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# H. R. 1469

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 5, 2005

Mr. OTTER (for himself and Mr. SIMPSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## 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. PAYMENT FOR ENTITLEMENT LAND.**

4       Not later than 2 years after the date of the enact-  
5       ment of this Act, to the extent that funds are made avail-  
6       able through Acts of appropriation, the Secretary of the  
7       Interior shall make full payment to each unit of general

1 local government in which entitlement land is located, as  
2 set forth in chapter 69 of title 31, United States Code.

3 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF LAND IN LIEU OF PAYMENT.**

4 (a) CONVEYANCE OF LAND.—If funds are not appro-  
5 priated in amounts required for the Secretary of the Inte-  
6 rior to make full payment to a local entity as required  
7 under section 1, the Secretary shall convey to that local  
8 government entity Federal land with a fair market value  
9 equal to the deficiency in the payment required under sec-  
10 tion 1.

11 (b) CHOICE OF LAND.—A local government to which  
12 land is conveyed under subsection (a) may choose the Fed-  
13 eral land to be conveyed from Federal land within the geo-  
14 graphic boundary of that local government. Federal land  
15 may not be chosen for conveyance under this section if  
16 such land is within one of the following:

- 17 (1) A unit of the National Park System.  
18 (2) A National Wilderness Area.  
19 (3) A unit of the National Wildlife Refuge Sys-  
20 tem.

21 (c) CONVEYANCE WITHIN 90 DAYS.—Conveyances  
22 under this section shall be completed not more than 90  
23 days after the Secretary of the Interior receives written  
24 notification of the selection from the local government.

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