

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3076

AN ACT

To release a federal reversionary interest in Chester County, Tennessee, to manage certain Federal land in Bath County, Virginia, and for other purposes.

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. CHESTER COUNTY REVERSIONARY INTEREST**

2 **RELEASE.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
5 the Secretary of Agriculture.

6 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
7 of Tennessee.

8 (3) STATE FOREST LAND.—The term “State
9 forest land” means the approximately 0.62-acre par-
10 cel of land in Chickasaw State Forest that is identi-
11 fied as “State Forest Land” on the map prepared
12 by the Forest Service entitled “State Forest Land
13 Detail Map” and dated December 13, 2019.

14 (4) WEBB PROPERTY.—The term “Webb prop-
15 erty” means the approximately 0.90-acre parcel of
16 land owned by Kirby and Leta Webb identified as
17 “Webb Property Lot 1” on the map entitled “Webb
18 Property Detail Map” and dated December 13,
19 2019.

20 (b) RELEASE OF REVERSIONARY INTEREST.—

21 (1) RELEASE.—On the transfer of ownership of
22 the Webb property to the State for inclusion in the
23 Chickasaw State Forest and the transfer of the
24 State forest land to the State or a non-State entity,
25 by request of the State, the Secretary shall release
26 to the State, without consideration, the reversionary

1 interest of the United States in and to the State for-
 2 est land described in paragraph (2).

3 (2) DESCRIPTION OF REVERSIONARY INTER-
 4 EST.—The reversionary interest referred to in para-
 5 graph (1) is the reversionary interest of the United
 6 States in and to the State forest land that—

7 (A) requires that the State forest land be
 8 used for public purposes; and

9 (B) is contained in a deed—

10 (i) granting from the United States to
 11 the State the State forest land;

12 (ii) dated August 12, 1955; and

13 (iii) registered on pages 588 through
 14 591 of book 48 of the record of deeds for
 15 Chester County, Tennessee.

16 (c) SALE OF MINERAL RIGHTS.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to any valid existing
 18 rights of third parties, as soon as practicable after
 19 the date on which all actions described in subsection
 20 (b)(1) have been carried out, the Secretary shall
 21 offer to sell to the State the undivided mineral inter-
 22 ests of the United States in and to the State forest
 23 land.

24 (2) TERMS OF SALE.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180
2 days after the date of enactment of this Act,
3 the Secretary shall determine—

4 (i) the mineral character of the State
5 forest land; and

6 (ii) the market value of the mineral
7 interests referred to in paragraph (1), as
8 determined by an appraisal conducted in
9 accordance with subparagraph (C).

10 (B) PAYMENT OF COSTS.—As a condition
11 of any sale under this subsection, the State
12 shall pay to the United States—

13 (i) any administrative costs incurred
14 by the United States in selling to the State
15 the mineral interests referred to in para-
16 graph (1), including the costs incurred by
17 the Secretary in making the determina-
18 tions required under subparagraph (A);
19 and

20 (ii) an amount equal to the market
21 value of the mineral interests referred to in
22 paragraph (1), as determined under sub-
23 paragraph (A)(ii).

(C) APPRAISAL REQUIREMENTS.—An appraisal conducted under subparagraph (A)(ii) shall be—

(i) consistent with the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions and the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice; and

(ii) subject to the approval of the Secretary.

SEC. 2. ADDITIONS TO ROUGH MOUNTAIN AND RICH HOLE WILDERNESSES.

(a) ROUGH MOUNTAIN ADDITION.—Section 1 of Public Law 100–326 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; 102 Stat. 584; 114 Stat. 2057; 123 Stat. 1002) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(21) ROUGH MOUNTAIN ADDITION.—Certain land in the George Washington National Forest comprising approximately 1,000 acres, as generally depicted as the ‘Rough Mountain Addition’ on the map entitled ‘GEORGE WASHINGTON NATIONAL FOREST – South half – Alternative I – Selected Alternative Management Prescriptions – Land and Resources Management Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement’ and dated March 4,

1 2014, which is incorporated in the Rough Mountain
2 Wilderness Area designated by paragraph (1).”.

3 (b) RICH HOLE ADDITION.—

4 (1) POTENTIAL WILDERNESS DESIGNATION.—

5 In furtherance of the purposes of the Wilderness Act
6 (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), certain land in the George
7 Washington National Forest comprising approxi-
8 mately 4,600 acres, as generally depicted as the
9 “Rich Hole Addition” on the map entitled
10 “GEORGE WASHINGTON NATIONAL FOREST
11 – South half – Alternative I – Selected Alternative
12 Management Prescriptions – Land and Resources
13 Management Plan Final Environmental Impact
14 Statement” and dated March 4, 2014, is designated
15 as a potential wilderness area for incorporation in
16 the Rich Hole Wilderness Area designated by section
17 1(2) of Public Law 100–326 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note;
18 102 Stat. 584; 114 Stat. 2057; 123 Stat. 1002).

19 (2) WILDERNESS DESIGNATION.—The potential
20 wilderness area designated by paragraph (1) shall be
21 designated as wilderness and incorporated in the
22 Rich Hole Wilderness Area designated by section
23 1(2) of Public Law 100–326 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note;
24 102 Stat. 584; 114 Stat. 2057; 123 Stat. 1002) on
25 the earlier of—

(A) the date on which the Secretary publishes in the Federal Register notice that the activities permitted under paragraph (4) have been completed; or

(B) the date that is 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

(3) MANAGEMENT.—Except as provided in paragraph (4), the Secretary shall manage the potential wilderness area designated by paragraph (1) in accordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.).

(4) WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITIES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—To enhance natural ecosystems within the potential wilderness area designated by paragraph (1) by implementing certain activities to improve water quality and aquatic passage, as set forth in the Forest Service document entitled “Decision Notice for the Lower Cowpasture Restoration and Management Project” and dated December 2015, the Secretary may use motorized equipment and mechanized transport in the potential wilderness area until the date on which the potential wilderness area is incorporated into the

1 Rich Hole Wilderness Area under paragraph
2 (2).

3 (B) REQUIREMENT.—In carrying out sub-
4 paragraph (A), the Secretary, to the maximum
5 extent practicable, shall use the minimum tool
6 or administrative practice necessary to carry
7 out that subparagraph with the least amount of
8 adverse impact on wilderness character and re-
9 sources.

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Attest:

Secretary.

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