

105TH CONGRESS
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S. 1468

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 8, 1997

Mr. BINGAMAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 (a) The Village of Jemez Springs, New Mexico
5 (Jemez Springs), is an incorporated town under the laws
6 of the State of New Mexico, and is completely surrounded
7 the Jemez National Recreation Area within the Santa Fe
8 National Forest;

1 (b) Jemez Springs is a small community of approxi-
 2 mately 460 residents, however given it's location within
 3 the Jemez National Recreation Area, as many as 30,000
 4 people will pass through this town on any given day;

5 (c) The large size of the tourist crowds within the
 6 surrounding national recreation area create a strain on
 7 Jemez Springs' emergency response capabilities. Over
 8 ninety (90) percent of the ambulance, fire, and emergency
 9 rescue calls are outside of the town limits.

10 (d) The State of New Mexico has appropriated funds
 11 for Jemez Springs to build a fire sub-station to handle
 12 the increase in emergency response needs, however, the
 13 town does not have suitable land upon which to build the
 14 sub-station.

15 **SEC. 2. LAND CONVEYANCE, SANTA FE NATIONAL FOREST,**
 16 **NEW MEXICO**

17 (a) CONVEYANCE.—The Secretary of Agriculture
 18 shall convey, to Jemez Springs all right, title, and interest
 19 of the United States in and to a parcel of real property,
 20 together with any improvements thereon, consisting of ap-
 21 proximately one acre located in the Santa Fe National
 22 Forest in the State of New Mexico. The emergency serv-
 23 ices provided by Jemez Springs to the visitors of the Santa
 24 Fe National Recreation Area shall be deemed adequate

1 consideration to the United States for the purposes of this
2 conveyance.

3 (b) CONDITION OF CONVEYANCE.—The conveyance
4 under subsection (a) shall be subject to the condition that
5 Jemez Springs agrees to use the real property for the pur-
6 pose of constructing and operating a fire sub-station for
7 Jemez Springs.

8 (c) REVERSIONARY INTEREST.—If the Secretary de-
9 termines that the real property conveyed under subsection
10 (a) is not being used in accordance with the condition in
11 subsection (b), all right, title, and interest in and to the
12 property shall revert to the United States, and the United
13 States shall have immediate right of entry thereon.

14 (d) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—The exact acreage
15 and legal description of the real property conveyed under
16 subsection (a) shall be determined by a survey satisfactory
17 to the Secretary. The cost of the survey shall be borne
18 by Jemez Springs.

19 (e) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The
20 Secretary may require such additional terms and condi-
21 tions in connection with conveyance under subsection (a)
22 as the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the inter-
23 ests of the United States.

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