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[Report No. 119-]

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain Federal land to
the City of The Dalles, Oregon.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 23, 2025

Mr. BENTZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on Natural Resources

JULY --, 2025

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 23, 2025]

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain
Federal land to the City of The Dalles, Oregon.

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 “Dalles Watershed Devel-*
5 *opment Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 *In this Act:*

8 (1) *CITY.*—*The term “City” means the City of*
9 *The Dalles, Oregon.*

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

13 **SEC. 3. THE DALLES CONVEYANCE.**

14 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*If, not later than 1 year after the*
15 *date of the enactment of this Act, the City submits a written*
16 *request to the Secretary for conveyance of the land described*
17 *in subsection (b)(1), the Secretary shall, as soon as prac-*
18 *ticable thereafter, convey to the City, all right, title, and*
19 *interest of the United States in and to such land.*

20 (b) *DESCRIPTION OF LAND.*—

21 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The land described in this*
22 *paragraph is the parcel of real property generally de-*
23 *scribed as “parcel A” on the map, consisting of ap-*
24 *proximately 150 acres of National Forest System land*

1 *located in the Mount Hood National Forest in Or-*
2 *egon.*

3 (2) *MAP.*—

4 (A) *DEFINITION.*—*In this section, the term*
5 *“map” means the map entitled “The Dalles Con-*
6 *veyance Parcel A” and dated November 4, 2024.*

7 (B) *MINOR ERRORS.*—*The Secretary may*
8 *correct minor errors in the map.*

9 (C) *AVAILABILITY OF MAP.*—*A copy of the*
10 *map shall be on file and available for public in-*
11 *spection in the appropriate offices of Forest*
12 *Service.*

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

17 (c) *TERMS AND CONDITIONS.*—*The conveyance under*
18 *subsection (a) shall be—*

19 (1) *subject to valid existing rights;*

20 (2) *made without consideration;*

21 (3) *made by quitclaim deed; and*

22 (4) *subject to such additional terms and condi-*
23 *tions as the Secretary determines to be appropriate to*
24 *protect the interests of the United States.*

1 (d) *ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.*—As a condition of the
2 conveyance under subsection (a), the City shall pay all costs
3 associated with the conveyance, including the cost of a sur-
4 vey under subsection (b)(3).

5 (e) *USE OF CONVEYED LAND.*—

6 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—The land conveyed to the City
7 under subsection (a) shall be used by the City for pub-
8 lic purposes, including for municipal water supply
9 and use and related infrastructure needs or expan-
10 sions.

11 (2) *REVERSION.*—If the land conveyed under
12 subsection (a) is used in a manner that is incon-
13 sistent with the requirement of paragraph (1), all
14 right, title, and interest in and to the land shall re-
15 vert to the United States.