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S. 2424

To require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain Federal land to facilitate scientific research supporting Federal space and defense programs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HATCH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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. LAND CONVEYANCE, WASATCH-CACHE NA-**
4 **TIONAL FOREST, RICH COUNTY, UTAH.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) FOUNDATION.—The term “Foundation”
7 means the Utah State University Research Founda-
8 tion.

9 (2) PARCEL.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “Parcel”
 2 means the approximately 80 acres of real prop-
 3 erty located—

4 (i) outside the boundaries of Wasatch-
 5 Cache National Forest in Rich County,
 6 Utah; and

7 (ii) within secs. 19 and 30, T. 14 N.,
 8 R. 5 E., Salt Lake Base and Meridian.

9 (B) INCLUSION.—The term “Parcel” in-
 10 cludes any improvement on the property de-
 11 scribed in subparagraph (A), as of the date of
 12 enactment of this Act.

13 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
 14 the Secretary of Agriculture.

15 (b) CONVEYANCE.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (c)
 17 and valid existing rights, not later than 180 days
 18 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
 19 retary shall convey to the Foundation, without con-
 20 sideration, all right, title, and interest of the United
 21 States in and to the Parcel, for use by the Founda-
 22 tion for scientific and educational purposes.

23 (2) SURVEY.—The exact acreage and legal de-
 24 scription of the Parcel shall be determined by a sur-
 25 vey satisfactory to the Secretary.

1 (3) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—

2 The Secretary may require such additional terms
3 and conditions in connection with the conveyance
4 under this subsection as the Secretary considers to
5 be appropriate to protect the interests of the United
6 States.

7 (c) REVERSIONARY INTEREST.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—If at any time the Secretary
9 determines in accordance with paragraph (2) that
10 the Parcel is not being used in accordance with the
11 purposes described in subsection (b)(1)—

12 (A) all right, title, and interest in and to
13 the Parcel (including any improvements on the
14 Parcel as of the date of the determination) shall
15 revert to, at the option of the Secretary, and
16 become the property of, the United States; and

17 (B) the United States shall have the right
18 of immediate entry onto the Parcel.

19 (2) DETERMINATION.—A determination by the
20 Secretary under this subsection shall be made—

21 (A) on the record; and

22 (B) after an opportunity for a hearing.

23 (d) COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.—

24 (1) PAYMENT BY FOUNDATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), as a condition of the conveyance under this section, the Foundation shall pay, or (if applicable) reimburse the Secretary for, the costs of the conveyance, including any—

(i) survey costs;

(ii) costs for environmental documentation; and

(iii) other related administrative costs.

(B) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary shall pay the costs of any environmental remediation of the Parcel.

(C) REFUND OF EXCESS.—The Secretary shall refund to the Foundation, if applicable, an amount equal to the difference between—

(i) the amounts collected by the Secretary from the Foundation in advance of the incurrence by the Secretary of a cost under subparagraph (A); and

(ii) the amount of such a cost actually incurred by the Secretary.

(2) TREATMENT OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED.—Any amounts received as reimbursement under paragraph (1)(A) shall be—

1 (A) credited to the fund or account that
2 was used by the Secretary to cover the applica-
3 ble costs of the conveyance under this section;

4 (B) merged with the amounts in that fund
5 or account; and

6 (C) available for the same purposes, and
7 subject to the same conditions and limitations,
8 as amounts in the fund or account.

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