlife conservation program.

(d) Application. Any state desiring to make application for property for wildlife conservation will be furnished copies of Application For Real Property For the Conservation of Wildlife with accompanying instructions for preparation. In evaluating the application, the responsible District Engineer will request review of the application by the Regional Office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, and will obtain that Service’s recommendation as to the value of the property for wildlife conservation purposes.

(e) Instrument of conveyance. Any instrument of conveyance of property for wildlife conservation will contain the restrictions and conditions required by 16 U.S.C. 667b, c, d. A Sample Deed for Conveyance of Land and Improvements For Conservation of Wildlife, with the statutory restrictions and conditions is provided as Figure 11–10 in ER 405–1–12.

(f) Publication of order. The order required to be published in the Federal Register after disposal of the property under this authority will be processed for publication by the Chief of Engineers.

§ 644.430 Shrines, memorials, or religious purposes.

Pursuant to the provisions of FPMR 101–47.308–5, when the Department, acting as a disposal agency, determines that a chapel may properly be used in place, a suitable area of land may be sold with the chapel for use as a shrine, memorial, or for religious purposes. The sale price of land for this purpose will be its fair market value based on its highest and best use as established by an appraisal. Deeds conveying lands for such purposes will contain no restriction on the use of the land. Sale of the chapel building will be subject to the procedure and terms and conditions provided in §§644.472 through 644.500.

§ 644.431 Power transmission lines.

(a) Authority. Pursuant to the provisions of section 13(d) of the Surplus Property Act of 1944, as amended (50 U.S.C., App. 1622(d)), any state, or political subdivision thereof, or any state or Government agency or instrumentality may certify to the disposal agency that a surplus power transmission line and the right of way acquired for its construction is needed for or adaptable to the requirements of a public or cooperative power project. Whenever any property is reported to GSA for screening, it will be assumed that GSA has screened Federal agencies for such purpose and no further screening with such agencies is necessary. Property not reported to GSA for screening will be screened in accordance with §§644.333 through 644.339. Screening with the appropriate state agencies will be conducted in all cases.

(b) Procedure. Whenever a State, or political subdivision thereof, or state or Federal agency or instrumentality certifies that such property is needed for or adaptable to the requirements of a public or cooperative power project, the property may be sold for such utilization at its appraised fair market value. In the event that a sale cannot be consummated and the certification is not withdrawn, such facts will be reported to DAEN-REM in order that a determination of the action to be taken may be obtained from the Administrator, GSA. If no certification from a state or Federal instrumentality as outlined above is received after proper notice is given, the property may be disposed of in the same manner as other excess or surplus real property.