Public Law 98–196
98th Congress

An Act

To provide for the conveyance of certain Federal lands adjacent to Orchard and Lake Shore Drives, Lake Lowell, Boise project, Idaho.

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

SECTION 1. The Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as the “Secretary”) is hereby authorized to convey all right, title, and interest, except as reserved herein, to certain small tracts of Federal lands located adjacent to Orchard and Lake Shore Drives, Lake Lowell, Boise project, Idaho, to the adjacent landowners.

Sec. 2. Such conveyances shall be made by the Secretary only to the adjacent landowners, and shall be made within one year from the date of his receipt of a proper application from such landowners. Applicants for such conveyances must pay the fair market value of the lands as of the date of the conveyance, including administrative costs and the costs to the Government of conducting the necessary land surveys and preparing the legal descriptions of the land to be conveyed. In determining the fair market value of the lands, the Secretary shall not include the value of any improvements made to the lands by the adjacent landowners or their predecessors.

Sec. 3. All conveyances made pursuant to this Act shall reserve to the United States all mineral deposits in the lands and shall assure that the right to mine and remove such minerals is subservient to the surface rights granted in the conveyances.

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