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1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 529

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 29 (legislative day, MARCH 27), 1995

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural  
Resources

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## **AN ACT**

To authorize the exchange of National Forest System lands  
in the Targhee National Forest in Idaho for non-Federal  
lands within the forest in Wyoming.

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. AUTHORIZATION OF EXCHANGE.**

2 (a) CONVEYANCE.—Notwithstanding the require-  
3 ments in the Act entitled “An Act to Consolidate National  
4 Forest Lands”, approved March 20, 1922 (16 U.S.C.  
5 485), and section 206(b) of the Federal Land Policy and  
6 Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716(b)) that Fed-  
7 eral and non-Federal lands exchanged for each other must  
8 be located within the same State, the Secretary of Agri-  
9 culture may convey the Federal lands described in section  
10 2(a) in exchange for the non-Federal lands described in  
11 section 2(b) in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

12 (b) APPLICABILITY OF OTHER PROVISIONS OF  
13 LAW.—Except as otherwise provided in this Act, the land  
14 exchange authorized by this section shall be made under  
15 the existing authorities of the Secretary.

16 (c) ACCEPTABILITY OF TITLE AND MANNER OF CON-  
17 VEYANCE.—The Secretary shall not carry out the ex-  
18 change described in subsection (a) unless the title to the  
19 non-Federal lands to be conveyed to the United States,  
20 and the form and procedures of conveyance, are acceptable  
21 to the Secretary.

22 **SEC. 2. DESCRIPTION OF LANDS TO BE EXCHANGED.**

23 (a) FEDERAL LANDS.—The Federal lands referred to  
24 in this Act are located in the Targhee National Forest  
25 in Idaho, are generally depicted on the map entitled  
26 “Targhee Exchange, Idaho-Wyoming—Proposed, Federal

1 Land”, dated September 1994, and are known as the  
2 North Fork Tract.

3 (b) NON-FEDERAL LANDS.—The non-Federal lands  
4 referred to in this Act are located in the Targhee National  
5 Forest in Wyoming, are generally depicted on the map en-  
6 titled “Non-Federal Land, Targhee Exchange, Idaho-Wy-  
7 oming—Proposed”, dated September 1994, and are  
8 known as the Squirrel Meadows Tract.

9 (c) MAPS.—The maps referred to in subsections (a)  
10 and (b) shall be on file and available for inspection in the  
11 office of the Targhee National Forest in Idaho and in the  
12 office of the Chief of the Forest Service.

13 **SEC. 3. EQUALIZATION OF VALUES.**

14 Prior to the exchange authorized by section 1, the  
15 values of the Federal and non-Federal lands to be so ex-  
16 changed shall be established by appraisals of fair market  
17 value that shall be subject to approval by the Secretary.  
18 The values either shall be equal or shall be equalized using  
19 the following methods:

20 (1) ADJUSTMENT OF LANDS.—

21 (A) PORTION OF FEDERAL LANDS.—If the  
22 Federal lands are greater in value than the  
23 non-Federal lands, the Secretary shall reduce  
24 the acreage of the Federal lands until the val-

1           ues of the Federal lands closely approximate  
2           the values of the non-Federal lands.

3           (B)     ADDITIONAL     FEDERALLY-OWNED  
4           LANDS.—If the non-Federal lands are greater  
5           in value than the Federal lands, the Secretary  
6           may convey additional federally owned lands  
7           within the Targhee National Forest up to an  
8           amount necessary to equalize the values of the  
9           non-Federal lands and the lands to be trans-  
10          ferred out of Federal ownership. However, such  
11          additional federally owned lands shall be limited  
12          to those meeting the criteria for land exchanges  
13          specified in the Targhee National Forest Land  
14          and Resource Management Plan.

15          (2) PAYMENT OF MONEY.—The values may be  
16          equalized by the payment of money as provided in  
17          section 206(b) of the Federal Land Policy and Man-  
18          agement Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716(b)).

19   **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

20          For purposes of this Act:

21                  (1) The term “Federal lands” means the Fed-  
22                  eral lands described in section 2(a).

23                  (2) The term “non-Federal lands” means the  
24                  non-Federal lands described in section 2(b).

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

          Passed the House of Representatives March 28,  
1995.

Attest:

ROBIN H. CARLE,

*Clerk.*