Public Law 96-474
96th Congress

An Act

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain Government-owned property in the Kisatchie National Forest to the State of Louisiana in exchange for certain property at old Camp Livingston, Louisiana.

Oct. 19, 1980
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture (hereafter in this Act referred to as the "Secretary") shall convey to the State of Louisiana all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to approximately 1,587.30 acres of land which is in the Kisatchie National Forest in the parishes of Grant and Rapides in Louisiana and more particularly described as: southwest quarter of section 1, township 5 north, range 1 east, containing 159.60 acres; southeast quarter of northwest quarter of section 1, township 5 north, range 1 east, containing 39.90 acres; a fractional part of west half of section 12, township 5 north, range 1 east, containing 273.92 acres; west half of southeast quarter of section 12, township 5 north, range 1 east, containing 79.44 acres; a fractional part of north half of section 13, township 5 north, range 1 east, containing 302.39 acres; southwest quarter of section 13, township 5 north, range 1 east, containing 159.07 acres; west half of southeast quarter of section 13, township 5 north, range 1 east, containing 79.49 acres; northeast quarter of southeast quarter of section 13, township 5 north, range 1 east, containing 39.73 acres; a fractional part of section 15, township 5 north, range 1 east, containing 171.76 acres; south half of southwest quarter of section 19, township 6 north, range 2 east, containing 80.64 acres; southwest quarter of southeast quarter of section 19, township 6 north, range 2 east, containing 40.24 acres; and north half of north half of section 30, township 6 north, range 2 east, containing 161.12 acres. All fractional parts referred to in this section shall be surveyed prior to conveyance.

Kisatchie National Forest, La., land conveyance.

SEC. 2. The conveyance referred to in the first section of this Act shall be made upon the following conditions:

Conditions.

(1) The conveyed property shall be used for the training and support of the National Guard of Louisiana and if it shall ever cease to be used for such purposes, all right, title, and interest in and to such property, and any improvements located thereon, shall revert to and become the property of the United States, which shall have immediate right of entry thereon.

(2) The United States shall reserve in itself all mineral rights with respect to the conveyed property, including oil and gas rights, as well as the right to enter the property for the purpose of the reasonable exploitation of such resources.

(3) The United States shall retain the right to enter and use the conveyed property, without payment of any compensation, in the event that the President declares a state of national emergency, or upon a determination by the Secretary of Defense that the property is needed in the interest of national defense.

(4) The conveyed property shall remain subject to all existing easements, servitudes, and rights-of-way.

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Camp Livingston, land conveyance to U.S.

(5) In consideration for such conveyance, the State of Louisiana shall convey to the United States all of its right, title, and interest in and to approximately 1,584.41 acres of land essentially equal in value to the Federal land described in section 1 of this Act, said land being located in old Camp Livingston in the parishes of Grant and Rapides in Louisiana and more particularly described as: west half of northeast quarter of section 2, township 5 north, range 1 east, containing 80.58 acres; a fractional part of west half of southeast quarter of section 2, township 5 north, range 1 east, containing 50.0 acres; southeast quarter of northwest quarter of section 2, township 5 north, range 1 east, less and except 3.60 acres; said tract to contain 36.63 acres; a fractional part of east half of southwest quarter of section 2, township 5 north, range 1 east, containing 71.17 acres; southwest quarter of section 3, township 5 north, range 1 east, containing 161.80 acres; south half of northeast quarter of section 4, township 5 north, range 1 east, containing 80.35 acres; north half of southeast quarter of section 4, township 5 north, range 1 east, containing 80.35 acres; east half of section 5, township 5 north, range 1 east, containing 321.20 acres; east half of west half of section 5, township 5 north, range 1 east, containing 160.60 acres; northwest quarter of northwest quarter of section 5, township 5 north, range 1 east, containing 40.15 acres; northeast quarter of section 8, township 5 north, range 1 east, containing 160.0 acres; northeast quarter of southeast quarter of section 8, township 5 north, range 1 east, containing 40.0 acres; a fractional part of east half of northwest quarter of section 11, township 5 north, range 1 east, containing 61.76 acres; a fractional part of east half of southwest quarter of section 11, township 5 north, range 1 east, containing 83.48 acres; a fractional part of section 15 lying northwest of Beaver Creek containing 36 acres; south half of southwest quarter of section 35, township 6 north, range 1 east, containing 80.23 acres; and southwest quarter of southeast quarter of section 35, township 6 north, range 1 east, containing 40.11 acres. All fractional parts referred to in this paragraph shall be surveyed prior to conveyance.

Survey costs.

SEC. 3. The cost of any necessary surveys incident to the conveyances described in the first section and in paragraph (5) of section 2 of this Act shall be shared equally by the United States and the State of Louisiana.

National forest land, designations.

SEC. 4. The Secretary is authorized to accept the property described in paragraph (5) of section 2 of this Act on behalf of the United States, subject to all existing easements, servitudes, and rights-of-way. Such property shall be designated as national forest land and administered by the Secretary accordingly.

Approved October 19, 1980.

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