

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 401

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to release reversionary and reserved interests in certain lands within the Coconino National Forest, Arizona.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. O'HALLERAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Lowell Observatory
5 Conveyance Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) OBSERVATORY.—The term “Observatory”
9 means Lowell Observatory of Flagstaff, Arizona.

1 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the
3 Chief of the Forest Service.

4 **SEC. 3. RELEASE OF REVERSIONARY AND RESERVED IN-**
5 **TERESTS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
7 if the Observatory makes a written request to the Sec-
8 retary not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
9 of this Act requesting conveyance of the National Forest
10 System land described in subsection (b), the Secretary
11 shall convey, without consideration and by quitclaim deed,
12 to the Observatory all right, title, and interest of the
13 United States in and to the parcel of land described in
14 subsection (b).

15 (b) LAND SPECIFIED.—The parcel of National For-
16 est System land to be conveyed under subsection (a) is
17 the land—

18 (1) conveyed by the United States to Percival
19 Lowell and his heirs by the Act of May 30, 1910 (36
20 Stat. 452); and

21 (2) described as section 17, Township 21 north
22 of range 7 east of the Gila and Salt River base and
23 meridian in Coconino County, Arizona.

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