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[Report No. 110-301]

To provide for the conveyance of certain land in the Santa Fe National Forest, New Mexico.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 2, 2007

Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

APRIL 10, 2008

Reported by Mr. BINGAMAN, with amendments

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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 “Santa Fe National
5 Forest Title Claim Resolution Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) CLAIM.—The term “Claim” means a claim
4 of the Claimants against the United States under—5 ~~(A) the administrative adjudication of Ra-~~
6 ~~mona and Boyd Lawson, IBLA 97-459,~~
7 ~~NMNM-96160, 159 IBLA 184 (June 4, 2003);~~
8 ~~or~~9 ~~(B) section 316 of the Federal Land Policy~~
10 ~~and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.~~
11 ~~1746). of the Claimants to any right, title, or~~
12 ~~interest in any land located in lot 10, sec. 22, T.~~
13 ~~18 N., R. 12 E., New Mexico Principal Merid-~~
14 ~~ian, San Miguel County, New Mexico, except as~~
15 ~~provided in section (3)(a).~~16 (2) CLAIMANTS.—The term “Claimants” means
17 Ramona Lawson and Boyd Lawson.18 ~~(3) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Federal land”~~
19 ~~means a parcel of National Forest System land in~~
20 ~~the Santa Fe National Forest, New Mexico, that~~
21 ~~is—~~22 ~~(A) a portion of the land occupied by im-~~
23 ~~provements that is referred to in the adminis-~~
24 ~~trative adjudication described in paragraph~~
25 ~~(1)(A);~~

1 ~~(B)~~ comprised of approximately 6.20 acres
2 of land;

3 ~~(C)~~ in lot 10, sec. 22, T. 18 N., R. 12 E.,
4 New Mexico Principal Meridian, San Miguel
5 County, New Mexico; and

6 ~~(D)~~ described and delineated in the survey.

7 (3) *FEDERAL LAND.*—The term “Federal land”
8 means a parcel of National Forest System land in the
9 Santa Fe National Forest, New Mexico, that is—

10 (A) comprised of approximately 6.20 acres
11 of land; and

12 (B) described and delineated in the survey.

13 (4) *SECRETARY.*—The term “Secretary” means
14 the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the
15 Forest Service Regional Forester, Southwestern Re-
16 gion.

17 (5) *SURVEY.*—The term “survey” means the
18 survey plat entitled “Boundary Survey and Con-
19 servation Easement Plat”, prepared by Chris A.
20 Chavez, Land Surveyor, Forest Service,
21 NMPLS#12793, and recorded on February 27,
22 2007, at book 55, page 93, of the land records of
23 San Miguel County, New Mexico.

1 **SEC. 3. SANTA FE NATIONAL FOREST LAND CONVEYANCE.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, except as
3 provided in paragraph (1) and subject to valid existing
4 rights, convey and quitclaim to the Claimants all right,
5 title, and interest of the United States in and to the Fed-
6 eral land in exchange for—

7 (1) the grant by the Claimants to the United
8 States of a scenic easement to the Federal land
9 that—

10 (A) protects the purposes for which the
11 Federal land was designated under the Wild
12 and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1271 et seq.);
13 and

14 (B) is determined to be acceptable by the
15 Secretary; and

16 (2) a release of the United States by the Claim-
17 ants of—

18 (A) the Claim; and

19 (B) any additional related claims of the
20 Claimants against the United States.

21 (b) SURVEY.—The Secretary, with the approval of
22 the Claimants, may make minor corrections to the survey
23 and legal description of the Federal land to correct cler-
24 ical, typographical, and surveying errors.

1 (c) SATISFACTION OF CLAIM.—The conveyance of
2 Federal land under subsection (a) shall constitute a full
3 satisfaction of the Claim.

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