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H. R. 3744

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 28, 2004

Mr. ROSS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SALE OR EXCHANGE OF LAND, OZARK-ST.**
2 **FRANCIS AND OUACHITA NATIONAL FOR-**
3 **ESTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture (re-
5 ferred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) may, under such
6 terms and conditions as the Secretary may prescribe, sell
7 or exchange any right, title, and interest of the United
8 States in and to the following National Forest System
9 land and improvements:

10 (1) In the Ouachita National Forest—

11 (A) tract 1, “Work Center and two Resi-
12 dences” (approximately 12.4 acres), as identi-
13 fied on the map entitled “Ouachita National
14 Forest, Waldron, Arkansas, Work Center and
15 Residences” and dated July 26, 2000;

16 (B) tract 2, “Work Center” (approximately
17 10 acres), as identified on the map entitled
18 “Ouachita National Forest, Booneville, Arkan-
19 sas, Work Center” and dated July 26, 2000;

20 (C) tract 3, “Residence” (approximately ½
21 acre), as identified on the map entitled
22 “Ouachita National Forest, Glenwood, Arkan-
23 sas, Residence” and dated July 26, 2000;

24 (D) tract 4, “Work Center” (approxi-
25 mately 10.12 acres), as identified on the map
26 entitled “Ouachita National Forest, Thornburg,

1 Arkansas, Work Center” and dated July 26,
2 2000;

3 (E) tract 5, “Office Building” (approxi-
4 mately 1.5 acres), as identified on the map enti-
5 tled “Ouachita National Forest, Perryville, Ar-
6 kansas, Office Building” and dated July 26,
7 2000;

8 (F) tract 6, “Several Buildings, Including
9 Office Space and Equipment Depot” (approxi-
10 mately 3 acres), as identified on the map enti-
11 tled “Ouachita National Forest, Hot Springs,
12 Arkansas, Buildings” and dated July 26, 2000;

13 (G) tract 7, “Isolated Forestland” (ap-
14 proximately 120 acres), as identified on the
15 map entitled “Ouachita National Forest, Sun-
16 shine, Arkansas, Isolated Forestland” and
17 dated July 26, 2000;

18 (H) tract 8, “Isolated Forestland” (ap-
19 proximately 40 acres), as identified on the map
20 entitled “Ouachita National Forest, Sunshine,
21 Arkansas, Isolated Forestland” and dated July
22 26, 2000;

23 (I) tract 9, “Three Residences” (approxi-
24 mately 9.89 acres), as identified on the map en-
25 titled “Ouachita National Forest, Heavener,

1 Oklahoma, Three Residences” and dated July
2 26, 2000;

3 (J) tract 10, “Work Center” (approxi-
4 mately 38.91 acres), as identified on the map
5 entitled “Ouachita National Forest, Heavener,
6 Oklahoma, Work Center” and dated July 26,
7 2000;

8 (K) tract 11, “Residence #1” (approxi-
9 mately 0.45 acres), as identified on the map en-
10 titled “Ouachita National Forest, Talihina,
11 Oklahoma, Residence #1” and dated July 26,
12 2000;

13 (L) tract 12, “Residence #2” (approxi-
14 mately 0.21 acres), as identified on the map en-
15 titled “Ouachita National Forest, Talihina,
16 Oklahoma, Residence #2” and dated July 26,
17 2000;

18 (M) tract 13, “Work Center” (approxi-
19 mately 5 acres), as identified on the map enti-
20 tled “Ouachita National Forest, Big Cedar,
21 Oklahoma, Work Center” and dated July 26,
22 2000;

23 (N) tract 14, “Residence” (approximately
24 0.5 acres), as identified on the map entitled

1 “Ouachita National Forest, Idabel, Oklahoma,
2 Residence” and dated July 26, 2000;

3 (O) tract 15, “Residence and Work Cen-
4 ter” (approximately 40 acres), as identified on
5 the map entitled “Ouachita National Forest,
6 Idabel, Oklahoma, Residence and Work Center”
7 and dated July 26, 2000; and

8 (P) tract 16, “Isolated Forestland” at sec.
9 30, T. 2 S., R. 25 W. (approximately 2.08
10 acres), as identified on the map entitled
11 “Ouachita National Forest, Mt. Ida, Arkansas,
12 Isolated Forestland” and dated August 27,
13 2001.

14 (2) In the Ozark-St. Francis National Forest—

15 (A) tract 1, “Tract 750, District 1, Two
16 Residences, Administrative Office” (approxi-
17 mately 8.96 acres), as identified on the map en-
18 titled “Ozark-St. Francis National Forest,
19 Mountain View, Arkansas, Tract 750, District
20 1, Two Residences, Administrative Office” and
21 dated July 26, 2000;

22 (B) tract 2, “Tract 2736, District 5,
23 Mountainburg Work Center” (approximately
24 1.61 acres), as identified on the map entitled
25 “Ozark-St. Francis National Forest,

1 Mountainburg, Arkansas, Tract 2736, District
2 5, Mountainburg Work Center” and dated July
3 26, 2000;

4 (C) tract 3, “Tract 2686, District 6,
5 House” (approximately 0.31 acres), as identi-
6 fied on the map entitled “Ozark-St. Francis
7 National Forest, Paris, Arkansas, Tract 2686,
8 District 6 House” and dated July 26, 2000;

9 (D) tract 4, “Tract 2807, District 6,
10 House” (approximately 0.25 acres), as identi-
11 fied on the map entitled “Ozark-St. Francis
12 National Forest, Paris, Arkansas, Tract 2807,
13 District 6, House” and dated July 26, 2000;

14 (E) tract 5, “Tract 2556, District 3, Dover
15 Work Center” (approximately 2.0 acres), as
16 identified on the map entitled “Ozark-St.
17 Francis National Forest, Dover, Arkansas,
18 Tract 2556, District 3, Dover Work Center”
19 and dated July 26, 2000;

20 (F) tract 6, “Tract 2735, District 2,
21 House” (approximately 0.514 acres), as identi-
22 fied on the map entitled “Ozark-St. Francis
23 National Forest, Jasper, Arkansas, Tract 2735,
24 District 2, House” and dated July 26, 2000;
25 and

1 (G) tract 7, “Tract 2574, District 2,
2 House” (approximately 0.75 acres), as identi-
3 fied on the map entitled “Ozark-St. Francis
4 National Forest, Jasper, Arkansas, Tract 2574,
5 District 2, House” and dated July 26, 2000.

6 (b) APPLICABLE AUTHORITIES.—Except as other-
7 wise provided in this Act, any sale or exchange of land
8 described in subsection (a) shall be subject to laws (includ-
9 ing regulations) applicable to the conveyance and acquisi-
10 tion of land for National Forest System purposes.

11 (c) CASH EQUALIZATION.—Notwithstanding any
12 other provision of law, the Secretary may accept cash
13 equalization payments in excess of 25 percent of the total
14 value of the land described in subsection (a) from any ex-
15 change under subsection (a).

16 (d) SOLICITATIONS OF OFFERS.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out this Act, the
18 Secretary may use solicitations of offers for sale or
19 exchange under this Act on such terms and condi-
20 tions as the Secretary may prescribe.

21 (2) REJECTION OF OFFERS.—The Secretary
22 may reject any offer under this Act if the Secretary
23 determines that the offer is not adequate or not in
24 the public interest.

1 **SEC. 2. DISPOSITION OF FUNDS.**

2 Any funds received by the Secretary through sale or
3 by cash equalization from an exchange—

4 (1) shall be deposited into the fund established
5 by Public Law 90–171 (commonly known as the
6 “Sisk Act”) (16 U.S.C. 484a); and

7 (2) shall be available for expenditure, without
8 further Act of appropriation, for the acquisition,
9 construction, or improvement of administrative fa-
10 cilities, land, or interests in land for the national
11 forests in the States of Arkansas and Oklahoma.

12 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

13 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
14 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

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