

(3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Commerce.

SEC. 403. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR SUBSISTENCE WHALE HUNTERS.

Notwithstanding any provision of law, the use of a vessel to tow a whale taken in a traditional subsistence whale hunt permitted by Federal law and conducted in waters off the coast of Alaska is authorized, if such towing is performed upon a request for emergency assistance made by a subsistence whale hunting organization formally recognized by an agency of the United States Government, or made by a member of such an organization, to prevent the loss of a whale.

Mr. HANSEN. (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment in the nature of a substitute be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Utah?

There was no objection.

The amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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ADJUSTING BOUNDARIES OF SALT RIVER BAY NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK AND ECOLOGICAL PRESERVE

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Resources be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5097) to adjust the boundaries of the Salt River Bay National Historical Park and Ecological Preserve located in St. Croix, Virgin Islands, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Utah?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

H.R. 5097

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. BOUNDARIES AMENDED.

Section 103(b) of the Salt River Bay National Historical Park and Ecological Preserve at St. Croix, Virgin Islands, Act of 1992 (16 U.S.C. 410tt-1(b)) is amended—

(1) by striking “The park shall consist” and inserting the following:

“(a) INITIAL BOUNDARIES.—The park shall consist”;

(2) by striking “The map shall be” and inserting the following:

“(c) MAP ON FILE.—The map shall be”; and
(3) by inserting before subsection (c) (as added by paragraph (2) of this section) the following:

“(b) ADDITIONAL LANDS.—In addition to the lands described in subsection (a), the park shall consist of the approximately 28.45 acres depicted on the National Park Service drawing numbered 141-80002 and further described as follows:

“(1) Estate Salt River (Sugar Bay Subdivision) plots 21-37, except plots 29 and 30 and associated road plots (13.25 acres).

“(2) Estate Morning Star plot 14B (15.2 acres).”.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the committee amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Committee amendment: Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

SECTION 1. BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.

The first sentence of section 103(b) of the Salt River Bay National Historical Park and Ecological Preserve at St. Croix, Virgin Islands, Act of 1992 (16 U.S.C. 410tt-1(b)) is amended to read as follows: “The park shall consist of approximately 1015 acres of lands, waters, and interests in lands as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Salt River Bay National Historical Park and Ecological Preserve, St. Croix, U.S.V.I.’, numbered 141/80002, and dated May 2, 2002.”.

Mr. HANSEN (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the committee amendment be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Utah?

There was no objection.

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 2002

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Resources be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5512) to provide for an adjustment of the boundaries of Mount Rainier National Park, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Utah?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

H.R. 5512

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Mount Rainier National Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2002”.

SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) ACQUISITION AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of the Interior may acquire, with the consent of the owners, by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, or exchange, privately owned land depicted on the map entitled “_____”, numbered _____, and dated _____.

(2) LIMITATION.—The total acreage of the land acquired under this subsection and the land transferred to the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior under subsection (b) shall not exceed 1,000 acres.

(3) INCLUSION IN PARK.—Upon the acquisition of property by the Secretary under this subsection—

(A) the boundary of Mount Rainier National Park shall be modified to include the acquired property and to ensure that access over the Carbon River Bridge to National Forest lands is maintained for commercial and other public use; and

(B) the Secretary of the Interior shall administer the acquired property as part of Mount Rainier National Park.

(b) TRANSFER OF NATIONAL FOREST LANDS.—

(1) TRANSFER.—There is transferred to the Secretary of the Interior administrative jurisdiction over National Forest lands depicted on the map referred to in subsection (a)(1).

(2) INCLUSION IN PARK.—Upon the effectiveness of this subsection, the boundary of Mount Rainier National Park shall be modified to include the lands referred to in paragraph (1).

(c) ADMINISTRATIVE SITE.—In addition to lands acquired under subsection (a), in order to provide public information for the visitor accessing public lands along the Carbon and Mowich Corridors, the Secretary of the Interior may acquire land in the vicinity of Wilkeson, Washington, not to exceed .5 acre, by purchase, donation, or exchange, and from willing sellers only.

(d) ADMINISTRATION OF ACQUIRED LANDS.—The Secretary of the Interior shall administer lands acquired under this section as part of Mount Rainier National Park and in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

(e) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map referred to in subsection (a)(1) shall be on file in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service.

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
OFFERED BY MR. HANSEN

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I offer an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by Mr. HANSEN:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Mount Rainier National Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2002”.

SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) ACQUISITION AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of the Interior may acquire, from willing owners only, privately owned land depicted on the map entitled “Mount Rainer National Park FY2004 LWCF Project”, numbered 105/92,002, and dated October 2002. The privately owned land so depicted may be acquired from such willing owners by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, or exchange.

(2) LIMITATION.—The total acreage of the land acquired under this subsection and the land transferred to the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior under subsection (b) shall not exceed 1,000 acres.

(3) INCLUSION IN PARK.—Upon the acquisition of property by the Secretary under this subsection—

(A) the boundary of Mount Rainier National Park shall be modified to include the acquired property and to ensure that access over the Carbon River Bridge to National Forest lands is maintained for commercial and other public use; and

(B) the Secretary of the Interior shall administer the acquired property as part of Mount Rainier National Park.

(b) TRANSFER OF NATIONAL FOREST LANDS.—

(1) **TRANSFER.**—There is transferred to the Secretary of the Interior administrative jurisdiction over National Forest lands depicted on the map referred to in subsection (a)(1).

(2) **INCLUSION IN PARK.**—Upon the effective date of this subsection, the boundary of Mount Rainier National Park shall be modified to include the lands referred to in paragraph (1).

(c) **ADMINISTRATIVE SITE.**—In addition to lands acquired under subsection (a), in order to provide public information for visitors accessing public lands along the Carbon and Mowich Corridors, the Secretary of the Interior may acquire land in the vicinity of Wilkeson, Washington, not to exceed .5 acre, by purchase, donation, or exchange, and from willing owners only.

(d) **ADMINISTRATION OF ACQUIRED LANDS.**—The Secretary of the Interior shall administer lands acquired under this section as part of Mount Rainier National Park and in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

(e) **AVAILABILITY OF MAP.**—The map referred to in subsection (a)(1) shall be on file in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service.

Mr. HANSEN (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment in the nature of a substitute be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Utah?

There was no objection.

The amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

YAVAPAI RANCH LAND EXCHANGE REFINEMENT ACT OF 2002

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Resources be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5513) to authorize and direct the exchange of certain land in the State of Arizona between the Secretary of Agriculture and Yavapai Ranch Limited Partnership, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Utah?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

H.R. 5513

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Yavapai Ranch Land Exchange Refinement Act of 2002”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress finds that—

(1) certain parcels of private land in the approximately 170 square miles of land commonly known as the “Yavapai Ranch” and located in Yavapai County, Arizona, are intermingled with National Forest System land owned by the United States and administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as part of Prescott National Forest;

(2) the private land is owned by the Yavapai Ranch Limited Partnership and the Northern Yavapai, L.L.C. in an intermingled checkerboard pattern, with the United States or Yavapai Ranch Limited Partnership and the Northern Yavapai, L.L.C. owning alternate square mile sections of land or fractions of square mile sections;

(3) much of the private land within the checkerboard area (including the land located in or near the Pine Creek watershed, Juniper Mesa Wilderness Area, Haystack Peak, and the Luis Maria Baca Float No. 5) is located in environmentally sensitive areas that possess outstanding attributes and values for public management, use, and enjoyment, including opportunities for—

(A) outdoor recreation;

(B) preservation of stands of old growth forest;

(C) important and largely unfragmented habitat for antelope, deer, elk, mountain lion, wild turkey, and other wildlife species;

(D) watershed protection and enhancement;

(E) scientific research;

(F) rangeland;

(G) ecological and archaeological resources; and

(H) scenic vistas;

(4) the checkerboard ownership pattern of land within the Yavapai Ranch detracts from sound and efficient management of the intermingled National Forest System land;

(5) if the private land in the checkerboard area is subdivided or developed, the intermingled National Forest System land will become highly fragmented and lose much of the value of the land for wildlife habitat and future public access, use, and enjoyment;

(6) acquisition by the United States of certain parcels of land that have been offered by Yavapai Ranch Limited Partnership and the Northern Yavapai, L.L.C. for addition to Prescott National Forest will serve important public objectives, including—

(A) acquiring private land that meets the criteria for inclusion in the National Forest System in exchange for land with lower public, environmental, and ecological values;

(B) consolidating a large area of National Forest System land to preserve—

(i) permanent public access, use, and enjoyment of the land; and

(ii) efficient management of the land;

(C) minimizing cash outlays by the United States to achieve the objectives described in subparagraphs (A) and (B);

(D) significantly reducing administrative costs to the United States through—

(i) consolidation of Federal land holdings for more efficient land management and planning;

(ii) elimination of approximately 350 miles of boundary between private land and the Federal parcels;

(iii) reduced right-of-way, special use, and other permit processing and issuance for roads and other facilities on National Forest System land; and

(iv) other administrative cost savings;

(E) significantly protecting the watershed and stream flow of the Verde River in Arizona by reducing the land available for future development within that watershed by approximately 25,000 acres; and

(F) conserving the waters of the Verde River through the recording of declarations restricting the use of water on Federal land located near the communities of Camp Verde, Cottonwood and Clarkdale to be exchanged by the United States to Yavapai Ranch Limited Partnership or the Northern Yavapai, L.L.C.;

(7) Yavapai Ranch Limited Partnership and the Northern Yavapai, L.L.C. have selected parcels of National Forest System land that are logical for conveyance to

Yavapai Ranch Limited Partnership or the Northern Yavapai, L.L.C. through a land exchange because the parcels—

(A) are located in less environmentally sensitive areas than the land to be acquired by the United States;

(B) have significantly lower recreational, wildlife, ecological, aesthetic, and other public purpose values than the land to be acquired by the United States; and

(C) are encumbered by special use permits and rights-of-way for a variety of purposes (including summer youth camps, municipal water treatment facilities, sewage treatment facilities, city parks, and airport-related facilities) that—

(i) limit the usefulness of the parcels for general National Forest System purposes; but

(ii) are logical for pass-through conveyances from Yavapai Ranch Limited Partnership and the Northern Yavapai, L.L.C. to the permit or right-of-way holders;

(8) because of residential and ranchette-style subdivisions and developments on land adjacent to the Yavapai Ranch, it is in the interest of the public—

(A) to authorize, direct, facilitate, and expedite the exchange of Federal land and non-Federal land; and

(B) to establish a large consolidated area of National Forest System land; and

(9) without a land exchange, Yavapai Ranch Limited Partnership and the Northern Yavapai, L.L.C. will be forced to initiate development of the non-Federal land.

(b) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose of this Act is to further the public interest by authorizing, directing, facilitating, and expediting the exchange of Federal land and non-Federal land between the United States, Yavapai Ranch Limited Partnership, and the Northern Yavapai, L.L.C.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) **CAMP VERDE DECLARATION.**—The term “Camp Verde Declaration” means the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions executed by Yavapai Ranch Limited Partnership and the Northern Yavapai, L.L.C., on or about August 12, 2002, and recorded in the official records of Yavapai County, Arizona, that is intended to run with the land and imposes certain water use restrictions, water source limitations, and water conservation measures on the future development of the land described in section 4(a)(2)(D).

(2) **COTTONWOOD DECLARATION.**—The term “Cottonwood Declaration” means the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions executed by Yavapai Ranch Limited Partnership and the Northern Yavapai, L.L.C., on or about August 12, 2002, and recorded in the official records of Yavapai County, Arizona, that is intended to run with the land and imposes certain water use restrictions, water source limitations, and water conservation measures on the future development of the land described in section 4(a)(2)(E).

(3) **DECLARATIONS.**—The term “Declarations” collectively means the Camp Verde Declaration and the Cottonwood Declaration, both of which Congress is requiring to be recorded as encumbrances on the Camp Verde Federal land described in section 4(a)(2)(D) and the Cottonwood/Clarkdale Federal land described in section 4(a)(2)(E) in order to conserve water resources in the Verde River Valley, Arizona.

(4) **FEDERAL LAND.**—The term “Federal land” means the land directed for exchange to YRLP in section 4(a)(2).

(5) **MANAGEMENT PLAN.**—The term “Management Plan” means the land and resource management plan for Prescott National Forest.