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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. INHOFE 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Help to Access Land
5 for the Education of Scouts” or “HALE Scouts Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDING.**

7 Congress finds that it is in the public interest to pro-
8 vide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the

1 Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma to the Indian Na-
2 tions Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of America, in ex-
3 change for consideration equal to the amount of the mar-
4 ket value of the land.

5 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

6 In this Act:

7 (1) COUNCIL.—The term “Council” means the
8 Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of
9 America.

10 (2) FOREST.—The term “Forest” means the
11 Ouachita National Forest in the State of Oklahoma.

12 (3) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-
13 titled “Boy Scout Land Request—Ouachita NF”.

14 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
15 the Secretary of Agriculture.

16 **SEC. 4. LAND CONVEYANCE, OUACHITA NATIONAL FOREST,**
17 **OKLAHOMA.**

18 (a) CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing
20 rights, the Secretary shall convey to the Council, by
21 quitclaim deed, all right, title, and interest of the
22 United States in and to the National Forest System
23 land described in subsection (b).

24 (2) EXCLUSION.—The conveyance under para-
25 graph (1) shall exclude any land located within the

1 Indian Nations National Scenic and Wildlife Area
2 designated by section 10 of the Winding Stair
3 Mountain National Recreation and Wilderness Area
4 Act (16 U.S.C. 460vv–8).

5 (b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The National Forest
6 System land referred to in subsection (a) consists of the
7 approximately 140 acres of land in the Forest, depending
8 on the final measurement of the road set back and the
9 actual size of the affected sections, as depicted on the
10 map.

11 (c) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map shall be on file
12 and available for public inspection in the Forest Service
13 regional office in Atlanta, Georgia.

14 (d) AMOUNT OF CONSIDERATION.—As consideration
15 for the land conveyed under subsection (a), the Council
16 shall pay to the Secretary an amount equal to the fair
17 market value of the land, as determined by an appraisal
18 conducted in accordance with subsection (f)(2).

19 (e) USE OF PROCEEDS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Amounts received under
21 subsection (d) shall be deposited in the fund estab-
22 lished by Public Law 90–171 (commonly known as
23 the “Sisk Act”) (16 U.S.C. 484a).

24 (2) ACQUISITION OF LAND.—Amounts depos-
25 ited under paragraph (1) shall be available to the

1 Secretary, without further appropriation, to acquire
2 land and interests in land in the Forest.

3 (f) SURVEY AND APPRAISALS.—

4 (1) SURVEY.—The exact acreage and legal de-
5 scription of the land to be conveyed under subsection
6 (a) shall be determined by a survey that is satisfac-
7 tory to the Secretary.

8 (2) APPRAISAL.—The appraisal required under
9 subsection (d) shall be—

10 (A) conducted in accordance with—

11 (i) the Uniform Appraisal Standards
12 for Federal Land Acquisitions; and

13 (ii) section 206 of the Federal Land
14 Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43
15 U.S.C. 1716); and

16 (B) approved by the Secretary.

17 (3) COSTS.—The Council shall pay the reason-
18 able costs of any survey, appraisal, and administra-
19 tive analyses required by law for the conveyance.

20 (g) ACCESS.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Access to the land conveyed
22 under subsection (a) shall be via the adjacent land
23 of the Council or a successor of the Council.

24 (2) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding section
25 1323(a) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Con-

1 reservation Act (16 U.S.C. 3210(a)), the Secretary
2 shall not be required to provide additional access to
3 the conveyed land.

4 (h) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The
5 conveyance under subsection (b) shall be subject to any
6 terms and conditions that the Secretary determines to be
7 in the public interest, including the reservation of access
8 rights to the conveyed land for administrative purposes.

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