

Public Law 106-421  
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An Act

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[S. 1705]

Castle Rock  
Ranch  
Acquisition Act of  
2000.  
16 USC 431 note.

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into land exchanges to acquire from the private owner and to convey to the State of Idaho approximately 1,240 acres of land near the City of Rocks National Reserve, Idaho, and for other purposes.

*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 “Castle Rock Ranch Acquisition Act of 2000”.

**SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

In this Act:

(1) MONUMENT.—The term “Monument” means the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument, Idaho, depicted on the National Park Service map numbered 300/80,000, C.O. No. 161, and dated January 7, 1998.

(2) RANCH.—The term “Ranch” means the land comprising approximately 1,240 acres situated outside the boundary of the Reserve, known as the “Castle Rock Ranch”.

(3) RESERVE.—The term “Reserve” means the City of Rocks National Reserve, located near Almo, Idaho, depicted on the National Park Service map numbered 003/80,018, C.O. No. 169, and dated March 25, 1999.

(4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

**SEC. 3. ACQUISITION OF CASTLE ROCK RANCH.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), the Secretary shall acquire, by donation or by purchase with donated or appropriated funds, the Ranch.

(b) CONSENT OF LANDOWNER.—The Secretary shall acquire land under subsection (a) only with the consent of the owner of the land.

**SEC. 4. LAND EXCHANGE.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) FEDERAL AND STATE EXCHANGE.—Subject to subsection (b), on completion of the acquisition under section 3(a), the Secretary shall convey the Ranch to the State of Idaho in exchange for approximately 492.87 acres of land near Hagerman, Idaho, located within the boundary of the Monument.

(2) STATE AND PRIVATE LANDOWNER EXCHANGE.—On completion of the exchange under paragraph (1), the State

of Idaho may exchange portions of the Ranch for private land within the boundaries of the Reserve, with the consent of the owners of the private land.

(b) CONDITION OF EXCHANGE.—As a condition of the land exchange under subsection (a)(1), the State of Idaho shall administer all private land acquired within the Reserve through an exchange under this Act in accordance with title II of the Arizona-Idaho Conservation Act of 1988 (16 U.S.C. 460yy et seq.).

(c) ADMINISTRATION.—State land acquired by the United States in the land exchange under subsection (a)(1) shall be administered by the Secretary as part of the Monument.

(d) NO EXPANSION OF RESERVE.—Acquisition of the Ranch by a Federal or State agency shall not constitute any expansion of the Reserve.

(e) NO EFFECT ON EASEMENTS.—Nothing in this Act affects any easement in existence on the date of enactment of this Act.

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