Public Law 102-292
102d Congress

An Act

To transfer jurisdiction of certain public lands in the State of Utah to the Forest Service, and for other purposes.

May 26, 1992
[S. 1182]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Fishlake National Forest Enlargement Act. Conservation.

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Fishlake National Forest Enlargement Act".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds the following:

(1) Certain public lands presently managed by the Bureau of Land Management (hereafter in this Act referred to as the "BLM") are adjacent to the Fishlake National Forest and are logical extensions of the forest.

(2) Those public lands are isolated and disconnected from other BLM lands and have been identified through the land use planning process of the BLM as suitable for transfer to the Forest Service.

(3) The Forest Service currently manages much of the livestock grazing on those public lands by cooperative agreement with the BLM.

(4) Administration of those public lands as part of the Fishlake National Forest would allow for more efficient and economical management by both the Forest Service and BLM.

SEC. 3. TRANSFER.

Effective date.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Effective on the date of enactment of this Act, jurisdiction over public lands designated on the map referred to in subsection (b), comprising approximately 10,172.89 acres is hereby transferred to the Secretary of Agriculture. Such lands shall be added to and administered as part of the Fishlake National Forest.

(b) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—The lands subject to this Act are those lands identified on a map entitled "Fishlake National Forest Enlargement", dated March 16, 1989, and filed, together with a legal description of such lands, in the Office of the Chief of the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture and the Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior. Such map and legal description shall have the same force and effect as if included in this Act, except that correction of clerical and typographical errors in such legal description and map may be made by the Secretary of Agriculture in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior.

(c) BOUNDARY.—(1) The boundary of the Fishlake National Forest is hereby modified as indicated on the map referred to in subsection (b).

(2) For the purposes of section 7 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 4601–9), the boundary of

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the Fishlake National Forest, as modified by this Act, shall be considered to be the boundary of that national forest as of January 1, 1965.

SEC. 4. RIGHTS AND PERMITS.

(a) VALID EXISTING RIGHTS.—Nothing in this Act shall affect valid existing rights of any person under any authority of law.

(b) AUTHORIZATIONS TO USE LANDS.—Authorizations to use lands transferred by this Act which were issued prior to the date of transfer shall remain subject to the laws and regulations under which they were issued. Such authorizations shall be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture. Any renewal or extension of such authorizations shall be subject to the laws and regulations pertaining to the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture. The change of administrative jurisdiction resulting from the enactment of this Act shall not in itself constitute a basis for denying or approving the renewal or reissuance of any such authorization.

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