Public Law 85-646

AN ACT

To provide for adjustments in the lands or interests therein acquired for the Albeni Falls Reservoir project, Idaho, by the reconveyance of certain lands or interests therein to the former owners thereof.

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

(a) In order to provide for adjustments in the lands or interests in land heretofore acquired for the Albeni Falls Reservoir project to conform such acquisition to a lesser estate in lands now being acquired to complete the real estate requirements of the project, the Secretary of the Army is authorized to reconvey any such land or interests in land heretofore acquired to the former owners thereof whenever:

1. He shall determine that such land or interest is not required for public purposes,
2. He shall have received a written statement from such agency or person as may be designated by the Governor of the State of Idaho that the reconveyance of such property is in the best interest of the State, and
3. He shall have received an application for reconveyance as hereinafter provided.

(b) Any such reconveyance of any such land or interest shall be made only after the Secretary (1) has given notice in such manner (including publication) as he shall by regulation prescribe, to the former owner of such land or interest, and (2) has received an application for the reconveyance of such land or interest from such former owner, in such form as he shall by regulation prescribe, within a period of ninety days following the date of issuance of such notice.

(c) Any reconveyance of land or interest therein made under this Act shall be subject to such exceptions, restrictions, and reservations (including a reservation to the United States of flowage rights) as the Secretary may determine are in the public interest.

(d) Any land or interest therein reconveyed under this Act shall be sold for an amount determined by the Secretary to be equal to the price for which the land was acquired by the United States, adjusted to reflect:

1. Any increase in the value thereof resulting from improvements to the land made by the United States, and
2. Any decrease in the value thereof resulting from (A) any reservation, exception, restriction, and condition to which the reconveyance is made subject, and (B) any damage to the land or interest therein caused by the United States. In addition, the cost of any surveys necessary as an incident of such reconveyance shall be borne by the grantee.

(e) The requirements of this section shall not be applicable with respect to the disposition of any land, or interest therein, described in subsection (a) if the Secretary shall certify:

1. That notice has been given the former owner of such land or interest as provided in subsection (b), and
2. That no qualified applicant has made timely application for the reconveyance of such land or interest, or
3. That within a reasonable time after receipt of a proper application for reconveyance of such land or interest the parties have been unable to reach a satisfactory agreement with respect to the reconveyance of such land or interest.

(f) As used in this section, the term “former owner” means the person from whom any land, or interest therein, was acquired by the United States, or if such person is deceased, his spouse, or if such spouse is deceased, his children.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of the Army may delegate any authority conferred upon him by this Act to any officer or employee of the Department of the Army. Any such officer or employee shall exercise the
authority so delegated under rules and regulations approved by the Secretary.

Sec. 3. Any proceeds from reconveyances made under this Act shall be covered into the Treasury of the United States as miscellaneous receipts.

Sec. 4. This Act shall terminate three years after the date of its enactment.

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AN ACT

To authorize the enlargement of the administrative headquarters site for Isle Royale National Park, Houghton, Michigan, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to acquire by purchase or donation, or with donated funds, a tract of land, or interests therein, located in Houghton, Michigan, fronting on Portage Lake and lying to the east of Franklin Street and to the north of Carroll Avenue, said land aggregating not more than three acres and being known as the Carroll Estate. The property so acquired shall be added to the existing nearby administrative headquarters site furnishing services and facilities required for the administration of Isle Royale National Park.

Sec. 2. Any funds now or hereafter made available for purposes of construction or for purposes of operation and maintenance within Isle Royale National Park may be used for such purposes with respect to the administrative site and facilities relating thereto at Houghton, Michigan. Any land acquisition funds now or hereafter made available to the Secretary of the Interior for purposes of the national park system may be used by the Secretary for the acquisition of the property authorized to be added to the headquarters site pursuant to this Act.

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AN ACT

To exclude certain lands from the Sequoia National Park, in the State of California, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purpose of eliminating certain lands from the Sequoia National Park, the Secretary of the Interior, with the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture, is hereby authorized to exclude from the Sequoia National Park not to exceed ten acres of land situated adjacent to the boundary of the park in township 17 south, range 30 east, Mount Diablo meridian and at a place where the Mineral King Road intersects the east line of said township. Land so excluded shall become a part of the Sequoia National Game Refuge, within the Sequoia National Forest. Exclusion of such land from the park and the addition thereof to the Sequoia National Game Refuge of the Sequoia National Forest, pursuant to this section, shall be effective upon publication of notice thereof in the Federal Register.

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