

Amendment "VANORD_041"

Rep. Derrick Van Orden

Amendment Description: This amendment is to be inserted at the end of subtitle F of the VIII and labeled "Black River State Forest Release of Reversionary Interest." The amendment permits the State of Wisconsin to convey to Deli, Inc. a 31-acre parcel of state forest land located in the Black River State Forest that is subject to a reversionary interest of the United States in exchange for the addition of a 37-acre parcel of land owned by Deli, Inc. to the Black River State Forest.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8467

OFFERED BY MR. VAN ORDEN OF WISCONSIN

At the end of subtitle F of title VIII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 87___ . RELEASE OF REVERSIONARY INTEREST IN**
2 **BLACK RIVER STATE FOREST.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) DELI, INC.—The term “Deli, Inc.” means
5 Deli, Inc., a sphagnum moss production business lo-
6 cated in Millston, Wisconsin.

7 (2) DELI LAND.—The term “Deli land” means
8 the approximately 37.27 acres of land owned or
9 optioned to acquire, subject to the approval of the
10 land exchange by the Wisconsin Department of Nat-
11 ural Resources, the Wisconsin Natural Resources
12 Board, and the Governor of Wisconsin, in 2 separate
13 parcels, by Deli, Inc., and located in Millston, Wis-
14 consin, as depicted on the map and as described as
15 follows:

16 (A) A parcel of real property containing
17 approximately 31.3 acres (which includes land
18 within the road right-of-way), together with any
19 improvements—

1 (i) comprising the NE¹/₄NE¹/₄ sec.
2 29, T. 20 N., R. 2 W., Town of Millston,
3 Jackson County, Wisconsin;

4 (ii) excluding—

5 (I) land lying north of the rail-
6 road right-of-way; and

7 (II) a parcel 150 feet wide, with
8 50 feet lying to the northeast, and
9 100 feet to the southwest, of a line
10 commencing at a point 5 feet east of
11 the northwest corner of the quarter-
12 quarter section described in clause (i),
13 thence south 56° east 39' a distance
14 of 222 feet, thence south 57° east 31'
15 a distance of 1359 feet; and

16 (iii) subject to—

17 (I) any public water use or ease-
18 ments on Lee Lake; and

19 (II) any easements or restrictions
20 of record, public roadways, zoning and
21 use ordinances, and the railroad right-
22 of-way.

23 (B) A parcel of real property containing
24 approximately 5.97 acres located in the
25 SW¹/₄SW¹/₄ sec. 20, T. 20 N., R. 4 W., Town

1 of Millston, Jackson County, Wisconsin, com-
2 prising lot 7 of Certified Survey Map No. 4483,
3 as recorded in volume 19S of the certified sur-
4 vey maps, page 334, as Document No. 413440
5 in the Jackson County Register of Deeds.

6 (3) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-
7 titled “Black River State Forest – Deli, Inc.” and
8 dated June 26, 2023.

9 (4) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
10 of Wisconsin.

11 (5) STATE FOREST LAND.—The term “State
12 forest land” means the approximately 31.83 acres of
13 land located in the Black River State Forest in
14 Millston, Wisconsin, as depicted on the map and as
15 described as follows:

16 (A) A parcel containing 23.13 acres—

17 (i) comprising the portion of the
18 E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 20, T. 20 N., R. 2. W.,
19 Town of Millston, Jackson County, Wis-
20 consin, lying south of the Interstate High-
21 way 94 southern right-of-way; and

22 (ii) excluding a triangular parcel in
23 the southwest corner described as com-
24 mencing at the southwest corner, thence
25 east 260 feet, thence northwesterly to a

1 point on the west boundary thereof 200
2 feet north of the southwest corner, thence
3 south to the place of beginning.

4 (B) A parcel containing 8.70 acres com-
5 prising the portion of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 29,
6 T. 20 N., R. 2. W., Town of Millston, Jackson
7 County, Wisconsin, lying north of the railroad
8 right-of-way, forming a triangular piece and de-
9 scribed as commencing at the northeast corner
10 of that quarter-quarter section, thence west
11 1010 feet to the north line of the railroad right-
12 of-way, thence southeasterly along the boundary
13 of the railroad to the east line of that quarter-
14 quarter section, thence north on the east line
15 750 feet to the place of beginning.

16 (b) CONDITIONAL RELEASE.—

17 (1) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

18 (A) the State forest land is subject to a re-
19 versionary interest of the United States pursu-
20 ant to section 32(c) of The Bankhead-Jones
21 Farm Tenant Act (7 U.S.C. 1011(c)), requiring
22 that the State forest land be used for public
23 purposes in perpetuity; and

24 (B) the State and Deli, Inc. have agreed
25 that the State will convey the State forest land

1 in exchange for the Deli land, and the Deli land
2 will be added to Black River State Forest in the
3 State.

4 (2) CONDITIONAL RELEASE.—If the State of-
5 fers in a written agreement to convey the State for-
6 est land to Deli, Inc., in exchange for the conveyance
7 of the Deli land to the State—

8 (A) the reversionary interest of the United
9 States in the State forest land shall be released;
10 and

11 (B) the Secretary of Agriculture shall pro-
12 vide, as expeditiously as possible, recordable evi-
13 dence of the release under subparagraph (A) in
14 the form of a quitclaim deed, which shall—

15 (i) convey any interest of the United
16 States in the State forest land without
17 consideration; and

18 (ii) be provided to the State for re-
19 cording before the exchange deeds are re-
20 corded.

21 (3) CORRECTIONS.—The Secretary of Agri-
22 culture, in consultation with the State, may make
23 any necessary corrections to the legal description of

1 the State forest land for purposes of the quitclaim
2 deed described in paragraph (2)(B).

