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S. 2603

To provide for the conveyance of certain National Forest System land in the State of Louisiana.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. VITTER 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 “Kisatchie National
5 Forest Land Conveyance Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDING.**

7 Congress finds that it is in the public interest to au-
8 thorize the conveyance of certain Federal land in the
9 Kisatchie National Forest in the State of Louisiana for
10 market value consideration.

1 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) COLLINS CAMP PROPERTIES.—The term
4 “Collins Camp Properties” means Collins Camp
5 Properties, Inc., a corporation incorporated under
6 the laws of the State.

7 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
8 the Secretary of Agriculture.

9 (3) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
10 of Louisiana.

11 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF CONVEYANCES.**

12 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing
14 rights and subsection (b), the Secretary may convey
15 the Federal land described in paragraph (2) by quit-
16 claim deed at public or private sale, including com-
17 petitive sale by auction, bid, or other methods.

18 (2) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The Federal land
19 referred to in paragraph (1) consists of—

20 (A) all Federal land within sec. 9, T. 10
21 N., R. 5 W., Winn Parish, Louisiana; and

22 (B) a 2.16-acre parcel of Federal land lo-
23 cated in the SW¹/₄ of sec. 4, T. 10 N., R. 5 W.,
24 Winn Parish, Louisiana, as depicted on a cer-
25 tificate of survey dated March 7, 2007, by Glen
26 L. Cannon, P.L.S. 4436.

1 (b) FIRST RIGHT OF PURCHASE.—Subject to valid
2 existing rights and section 6, during the 1-year period be-
3 ginning on the date of enactment of this Act, on the provi-
4 sion of consideration by the Collins Camp Properties to
5 the Secretary, the Secretary shall convey, by quitclaim
6 deed, to Collins Camp Properties all right, title and inter-
7 est of the United States in and to—

8 (1) not more than 47.92 acres of Federal land
9 comprising the Collins Campsites within sec. 9, T.
10 10 N., R. 5 W., in Winn Parish, Louisiana, as gen-
11 erally depicted on a certificate of survey dated Feb-
12 ruary 28, 2007, by Glen L. Cannon, P.L.S. 4436;
13 and

14 (2) the parcel of Federal land described in sub-
15 section (a)(2)(B).

16 (c) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Secretary may—

17 (1) configure the Federal land to be conveyed
18 under this Act—

19 (A) to maximize the marketability of the
20 conveyance; or

21 (B) to achieve management objectives; and

22 (2) establish any terms and conditions for the
23 conveyances under this Act that the Secretary deter-
24 mines to be in the public interest.

1 (d) CONSIDERATION.—Consideration for a convey-
 2 ance of Federal land under this Act shall be—

3 (1) in the form of cash; and

4 (2) in an amount equal to the market value of
 5 the Federal land being conveyed, as determined
 6 under subsection (e).

7 (e) MARKET VALUE.—The market value of the Fed-
 8 eral land conveyed under this Act shall be determined—

9 (1) in the case of Federal land conveyed under
 10 subsection (b), by an appraisal that is—

11 (A) conducted in accordance with the Uni-
 12 form Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Ac-
 13 quisitions; and

14 (B) approved by the Secretary; or

15 (2) if conveyed by a method other than the
 16 methods described in subsection (b), by competitive
 17 sale.

18 (f) HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—In any conveyance of Fed-
 20 eral land under this Act, the Secretary shall meet
 21 disclosure requirements for hazardous substances,
 22 but shall otherwise not be required to remediate or
 23 abate the substances.

24 (2) EFFECT.—Nothing in this section otherwise
 25 affects the application of the Comprehensive Envi-

1 ronmental Response, Compensation, and Liability
 2 Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.) to the convey-
 3 ances of Federal land.

4 **SEC. 5. PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF LAND.**

5 (a) DEPOSIT OF RECEIPTS.—The Secretary shall de-
 6 posit the proceeds of a conveyance of Federal land under
 7 section 4 in the fund established under Public Law 90–
 8 171 (commonly known as the “Sisk Act”) (16 U.S.C.
 9 484a).

10 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts deposited under sub-
 11 section (a) shall be available to the Secretary until ex-
 12 pended, without further appropriation, for the acquisition
 13 of land and interests in land in the Kisatchie National
 14 Forest in the State.

15 **SEC. 6. ADMINISTRATION.**

16 (a) COSTS.—As a condition of a conveyance of Fed-
 17 eral land to Collins Camp Properties under section 4, the
 18 Secretary shall require Collins Camp Properties to pay at
 19 closing—

20 (1) reasonable appraisal costs; and

21 (2) the cost of any administrative and environ-
 22 mental analyses required by law (including regula-
 23 tions).

24 (b) PERMITS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—An offer by Collins Camp
2 Properties for the acquisition of the Federal land
3 under section 4 shall be accompanied by a written
4 statement from each holder of a Forest Service spe-
5 cial use authorization with respect to the Federal
6 land that specifies that the holder agrees to relin-
7 quish the special use authorization on the convey-
8 ance of the Federal land to Collins Camp Properties.

9 (2) SPECIAL USE AUTHORIZATIONS.—If any
10 holder of a special use authorization described in
11 paragraph (1) fails to provide a written authoriza-
12 tion in accordance with that paragraph, the Sec-
13 retary shall require, as a condition of the convey-
14 ance, that Collins Camp Properties administer the
15 special use authorization according to the terms of
16 the special use authorization until the date on which
17 the special use authorization expires.

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