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1ST SESSION

H. R. 1829

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 14, 2025

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

AN ACT

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

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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Apache County and
3 Navajo County Conveyance Act of 2025”.

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

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

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

13 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
14 the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the
15 Chief of the Forest Service.

16 (b) CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—Subject to this sec-
17 tion, if the County submits to the Secretary a written re-
18 quest for conveyance of the property described in sub-
19 section (c)(1) not later than 180 days after the date of
20 enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall convey to the
21 County all right, title, and interest of the United States
22 in and to the property described in subsection (c)(1).

23 (c) PROPERTY DESCRIBED.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The property referred to in
25 subsection (b) is—

(A) the parcel of real property, including all land and improvements, generally depicted as “Exist. Cemetery” on the map, consisting of approximately 2.5 acres of National Forest System land located in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests in Arizona; and

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

(2) MAP.—

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

(B) AVAILABILITY.—A copy of the map shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the Forest Service.

(3) SURVEY.—The exact acreage and legal description of the National Forest System land to be conveyed under subsection (b) shall be determined by a survey satisfactory to the Secretary.

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

- 1 (1) be subject to valid existing rights;
- 2 (2) be made without consideration;
- 3 (3) be made by quitclaim deed;
- 4 (4) not be subject to section 120(h) of the Com-
- 5 prehensive Environmental Response, Compensation,
- 6 and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9620(h)); and
- 7 (5) be subject to any other terms and condi-
- 8 tions as the Secretary considers appropriate to pro-
- 9 tect the interests of the United States.

10 (e) COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.—As a condition of the
11 conveyance under subsection (b), the County shall pay all
12 costs associated with the conveyance, including the cost
13 of—

- 14 (1) a survey, if necessary, under subsection
- 15 (c)(3); and
- 16 (2) any environmental analysis and resource
- 17 surveys required by Federal law.

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

21 (g) REVERSION.—If the property conveyed under
22 subsection (b) is used in a manner that is inconsistent
23 with the requirement of subsection (f), all right, title, and
24 interest in and to the property shall revert to the United
25 States.

1 **SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN LAND WITHIN THE**
2 **APACHE-SITGREAVES NATIONAL FORESTS TO**
3 **APACHE COUNTY, ARIZONA.**

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) COUNTY.—The term “County” means
6 Apache County, Arizona.

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

10 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
11 the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the
12 Chief of the Forest Service.

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

20 (c) PROPERTY DESCRIBED.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The property referred to in
22 subsection (b) is—

23 (A) the parcel of real property, including
24 all land and improvements, generally depicted
25 as the “Existing Alpine Cemetery” on the map,
26 consisting of approximately 2.56 acres of Na-

1 tional Forest System land located in the
2 Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests in Arizona;
3 and

4 (B) the parcel of real property, including
5 all land and improvements, generally depicted
6 as the “Proposed Townsite Tract” on the map,
7 consisting of approximately 8.06 acres of Na-
8 tional Forest System land located in the
9 Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests in Arizona.

10 (2) MAP.—

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

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

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

21 (d) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The conveyance
22 under subsection (b) shall—

23 (1) be subject to valid existing rights;

24 (2) be made without consideration;

25 (3) be made by quitclaim deed;

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

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

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

11 (1) a survey, if necessary, under subsection
12 (c)(3); and

13 (2) any environmental analysis and resource
14 surveys required by Federal law.

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

18 (g) REVERSION.—If the property conveyed under
19 subsection (b) is used in a manner that is inconsistent
20 with the requirement of subsection (f), all right, title, and

1 interest in and to the property shall revert to the United
2 States.

Passed the House of Representatives May 13, 2025.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.