

103D CONGRESS  
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# S. 275

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 1993

Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain lands to the town of Taos, New Mexico, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. TAOS RANGER DISTRICT.**

2 (a) CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
4 after the date of enactment of this Act and subject  
5 to the terms and conditions described in subsection  
6 (b), the Secretary of Agriculture shall convey by  
7 quitclaim deed to the town of Taos, New Mexico, all  
8 right, title, and interest of the United States in and  
9 to the lands and improvements on the lands de-  
10 scribed in paragraph (2).

11 (2) PROPERTY.—The property referred to in  
12 paragraph (1)—

13 (A) is locally referred to as the “Old Taos  
14 Ranger District Office and Warehouse”;

15 (B) is located in the town of Taos, Taos  
16 County, New Mexico;

17 (C) contains approximately 0.633 acres;  
18 and

19 (D) is specifically described in the war-  
20 ranty deed dated January 22, 1937, by William  
21 T. and Mary E. Hinde, husband and wife, to  
22 the United States, as recorded on January 23,  
23 1937, in book A-34, page 415, of the Record  
24 of Deeds of Taos County, New Mexico.

25 (b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—

26 (1) CONSIDERATION.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—The conveyance de-  
2 scribed in subsection (a) shall be in consider-  
3 ation of \$360,000, payable (subject to the ap-  
4 proval of the Secretary of Agriculture)—

5 (i) in full not later than the end of the  
6 180-day period referred to in subsection  
7 (a)(1); or

8 (ii) at the option of the town of Taos,  
9 in 20 annual payments of \$18,000 each,  
10 with each payment due January 1.

11 (B) DEPOSIT OF FUNDS.—

12 (i) IN GENERAL.—Sums received pur-  
13 suant to subparagraph (A) shall be depos-  
14 ited in a special fund in the Treasury and  
15 shall remain available until expended.

16 (ii) EXPENDITURE.—Upon request by  
17 the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary  
18 of the Treasury shall transfer from the  
19 special fund to the Secretary of Agri-  
20 culture such sums as the Secretary of Ag-  
21 riculture determines are necessary for the  
22 purpose of acquiring lands and administra-  
23 tive facilities on National Forest System  
24 lands within the State of New Mexico.

1           (C) INTEREST.—The town of Taos shall  
2           not be charged interest on sums owed the Unit-  
3           ed States for the conveyance described in sub-  
4           section (a).

5           (2) RELEASE.—Upon transfer of the property  
6           described in subsection (a), the town of Taos shall  
7           release the United States from any liability for  
8           claims relating to the property.

9           (3) REVERSION.—The conveyance described in  
10          subsection (a) shall be a conveyance of fee simple  
11          title to the property, subject to reversion to the  
12          United States if the property is used for other than  
13          public purposes or if payment is not made in accord-  
14          ance with paragraph (1).

Passed the Senate March 17 (legislative day, March  
3), 1993.

Attest:

WALTER J. STEWART,

*Secretary.*