

108TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2976

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to transfer certain land within the Ottawa National Forest to the Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 25, 2003

Mr. STUPAK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Agriculture

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. LAND TRANSFER TO INDIAN TRIBE.**

4 (a) REQUIREMENT FOR TRANSFER.—The Secretary
5 of Agriculture shall transfer all right, title, and interest
6 of the United States in and to the land described in sub-
7 section (b) for cultural preservation, without consider-

1 ation, to the the Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior
2 Chippewa Indians.

3 (b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The land to be trans-
4 ferred under subsection (a) is the approximately 46 acres
5 located within the Ottawa National Forest in Watersmeet
6 Township, Gogebic County, Michigan, Michigan Meridian,
7 and further described as follows: G.L. 1 (W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW
8 $\frac{1}{4}$).

9 (c) REVERTER UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.—All
10 right, title, and interest of the Lac Vieux Desert Band
11 of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians in and to the land
12 transferred pursuant to subsection (a) shall immediately
13 revert to the United States to be administered by the Sec-
14 retary of Agriculture as part of the Ottawa National For-
15 est if—

16 (1) the tribe attempts to sell all or any part of
17 the land other than that land east of Indian Village
18 Road; or

19 (2) all or any part of the land is used for any
20 economic purpose, including gaming.

21 (d) REVISION OF FOREST BOUNDARY.—Not later
22 than 30 days after the transfer under subsection (a), the
23 Secretary of Agriculture shall adjust the boundaries of the
24 Ottawa National Forest to reflect that transfer.

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