

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1829

To require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain lands within the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 4, 2025

Mr. CRANE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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 “Apache County and
5 Navajo County Conveyance Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN LAND WITHIN THE**
7 **APACHE-SITGREAVES NATIONAL FORESTS TO**
8 **NAVAJO COUNTY, ARIZONA.**

9 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) COUNTY.—The term “County” means Nav-
2 ajo County, Arizona.

3 (2) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-
4 titled “Pinedale Cemetery Expansion” and dated
5 May 23, 2022.

6 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
7 the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the
8 Chief of the Forest Service.

9 (b) CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—Subject to this sec-
10 tion, if the County submits to the Secretary a written re-
11 quest for conveyance of the property described in sub-
12 section (c)(1) not later than 180 days after the date of
13 enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall convey to the
14 County all right, title, and interest of the United States
15 in and to the property described in subsection (c)(1).

16 (c) PROPERTY DESCRIBED.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The property referred to in
18 subsection (b) is—

19 (A) the parcel of real property, including
20 all land and improvements, generally depicted
21 as “Exist. Cemetery” on the map, consisting of
22 approximately 2.5 acres of National Forest Sys-
23 tem land located in the Apache-Sitgreaves Na-
24 tional Forests in Arizona; and

1 (B) the parcel of real property, including
2 all land and improvements, generally depicted
3 as “Proposed Expansion” on the map, con-
4 sisting of approximately 2.5 acres of National
5 Forest System land located in the Apache-
6 Sitgreaves National Forests in Arizona.

7 (2) MAP.—

8 (A) MINOR ERRORS.—The Secretary may
9 correct minor errors in the map.

10 (B) AVAILABILITY.—A copy of the map
11 shall be on file and available for public inspec-
12 tion in the appropriate offices of the Forest
13 Service.

14 (3) SURVEY.—The exact acreage and legal de-
15 scription of the National Forest System land to be
16 conveyed under subsection (b) shall be determined
17 by a survey satisfactory to the Secretary.

18 (d) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The conveyance
19 under subsection (b) shall—

20 (1) be subject to valid existing rights;

21 (2) be made without consideration;

22 (3) be made by quitclaim deed;

23 (4) not be subject to section 120(h) of the Com-
24 prehensive Environmental Response, Compensation,
25 and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9620(h)); and

1 (5) be subject to any other terms and condi-
2 tions as the Secretary considers appropriate to pro-
3 tect the interests of the United States.

4 (e) COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.—As a condition of the
5 conveyance under subsection (b), the County shall pay all
6 costs associated with the conveyance, including the cost
7 of—

8 (1) a survey, if necessary, under subsection
9 (c)(3); and

10 (2) any environmental analysis and resource
11 surveys required by Federal law.

12 (f) REQUIRED USE AS CEMETERY.—The property
13 conveyed to the County under subsection (b) shall be used
14 by the County as a cemetery.

15 (g) REVERSION.—If the property conveyed under
16 subsection (b) is used in a manner that is inconsistent
17 with the requirement of subsection (f), all right, title, and
18 interest in and to the property shall revert to the United
19 States.

20 **SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN LAND WITHIN THE**
21 **APACHE-SITGREAVES NATIONAL FORESTS TO**
22 **APACHE COUNTY, ARIZONA.**

23 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24 (1) COUNTY.—The term “County” means
25 Apache County, Arizona.

1 (2) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-
2 titled “Exhibit, Alpine Cemetery Townsite” and
3 dated October, 2019.

4 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
5 the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the
6 Chief of the Forest Service.

7 (b) CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—Subject to this sec-
8 tion, if the County submits to the Secretary a written re-
9 quest for conveyance of the property described in sub-
10 section (c)(1) not later than 365 days after the date of
11 enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall convey to the
12 County all right, title, and interest of the United States
13 in and to the property described in subsection (c)(1).

14 (c) PROPERTY DESCRIBED.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The property referred to in
16 subsection (b) is—

17 (A) the parcel of real property, including
18 all land and improvements, generally depicted
19 as the “Existing Alpine Cemetery” on the map,
20 consisting of approximately 2.56 acres of Na-
21 tional Forest System land located in the
22 Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests in Arizona;
23 and

24 (B) the parcel of real property, including
25 all land and improvements, generally depicted

1 as the “Proposed Townsite Tract” on the map,
2 consisting of approximately 8.06 acres of Na-
3 tional Forest System land located in the
4 Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests in Arizona.

5 (2) MAP.—

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7 correct minor errors in the map.

8 (B) AVAILABILITY.—A copy of the map
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