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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STUMP introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Arizona National For-
5 est Improvement Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) CITY.—The term “City” means the city of
2 Sedona, Arizona.

3 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
4 the Secretary of Agriculture.

5 **SEC. 3. SALE OR EXCHANGE OF ADMINISTRATIVE SITES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may, under such
7 terms and conditions as the Secretary may prescribe, sell
8 or exchange any and all right, title, and interest of the
9 United States in and to the following National Forest Sys-
10 tem land and administrative sites:

11 (1) The Camp Verde Administrative Site, com-
12 prising approximately 213.60 acres, as depicted on
13 the map entitled “Camp Verde Administrative Site”,
14 dated April 12, 1997.

15 (2) A portion of the Cave Creek Administrative
16 Site, comprising approximately 16 acres, as depicted
17 on the map entitled “Cave Creek Administrative
18 Site”, dated May 1, 1997.

19 (3) The Fredonia Duplex Housing Site, com-
20 prising approximately 1.40 acres, and the Fredonia
21 Housing Site, comprising approximately 1.58 acres,
22 as depicted on the map entitled “Fredonia Duplex
23 Dwelling, Fredonia Ranger Dwelling”, dated August
24 28, 1997.

1 (4) The Groom Creek Administrative Site, com-
2 prising approximately 7.88 acres, as depicted on the
3 map entitled “Groom Creek Administrative Site”,
4 dated April 29, 1997.

5 (5) The Payson Administrative Site, comprising
6 approximately 296.43 acres, as depicted on the map
7 entitled “Payson Administrative Site”, dated May 1,
8 1997.

9 (6) The Sedona Administrative Site, comprising
10 approximately 21.41 acres, as depicted on the map
11 entitled “Sedona Administrative Site”, dated April
12 12, 1997.

13 (b) CONSIDERATION.—Consideration for a sale or ex-
14 change of land under subsection (a) may include the ac-
15 quisition of land, existing improvements, and improve-
16 ments constructed to the specifications of the Secretary.

17 (c) APPLICABLE LAW.—Except as otherwise provided
18 in this section, any sale or exchange of land under sub-
19 section (a) shall be subject to the laws (including regula-
20 tions) applicable to the conveyance and acquisition of land
21 for the National Forest System.

22 (d) CASH EQUALIZATION.—Notwithstanding any
23 other provision of law, the Secretary may accept a cash
24 equalization payment in excess of 25 percent of the value

1 of any land or administrative site exchanged under sub-
2 section (a).

3 (e) SOLICITATION OF OFFERS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may solicit
5 offers for the sale or exchange of land under this
6 section on such terms and conditions as the Sec-
7 retary may prescribe.

8 (2) REJECTION OF OFFERS.—The Secretary
9 may reject any offer made under this section if the
10 Secretary determines that the offer is not adequate
11 or not in the public interest.

12 (f) REVOCATIONS.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
13 sion of law, on conveyance of land by the Secretary under
14 this section, any public order withdrawing the land from
15 any form of appropriation under the public land laws is
16 revoked.

17 **SEC. 4. CONVEYANCE TO CITY OF SEDONA.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may sell to the city
19 of Sedona, Arizona, by quitclaim deed in fee simple, all
20 right, title, and interest of the United States in and to
21 approximately 300 acres of land as depicted on the map
22 in the environmental assessment entitled “Sedona Efflu-
23 ent Management Plan”, dated August 1998, for construc-
24 tion of an effluent disposal system in Yavapai County, Ari-
25 zona.

1 (b) DESCRIPTION.—A legal description of the land
2 conveyed under subsection (a) shall be available for public
3 inspection in the office of the Chief of the Forest Service,
4 Washington, District of Columbia.

5 (c) CONSIDERATION.—

6 (1) FAIR MARKET VALUE.—As consideration for
7 the conveyance of land under subsection (a), the
8 City shall pay to the Secretary an amount equal to
9 the fair market value of the land as determined by
10 an appraisal acceptable to the Secretary and pre-
11 pared in accordance with the Uniform Appraisal
12 Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions.

13 (2) COST OF APPRAISAL.—The City shall pay
14 the cost of the appraisal of the land.

15 (3) PAYMENT.—Payment of the amount deter-
16 mined under paragraph (1) (including any interest
17 payable under paragraph (4)) shall be paid, at the
18 option of the City—

19 (A) in full not later than 180 days after
20 the date of the conveyance of the land; or

21 (B) in 7 equal annual installments com-
22 mencing not later than January 1 of the first
23 year following the date of the conveyance and
24 annually thereafter until the total amount has
25 been paid.

1 (4) INTEREST RATE.—Any payment due for the
2 conveyance of land under this section shall accrue,
3 beginning on the date of the conveyance, interest at
4 a rate equal to the current (as of the date of the
5 conveyance) market yield on outstanding, market-
6 able obligations of the United States with maturities
7 of 1 year.

8 (d) RELEASE.—Subject to compliance with all Fed-
9 eral environmental laws by the Secretary before the date
10 of conveyance of land under this section, on conveyance
11 of the land, the City shall agree in writing to hold the
12 United States harmless from any and all claims to the
13 land, including all claims resulting from hazardous mate-
14 rials on the conveyed land.

15 (e) RIGHT OF REENTRY.—At any time before full
16 payment is made for the conveyance of land under this
17 section, the conveyance shall be subject to a right of re-
18 entry in the United States if the Secretary determines
19 that—

20 (1) the City has not complied with the require-
21 ments of this section or the conditions prescribed by
22 the Secretary in the deed of conveyance; or

23 (2) the conveyed land is not used for disposal
24 of treated effluent or other purposes related to the

1 construction of an effluent disposal system in
2 Yavapai County, Arizona.

3 **SEC. 5. DISPOSITION OF FUNDS.**

4 (a) DEPOSIT OF PROCEEDS.—The Secretary shall de-
5 posit the proceeds of a sale or exchange under this Act
6 in the fund established under Public Law 90–171 (16
7 U.S.C. 484a) (commonly known as the “Sisk Act”).

8 (b) USE OF PROCEEDS.—Funds deposited under sub-
9 section (a) shall be available to the Secretary, without fur-
10 ther Act of appropriation, for—

11 (1) the acquisition, construction, or improve-
12 ment of administrative facilities for the Coconino
13 National Forest, Kaibab National Forest, Prescott
14 National Forest, and Tonto National Forest; or

15 (2) the acquisition of land and or an interest in
16 land in the State of Arizona.

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