

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5299

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to transfer to Scenic Rivers Development Alliance certain National Forest System land in the State of Mississippi.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 2018

Mr. HARPER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Agriculture

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 “Okhissa Lake Rural
5 Economic Development Land Conveyance Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. OKHISSA LAKE RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
7 **LAND CONVEYANCE.**

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) ALLIANCE.—The term “Alliance” means
2 the Scenic Rivers Development Alliance.

3 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
4 the Secretary of Agriculture.

5 (b) REQUEST.—Subject to the requirements of this
6 section, if the Alliance submits a written request for con-
7 veyance by not later than 180 days after the date of enact-
8 ment of this Act, the Secretary shall convey to the Alliance
9 all right, title, and interest of the United States in and
10 to the National Forest System land described in sub-
11 section (c).

12 (c) DESCRIPTION OF NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM
13 LAND.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
15 the National Forest System land referred to in sub-
16 section (b) is the approximately 150 acres of real
17 property located in sec. 6, T. 5 N. R. 4 E., Franklin
18 County, Mississippi, and further described as—

19 (A) the portion of the NW¹/₄ NW¹/₄ lying
20 south of the south boundary of Berrytown
21 Road;

22 (B) the portion of the W¹/₂ NE¹/₄ NW¹/₄
23 lying south of the south boundary of Berrytown
24 Road;

1 (C) the portion of the SW¹/₄ NW¹/₄ lying
 2 east of the east boundary of U.S. Highway 98;

3 (D) the W¹/₂ SE¹/₄ NW¹/₄;

4 (E) the portion of the NW¹/₄ SW¹/₄ lying
 5 east of the east boundary of U.S. Highway 98;

6 (F) the portion of the NE¹/₄ SW¹/₄ com-
 7 mencing at the southwest corner of the NE¹/₄
 8 SW¹/₄, said point being the point of beginning,
 9 thence running east 330 feet along the south
 10 boundary of the NE¹/₄ SW¹/₄ to a point in Lake
 11 Okhissa, thence running northeasterly to a
 12 point in Lake Okhissa on the east boundary of
 13 the NE¹/₄ SW¹/₄ 330 feet south of the north-
 14 east corner thereof, thence running north 330
 15 feet along the east boundary of the NE¹/₄
 16 SW¹/₄ to the northeast corner thereof, thence
 17 running west along the north boundary of the
 18 NE¹/₄ SW¹/₄ to the NW corner thereof; thence
 19 running south along the west boundary of the
 20 NE¹/₄ SW¹/₄ to the point of beginning; and

21 (G) the portion of the SE¹/₄ SE¹/₄ NW¹/₄
 22 commencing at the southeast corner of the
 23 SE¹/₄ NW¹/₄, said point being the point of be-
 24 ginning, and running northwesterly to the
 25 northwest corner of the SE¹/₄ SE¹/₄ NW¹/₄,

1 thence running south along the west boundary
2 of the SE¹/₄ SE¹/₄ NW¹/₄ to the southwest cor-
3 ner thereof, thence running east along the
4 south boundary of the SE¹/₄ SE¹/₄ NW¹/₄ to the
5 point of beginning.

6 (2) SURVEY.—The exact acreage and legal de-
7 scription of the National Forest System land to be
8 conveyed under this section shall be determined by
9 a survey satisfactory to the Secretary.

10 (d) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The conveyance
11 under this section shall be—

12 (1) made—

13 (A) without consideration; and

14 (B) by quitclaim deed; and

15 (2) subject to—

16 (A) valid existing rights; and

17 (B) such other terms and conditions as the
18 Secretary considers to be appropriate to protect
19 the interests of the United States.

20 (e) COSTS.—As a condition for the conveyance under
21 this section, the Alliance shall pay for all costs associated
22 with the conveyance, including for any survey under sub-
23 section (c)(2).

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