

113TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3960

To provide for an exchange of administrative jurisdiction between the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of Agriculture involving certain Federal property administered as part of the Chattahoochee National Forest, but permitted to the Secretary of the Army for Camp Frank D. Merrill, and certain Army Corps of Engineers property adjacent to Lake Lanier in Gainesville, Georgia.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 29, 2014

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Armed Services, 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. TRANSFERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDIC-**
2 **TION, CAMP FRANK D. MERRILL AND LAKE**
3 **LANIER, GEORGIA.**

4 (a) TRANSFERS REQUIRED.—

5 (1) CAMP FRANK D. MERRILL.—Not later than
6 December 31, 2014, the Secretary of Agriculture
7 shall transfer to the administrative jurisdiction of
8 the Secretary of the Army for required Army force
9 protection measures certain Federal land adminis-
10 tered as part of the Chattahoochee National Forest,
11 but permitted to the Secretary of the Army for
12 Camp Frank D. Merrill in Dahlonega, Georgia, con-
13 sisting of approximately 282.304 acres identified in
14 the permit numbered 0018–01.

15 (2) LAKE LANIER PROPERTY.—In exchange for
16 the land transferred under paragraph (1), the Sec-
17 retary of the Army (acting through the Chief of En-
18 gineers) shall transfer to the administrative jurisdic-
19 tion of the Secretary of Agriculture certain Federal
20 land administered by the Army Corps of Engineers
21 and consisting of approximately 10 acres adjacent to
22 Lake Lanier at 372 Dunlap Landing Road, Gaines-
23 ville, Georgia.

24 (b) USE OF TRANSFERRED LAND.—

25 (1) CAMP FRANK D. MERRILL.—Upon receipt of
26 the land under subsection (a)(1), the Secretary of

1 the Army shall continue to use the land for military
2 purposes.

3 (2) LAKE LANIER PROPERTY.—Upon receipt of
4 the land under subsection (a)(2), the Secretary of
5 Agriculture shall use the land for administrative
6 purposes.

7 (c) PROTECTION OF THE ETOWAH DARTER AND
8 HOLIDAY DARTER.—Nothing in the transfer required by
9 subsection (a)(1) shall affect the prior designation of lands
10 within the Chattahoochee National Forest as critical habi-
11 tat for the Etowah darter (*Etheostoma etowahae*) and the
12 Holiday darter (*Etheostoma brevirostrum*).

13 (d) LEGAL DESCRIPTION AND MAP.—

14 (1) PREPARATION AND PUBLICATION.—The
15 Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of Agri-
16 culture shall publish in the Federal Register a legal
17 description and map of both parcels of land to be
18 transferred under subsection (a).

19 (2) FORCE OF LAW.—The legal description and
20 map filed under paragraph (1) for a parcel of land
21 shall have the same force and effect as if included
22 in this Act, except that the Secretaries may correct
23 errors in the legal description and map.

24 (e) REIMBURSEMENTS OF COSTS.—The transfers re-
25 quired by subsection (a) shall be made without reimburse-

1 ment, except that the Secretary of the Army shall reim-
2 burse the Secretary of Agriculture for any costs incurred
3 by the Secretary of Agriculture to assist in the preparation
4 of the legal description and maps required by subsection
5 (d).

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