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S. 1767

To authorize a land exchange to acquire land for the Blue Ridge Parkway from the Town of Blowing Rock, North Carolina, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 8, 2009

Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. HAGAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Blue Ridge Parkway
5 and Town of Blowing Rock Land Exchange Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) EXCHANGE.—The term “exchange” means
9 the exchange of land authorized by section 3(a).

1 (2) MAP.—The term “map” means the Na-
2 tional Park Service map entitled “Blue Ridge Park-
3 way, Proposed Land Exchange with Town of Blow-
4 ing Rock”, numbered “601/90,000A”, and dated
5 “April 2008”.

6 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
7 the Secretary of the Interior.

8 (4) TOWN.—The term “Town” means the town
9 of Blowing Rock, North Carolina.

10 **SEC. 3. LAND EXCHANGE.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsections (d) and (e),
12 the Secretary may exchange approximately 20 acres of
13 land within the boundary of the Blue Ridge Parkway that
14 are generally depicted on the map as “Blowing Rock Res-
15 ervoir”, for approximately 192 acres of land owned by the
16 Town that are generally depicted on the map as “Town
17 of Blowing Rock Exchange Lands”.

18 (b) MAP AVAILABILITY.—The map shall be on file
19 and available for public inspection in the appropriate of-
20 fices of the National Park Service.

21 (c) TIMING.—The Secretary shall seek to complete
22 the land exchange not later than 3 years after the date
23 of the enactment of this Act.

24 (d) APPLICABLE LAWS; TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—
25 The exchange shall be subject to—

1 (1) laws, regulations, and policies applicable to
2 exchanges of land administered by the National
3 Park Service, including those concerning land ap-
4 praisals, equalization of values, and environmental
5 compliance; and

6 (2) such terms and conditions as the Secretary
7 considers to be appropriate.

8 (e) EQUALIZATION OF VALUES.—If the land pro-
9 posed for exchange is found to be not equal in value, the
10 equalization of values may be achieved by adjusting the
11 acreage amounts identified in subsection (a).

12 (f) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.—On completion of the
13 exchange, the Secretary shall adjust the boundary of the
14 Blue Ridge Parkway to reflect the exchanged land.

15 (g) ADMINISTRATION.—Land acquired by the Sec-
16 retary through the exchange shall be administered as part
17 of the Blue Ridge Parkway in accordance with all applica-
18 ble laws (including regulations).

19 (h) FUTURE DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY.—If the
20 Town desires to dispose of the reservoir property that is
21 the subject of the exchange, the Secretary shall have the
22 right of first refusal to acquire the property for the Blue
23 Ridge Parkway.

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