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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. ROBERTS, from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, reported the following original bill; which was read twice and placed on the calendar

A BILL

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. CHESTER COUNTY REVERSIONARY INTEREST**

4 **RELEASE.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

3 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
4 of Tennessee.

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

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

17 (b) RELEASE OF REVERSIONARY INTEREST.—

18 (1) RELEASE.—On the transfer of ownership of
19 the Webb property to the State for inclusion in the
20 Chickasaw State Forest and the transfer of the
21 State forest land to the State or a non-State entity,
22 by request of the State, the Secretary shall release
23 to the State, without consideration, the reversionary
24 interest of the United States in and to the State for-
25 est land described in paragraph (2).

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

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

7 (B) is contained in a deed—

8 (i) granting from the United States to
9 the State the State forest land;

10 (ii) dated August 12, 1955; and

11 (iii) registered on pages 588 through
12 591 of book 48 of the record of deeds for
13 Chester County, Tennessee.

14 (c) SALE OF MINERAL RIGHTS.—

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

22 (2) TERMS OF SALE.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180
24 days after the date of enactment of this Act,
25 the Secretary shall determine—

1 (i) the mineral character of the State
2 forest land; and

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

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

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

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

21 (C) APPRAISAL REQUIREMENTS.—An ap-
22 praisal conducted under subparagraph (A)(ii)
23 shall be—

24 (i) consistent with the Uniform Ap-
25 praisal Standards for Federal Land Acqui-

1 sitions and the Uniform Standards of Pro-
2 fessional Appraisal Practice; and
3 (ii) subject to the approval of the Sec-
4 retary.

5 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONS TO ROUGH MOUNTAIN AND RICH HOLE**
6 **WILDERNESSES.**

7 (a) ROUGH MOUNTAIN ADDITION.—Section 1 of
8 Public Law 100–326 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; 102 Stat.
9 584; 114 Stat. 2057; 123 Stat. 1002) is amended by add-
10 ing at the end the following:

11 “(21) ROUGH MOUNTAIN ADDITION.—Certain
12 land in the George Washington National Forest
13 comprising approximately 1,000 acres, as generally
14 depicted as the ‘Rough Mountain Addition’ on the
15 map entitled ‘GEORGE WASHINGTON NA-
16 TIONAL FOREST – South half – Alternative I –
17 Selected Alternative Management Prescriptions –
18 Land and Resources Management Plan Final Envi-
19 ronmental Impact Statement’ and dated March 4,
20 2014, which is incorporated in the Rough Mountain
21 Wilderness Area designated by paragraph (1).”.

22 (b) RICH HOLE ADDITION.—

23 (1) POTENTIAL WILDERNESS DESIGNATION.—
24 In furtherance of the purposes of the Wilderness Act
25 (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), certain land in the George

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

13 (2) WILDERNESS DESIGNATION.—The potential
14 wilderness area designated by paragraph (1) shall be
15 designated as wilderness and incorporated in the
16 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) on
19 the earlier of—

20 (A) the date on which the Secretary pub-
21 lishes in the Federal Register notice that the
22 activities permitted under paragraph (4) have
23 been completed; or

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

1 (3) MANAGEMENT.—Except as provided in
2 paragraph (4), the Secretary shall manage the po-
3 tential wilderness area designated by paragraph (1)
4 in accordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C.
5 1131 et seq.).

6 (4) WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ACTIVI-
7 TIES.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—To enhance natural
9 ecosystems within the potential wilderness area
10 designated by paragraph (1) by implementing
11 certain activities to improve water quality and
12 aquatic passage, as set forth in the Forest
13 Service document entitled “Decision Notice for
14 the Lower Cowpasture Restoration and Man-
15 agement Project” and dated December 2015,
16 the Secretary may use motorized equipment
17 and mechanized transport in the potential wil-
18 derness area until the date on which the poten-
19 tial wilderness area is incorporated into the
20 Rich Hole Wilderness Area under paragraph
21 (2).

22 (B) REQUIREMENT.—In carrying out sub-
23 paragraph (A), the Secretary, to the maximum
24 extent practicable, shall use the minimum tool
25 or administrative practice necessary to carry

1 out that subparagraph with the least amount of
2 adverse impact on wilderness character and re-
3 sources.