

Public Law 102-584
102d Congress

An Act

To authorize an exchange of lands in the States of Arkansas and Idaho.

Nov. 2, 1992
[S. 2572]

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

Arkansas-Idaho
Land Exchange
Act of 1992.
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SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Arkansas-Idaho Land Exchange Act of 1992".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

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

(1) the Potlatch Corporation has offered to the United States Government an exchange of lands under which Potlatch would receive approximately 17,625 acres of scattered tracts of Federal lands in the State of Idaho in return for conveying to the United States lands owned by Potlatch consisting of approximately 40,922 acres of undisturbed bottomland hardwood lands in the State of Arkansas and approximately 1,170 acres of lands with important recreational and fisheries values in the State of Idaho;

(2) the lands in Arkansas that Potlatch has offered to convey to the United States are surrounded by Federal and State lands on the Cache and White Rivers which are designated as a "Wetland of International Importance" under the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (commonly referred to as the "Ramsar Convention"), one of only 10 areas in the United States so designated;

(3) acquisition of these lands by the United States will remove the lands from sustained timber production and other development in the heart of this critical wetland ecosystem;

(4) the lands Potlatch has offered to convey to the United States will qualify for inclusion as a Wetland of International Importance under the Ramsar Convention;

(5) the lands Potlatch has offered to convey to the United States are outstanding fish and wildlife habitat and should continue to be made available for activities such as public hunting, fishing, trapping, nature observation, enjoyment, and education;

(6) the lands the United States would convey to Potlatch do not contain comparable fish, wildlife, or wetland values;

(7) appraisals of all lands to be conveyed in the exchange have been completed; and

(8) the United States and Potlatch have agreed to the values and boundaries of all lands to be conveyed in the exchange and concur that the lands to be conveyed by Potlatch and the lands to be conveyed by the United States are of equal value.

(b) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose of this Act is to authorize and require the Secretary and the Secretary of Agriculture to participate

in an exchange of lands that will provide environmental and economic benefits to the States of Arkansas and Idaho and to the Nation.

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SEC. 3. EXCHANGE.

(a) **INTER-AGENCY LAND TRANSFERS.—**

(1) **TRANSFERS BETWEEN SECRETARY AND SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.—**

(A) **TRANSFER TO SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.—**Notwithstanding the provisions of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall transfer to the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture for inclusion in the National Forest System approximately 9,114 acres of public lands in the State of Idaho, as identified upon a map entitled "Arkansas-Idaho Exchange—Idaho Lands", dated July 1992 and available for inspection in appropriate offices of the Secretary.

(B) **TRANSFER TO SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.—**Subsequent to the exchange required by subsection (b), the Secretary shall transfer to the Secretary of Agriculture for inclusion in the National Forest System approximately 891 acres of public lands in the State of Idaho identified for postexchange transfer upon the map referenced in subparagraph (A).

(2) **TRANSFER TO SECRETARY.—**Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall transfer to the Secretary for conveyance to Potlatch pursuant to subsection (b), approximately 7,979 acres of lands within the National Forest System in the State of Idaho, as identified upon the map referenced in subparagraph (A).

(b) **EXCHANGE OF LANDS.—**

(1) **IN GENERAL.—**Notwithstanding the provisions of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), within 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall convey to Potlatch, in accordance with the provisions of the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee) and subject to paragraph (2) and any valid existing rights, approximately 17,625 acres of public lands in the State of Idaho identified for transfer to Potlatch on the map referenced in subsection (a)(1)(A) in exchange for lands owned by Potlatch consisting of—

(A) approximately 40,921 acres in the State of Arkansas, as depicted for transfer to the United States upon a map entitled "Arkansas-Idaho Land Exchange—Arkansas Lands," dated July 1992 and available for inspection in appropriate offices of the Secretary, and

(B) approximately 1,170 acres in the State of Idaho, as identified for transfer to the United States upon the map referenced in subsection (a)(1)(A).

(2) **LIMITATION.—**The Secretary may not convey any lands to Potlatch under this subsection unless title to the lands to be conveyed by Potlatch in exchange is in accordance with

the Department of Justice standards for the preparation of title evidence in land acquisitions by the United States.

(c) GENERAL PROVISIONS.—

(1) MAPS CONTROLLING.—To ensure the management benefits of consolidating isolated tracts of lands, any conflict between a number of acres of lands referred to in this Act and a depiction of the lands on a map referenced in this Act shall be resolved in favor of the map.

(2) CANCELLATION.—Prior to implementation of the exchange required by subsection (b), if Potlatch notifies the Secretary in writing that it no longer intends to complete the exchange, the lands referenced in subsection (a) shall revert to their status as of the day before the date of enactment of this Act, and shall be managed in accordance with applicable management plans.

(3) FINAL MAPS.—Not later than 6 months after the conclusion of the exchange required by subsection (b), the Secretary shall transmit maps accurately depicting the lands transferred and conveyed pursuant to this Act and the acreages and legal descriptions of such lands to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs and the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate.

(4) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights, the lands depicted for conveyance to Potlatch on the map referenced in subsection (a)(1)(A) are withdrawn from all forms of entry and appropriation under the public land laws (including the mining laws) and from operation of the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws effective upon the date of the enactment of this Act. Such withdrawal shall terminate on the date of completion of the exchange required by subsection (b) or on the date of any notification by Potlatch of a decision not to complete the exchange pursuant to paragraph (2).

(5) POWER SITE RESERVATIONS.—The following Executive Orders shall have no effect insofar as they involve the following described lands:

(A) The Executive order dated July 2, 1910, which established Powersite Reserve No. 91, with respect to those lands at Boise Meridian, T. 45 N., R. 4 E., Sec. 18, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, comprising approximately 40 acres.

(B) The Executive order dated July 2, 1910, which established Powersite Reserve No. 106, with respect to those lands at Boise Meridian, T. 32 N., R. 5 E., Sec. 14, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, comprising approximately 30 acres.

(C) The Executive order dated August 31, 1917, which established Power Reservation No. 654, with respect to those lands at Boise Meridian, T. 48 N., R. 1 W., Sec. 3, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, comprising approximately forty acres, and T. 46 N., R. 2 W., Sec. 14, lot 1, comprising approximately 28.15 acres.

(6) INDEMNITY LIST CLASSIFICATION ORDER.—Bureau of Land Management Indemnity List Classification Orders on public lands to be conveyed to Potlatch as required by subsection (b) are hereby removed from such classification.

(7) CONVEYANCE DOCUMENTS; BEFORE SURVEY.—Lands to be conveyed by the United States pursuant to subsection (b) on which any boundary is required to be surveyed in order to describe remaining public lands shall be conveyed by an interim conveyance. An interim conveyance under this paragraph shall convey to and vest in the recipient the same right, title, and interest in and to such lands as the recipient would have received in a patent issued pursuant to this Act. Upon completion of the survey, the Secretary shall issue a patent for such lands. The boundaries of such lands shall be those which were defined in and conveyed by the interim conveyance, except that the boundaries shall be corrected and redescribed in the patent, where necessary, as a result of the survey of such lands.

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SEC. 4. USE OF ACQUIRED LANDS.

(a) NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM.—

(1) ADDITION TO THE SYSTEM.—The Secretary shall add the lands conveyed to the United States in Arkansas pursuant to section 3(b), to the Cache River and White River National Wildlife Refuges, as depicted upon the map described in such section. The Secretary shall manage such lands in accordance with the provisions of the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee).

(2) PLAN PREPARATION.—Within 24 months after the completion of the exchange required by section 3(b), the Secretary shall prepare and implement a single refuge management plan for the Cache River and White River Refuges, as expanded by this Act. Such plan shall recognize the important public purposes served by nonconsumptive activities, other recreational activities, and wildlife-related public use, including hunting, fishing, and trapping. The plan shall permit, to the maximum extent practicable, such uses to the extent that they are consistent with sound wildlife management and in accordance with the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee) and other applicable law. Any regulations promulgated by the Secretary with respect to fishing, hunting, and trapping on those lands shall, to the extent practicable, be consistent with State fish and wildlife laws and regulations. In preparing the management plan and regulations, the Secretary shall consult with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission.

(3) INTERIM USE OF LANDS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), during the period beginning on the date of the completion of the exchange of lands under subsection 3(b) and ending on the first date of the implementation of the plan prepared under paragraph (2), the Secretary shall administer all lands added to the Cache River and White River National Wildlife Refuges pursuant to this Act in accordance with the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668d–668ee) and other applicable law.

(B) HUNTING SEASONS.—During the period described in subparagraph (A), the duration of any hunting seasons on the lands referred to in subsection (a) shall comport with State law.

(b) PUBLIC LANDS.—

(1) STATUS.—Except as provided in section 3(a)(1)(B), the lands referred to in section 3(b)(1)(B) shall be public lands, as defined in section 103(e) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), and shall be managed in accordance with the provisions of such Act.

(2) GRANDMOTHER MOUNTAIN AREA.—Subject to valid existing rights, those Federal and non-Federal lands within the Grandmother Mountain Wilderness Study Area which are transferred to the jurisdiction of the Forest Service pursuant to section 3(b) shall be managed so as to preserve their suitability for designation as wilderness, pursuant to section 603(c) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782(c)), until the Congress determines otherwise. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as permitting or prohibiting continued use of motorized vehicles on existing routes within such area at the level of such use as was permitted on August 1, 1992.

(3) PLAN AMENDMENTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS.—Within 24 months after the completion of the exchange under section 3(b), the Secretary and the Secretary of Agriculture shall prepare amendments to applicable resource management plans and accompanying documents pursuant to section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712), section 6 of the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 1604), and section 102(2) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)) for lands in Idaho conveyed to the United States pursuant to section 3(b).

SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this Act, the term—

(1) "Potlatch" means the Potlatch Corporation, chartered in the State of Delaware;

(2) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior; and

(3) "lands" means both the surface and subsurface estates whenever both estates are owned by the United States or Potlatch, as applicable.

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SEC. 6. OUACHITA NATIONAL FOREST BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The boundaries of the Ouachita National Forest are hereby adjusted to include those lands generally depicted on the map entitled "Proposed Proclamation Boundary Extension, East End of Lake Ouachita" and dated August 3, 1992.

(b) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—The map described in subsection (a) and a legal description of the lands depicted on the map shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture. Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall prepare a legal description of the lands depicted on the map referred to in subsection (a). Such map and legal descriptions shall have the same force and effect as if included in this Act, except that the Secretary may correct clerical and typographical errors.

(c) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—For the purpose of section 7 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 4601-9), the boundaries of the Ouachita National Forest, as adjusted by this Act, shall be considered to be the boundaries of such forest as of January 1, 1965.

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