

(2) there is strong support among State and local officials, area residents, and river users for a cooperative wild and scenic river study of the area; and

(3) there is a longstanding interest among State and local officials, area residents, and river users in undertaking a concerted cooperative effort to manage the river in a productive and meaningful way.

SEC. 3. DESIGNATION FOR STUDY.

Section 5(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(a)) is amended—

(1) by designating the undesignated paragraph following (135) as paragraph (136); and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(137) TAUNTON RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS.—The segment downstream from the headwaters, from the confluence of the Town River and the Matfield River in Bridgewater to the confluence with the Forge River in Raynham, Massachusetts.”.

SEC. 4. STUDY AND REPORT.

Section 5(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(b)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating the second paragraph (8) as paragraph (10);

(2) by redesignating the third paragraph (11) as paragraph (12);

(3) by redesignating the fourth paragraph (11) as paragraph (13);

(4) by redesignating the fifth paragraph (11) as paragraph (14);

(5) by redesignating the first undesignated paragraph as paragraph (15);

(6) by redesignating the second undesignated paragraph as paragraph (16); and

(7) by adding at the end the following:

“(17) TAUNTON RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS.—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this paragraph, the Secretary of the Interior—

“(A) shall complete the study of the Taunton River, Massachusetts; and

“(B) shall submit to Congress a report describing the results of the study.”.

SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this Act.

BLACK HILLS NATIONAL FOREST PROPERTY EXCHANGE

The bill (S. 1599) to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other land in the Black Hills National Forest and to use funds derived from the sale or exchange to acquire replacement sites and to acquire or construct administrative improvements in connection with the Black Hills National Forest, was considered, ordered and engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed; as follows:

S. 1599

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

SECTION 1. SALE OR EXCHANGE OF LAND.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) may, under such terms and conditions as the Secretary may prescribe, sell or exchange any right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the approximately 367 acres contained in the following parcels of land in the State of South Dakota:

(1) Tract BLKH-1 “Spearfish Dwelling” (approximately 0.24 acres); N½ lots 8 and 9 of block 16, sec. 10, T6N, R2E.

(2) Tract BLKH-2 “Deadwood Garage” (approximately 0.12 acres); lots 9 and 11 of block 34, sec. 26, T5N, R3E.

(3) Tract BLKH-3 “Deadwood Dwellings” (approximately 0.32 acres); lots 12 through 16 of Block 44, sec. 26, T5N, R3E.

(4) Tract BLKH-4 “Hardy Work Center” (approximately 150 acres); E½, SW¼, SE¼; SE¼, SE¼; sec. 19; NE¼, NW¼, NE¼; E½, NE¼, SE¼; E½, SE¼, NE¼; NE¼, NE¼; sec. 30, T3N, R1E.

(5) Tract BLKH-6 “Pactola Work Center” (approximately 100 acres); W½, SW¼, NW¼; W½, NW¼, SW¼; W½, SW¼, SW¼; SE¼, SW¼, SW¼; sec. 25; E½, E¼, SE¼; SE¼, SE¼, NE¼; sec. 26; T2N, R5E.

(6) Tract BLKH-7 “Pactola Ranger District Office” (approximately 8.25 acres); lot 1 of Ranger Station Subdivision, sec. 4, T1N, R7E.

(7) Tract BLKH-8 “Reder Administrative Site” (approximately 82 acres); lots 6 and 7, sec. 29; lot A of Reder Placer, lot 19, NW¼, SE¼, NE¼; sec. 30, T1S, R5E.

(8) Tract BLKH-9 “Allen Gulch Properties” (approximately 20.60 acres); lot 14, sec. 25, T1S, R4E.

(9) Tract BLKH-10 “Custer Ranger District Office” (approximately 0.39 acres); lots 4 and 9 of block 125 plus the east 15 feet of the vacated north/south alley adjacent to lot 4, city of Custer, sec. 26, T3S, R4E.

(b) APPLICABLE AUTHORITIES.—Except as otherwise provided in this Act, any sale or exchange of land described in subsection (a) shall be subject to laws (including regulations) applicable to the conveyance and acquisition of land for National Forest System purposes.

(c) CASH EQUALIZATION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary may accept cash equalization payments in excess of 25 percent of the total value of the land described in subsection (a) from any exchange under subsection (a).

(d) SOLICITATIONS OF OFFERS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out this Act, the Secretary may use solicitations of offers for sale or exchange under this Act on such terms and conditions as the Secretary may prescribe.

(2) REJECTION OF OFFERS.—The Secretary may reject any offer under this Act if the Secretary determines that the offer is not adequate or not in the public interest.

SEC. 2. DISPOSITION OF FUNDS.

Any funds received by the Secretary through sale or by cash equalization from an exchange—

(1) shall be deposited into the fund established by Public Law 90-171 (commonly known as the “Sisk Act”) (16 U.S.C. 484a); and

(2) shall be available for expenditure, on appropriation, for—

(A) the acquisition of land and interests in land in the State of South Dakota; and

(B) the acquisition or construction of administrative improvements in connection with the Black Hills National Forest.

SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this Act.

NATIONAL OILHEAT RESEARCH ALLIANCE ACT OF 1999

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 348) to authorize and facilitate a program to enhance training, research and development, energy conservation and efficiency, and consumer education in the oilheat industry for the benefit of oilheat consumers and the public, and for other purposes, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments; as follows:

(The parts of the bill intended to be stricken are shown in boldface brackets and the parts of the bill intended to be inserted are shown in italic.)

S. 348

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 “National Oilheat Research Alliance Act of 1999”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—

(1) oilheat is an important commodity relied on by approximately 30,000,000 Americans as an efficient and economical energy source for commercial and residential space and hot water heating;

(2) oilheat equipment operates at efficiencies among the highest of any space heating energy source, reducing fuel costs and making oilheat an economical means of space heating;

(3) the production, distribution, and marketing of oilheat and oilheat equipment plays a significant role in the economy of the United States, accounting for approximately \$12,900,000,000 in expenditures annually and employing millions of Americans in all aspects of the oilheat industry;

(4) only very limited Federal resources have been made available for oilheat research, development, safety, training, and education efforts, to the detriment of both the oilheat industry and its 30,000,000 consumers; and

(5) the cooperative development, self-financing, and implementation of a coordinated national oilheat industry program of research and development, training, and consumer education is necessary and important for the welfare of the oilheat industry, the general economy of the United States, and the millions of Americans that rely on oilheat for commercial and residential space and hot water heating.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) ALLIANCE.—The term “Alliance” means a national oilheat research alliance established under section 4.

(2) CONSUMER EDUCATION.—The term “consumer education” means the provision of information to assist consumers and other persons in making evaluations and decisions regarding oilheat and other nonindustrial commercial or residential space or hot water heating fuels.

(3) EXCHANGE.—The term “exchange” means an agreement that—

(A) entitles each party or its customers to receive oilheat from the other party; and

(B) requires only an insubstantial portion of the volumes involved in the exchange to be settled in cash or property other than the oilheat.

(4) INDUSTRY TRADE ASSOCIATION.—The term “industry trade association” means an organization described in paragraph (3) or (6) of section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that is exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of that Code and is organized for the purpose of representing the oilheat industry.

(5) NO. 1 DISTILLATE.—The term “No. 1 distillate” means fuel oil classified as No. 1 distillate by the American Society for Testing and Materials.

(6) NO. 2 DYED DISTILLATE.—The term “No. 2 dyed distillate” means fuel oil classified as No. 2 distillate by the American Society for Testing and Materials that is indelibly dyed in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury under section 4082(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.