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To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange the Gulfport Research Laboratory and other Forest Service administrative sites in the State of Mississippi, to provide for a new research facility, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mr. LOTT) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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. SALE OR EXCHANGE OF THE GULFPORT RE-**
4 **SEARCH LABORATORY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture (re-
6 ferred to in this section as the “Secretary”) may, under
7 such terms and conditions as the Secretary may prescribe,

1 sell or exchange any or all right, title, and interest of the
2 United States in and to the approximately 15.1 acres con-
3 tained in the following tracts of land in the State of Mis-
4 sissippi:

5 (1) Gulfport Laboratory Site, consisting of ap-
6 proximately 10 acres, as shown on the map entitled
7 “Gulfport Laboratory Site, May 21, 1998”.

8 (2) Raleigh Dwelling Site No. 1, consisting of
9 approximately 0.44 acre, as shown on the map enti-
10 tled “Raleigh Dwelling Site No. 1, May 21, 1998”.

11 (3) Raleigh Dwelling Site No. 2, consisting of
12 approximately 0.47 acre, as shown on the map enti-
13 tled “Raleigh Dwelling Site No. 2, May 21, 1998”.

14 (4) Rolling Fork Dwelling Site, consisting of
15 approximately 0.303 acre, as shown on the map en-
16 titled “Rolling Fork Dwelling Site, May 21, 1998”.

17 (5) Gloster Dwelling Site, consisting of approxi-
18 mately 0.55 acre, as shown on the map entitled
19 “Gloster Dwelling Site, May 21, 1998”.

20 (6) Gloster Office Site, consisting of approxi-
21 mately 1.00 acre, as shown on the map entitled
22 “Gloster Office Site, May 21, 1998”.

23 (7) Gloster Work Center Site, consisting of ap-
24 proximately 2.00 acres, as shown on the map enti-
25 tled “Gloster Work Center Site, May 21, 1998”.

1 (8) Holly Springs Dwelling Site, consisting of
2 approximately 0.31 acre, as shown on the map enti-
3 tled “Holly Springs Dwelling Site, May 21, 1998”.

4 (b) CONSIDERATION.—As consideration for a sale or
5 exchange under subsection (a), the Secretary may acquire
6 land and existing administrative improvements or accept
7 for construction of administrative improvements.

8 (c) APPLICABLE LAW.—Except as otherwise provided
9 in this Act, any sale or exchange of land under subsection
10 (a) shall be subject to the laws (including regulations) ap-
11 plicable to the conveyance and acquisition of land for Na-
12 tional Forest System purposes.

13 (d) CASH EQUALIZATION.—Notwithstanding any
14 other provision of law, the Secretary may accept a cash
15 equalization payment in excess of 25 percent of the value
16 of land exchanged under subsection (a).

17 (e) SOLICITATION OF OFFERS.—The Secretary may
18 solicit offers for sale or exchange on such terms and condi-
19 tions as the Secretary may prescribe. The Secretary may
20 reject any offer if the Secretary determines that the offer
21 is not adequate or not in the public interest.

22 (f) DEPOSIT OF PROCEEDS.—The Secretary shall de-
23 posit the proceeds of a sale or exchange under subsection
24 (a) in the fund established by Public Law 90–171 (com-
25 monly known as the “Sisk Act”) (16 U.S.C. 484a).

1 (g) USE OF PROCEEDS.—Funds deposited under sub-
2 section (f) shall be available for expenditure, upon appro-
3 priation, for—

4 (1) the construction of a research laboratory
5 and office facility at the Forest Service administra-
6 tive site located at Mississippi State University at
7 Starkville, Mississippi;

8 (2) the acquisition, construction, or improve-
9 ment of administrative facilities in connection with
10 units of the National Forest System in the State of
11 Mississippi; and

12 (3) the acquisition of land and interests in land
13 in units of the National Forest System in the State
14 of Mississippi.

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