

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 3937
OFFERED BY MR. TIFFANY OF WISCONSIN

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Wabeno Economic De-
3 velopment Act”.

4 SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN NATIONAL FOREST SYS-
5 TEM LAND IN THE CHEQUAMEGON-NICOLET
6 NATIONAL FOREST TO TONY’S WABENO REDI-
7 MIX, LLC.

8 (a) CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—If, during the 180-
9 day period beginning on the date of Federal approval of
10 the appraisal under subsection (d), Tony’s Wabeno Redi-
11 Mix, LLC submits to the Secretary an offer to acquire
12 the property described in subsection (b) for market value,
13 as determined by such appraisal, the Secretary shall, not
14 later than 180 days after receiving such offer, convey to
15 Tony’s Wabeno Redi-Mix, LLC all right, title, and interest
16 of the United States, including mineral rights, in and to
17 the property described in subsection (b).

18 (b) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The property referred to in
2 subsection (a) is the parcel of real property, includ-
3 ing all land and improvements, generally depicted as
4 “Federal Parcel to be Conveyed” on the Map, con-
5 sisting of approximately 14 acres of National Forest
6 System land located in the Chequamegon-Nicolet
7 National Forest in Wisconsin.

8 (2) MAP.—

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

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

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

19 (c) TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONVEY-
20 ANCE.—

21 (1) REQUIREMENTS.—The conveyance under
22 subsection (a) shall be—

23 (A) subject to valid existing rights;

24 (B) made by quitclaim deed; and

1 (C) subject to such other terms and condi-
2 tions as the Secretary considers to be appro-
3 priate to protect the interests of the United
4 States.

5 (2) COSTS.—As a condition of the conveyance
6 under subsection (a), Tony’s Wabeno Redi-Mix, LLC
7 shall pay to the Secretary—

8 (A) an amount equal to the market value
9 of the land to be conveyed under subsection (a),
10 as determined by the appraisal under sub-
11 section (d); and

12 (B) all costs associated with the convey-
13 ance, including the cost of—

14 (i) a survey, if necessary, under sub-
15 section (b)(3);

16 (ii) conducting the appraisal under
17 subsection (d); and

18 (iii) any environmental analysis or re-
19 source survey required under Federal law.

20 (d) APPRAISAL.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 300 days
22 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
23 retary shall complete an appraisal to determine the
24 market value of the land to be conveyed under sub-
25 section (a).

1 (2) STANDARDS.—The appraisal under para-
2 graph (1) shall be conducted in accordance with—

3 (A) the Uniform Appraisal Standards for
4 Federal Land Acquisitions; and

5 (B) the Uniform Standards of Professional
6 Appraisal Practice.

7 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map en-
9 titled “Conveyance of Federal Parcel Chequamegon-
10 Nicolet National Forest” and dated September 27,
11 2023.

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

15 **SEC. 3. COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF FEDERAL PERMIT-**
16 **TING PROCESSES FOR STONE, SAND, AND**
17 **GRAVEL DEVELOPMENT ON FEDERAL LANDS.**

18 (a) REVIEW.—The Secretary of the Interior, in con-
19 sultation with the heads of other relevant Federal agen-
20 cies, industry stakeholders, and State permitting authori-
21 ties, shall conduct a comprehensive review of the Federal
22 permitting processes for the development of stone, sand,
23 and gravel on Federal lands.

24 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
25 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior,

1 in consultation with the entities referred to in subsection
2 (a), shall submit to the Committee on Natural Resources
3 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
4 Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate, and make
5 publicly available on the website of the Department of the
6 Interior a report that includes—

7 (1) a detailed description of the current Federal
8 permitting process for stone, sand, and gravel devel-
9 opment, including average timelines from initial ap-
10 plication to final approval;

11 (2) an analysis identifying potential inefficien-
12 cies and duplicative steps in such permitting process
13 and the impact of such inefficiencies and duplicative
14 steps on project timelines;

15 (3) the Secretary's recommendations for legisla-
16 tive or administrative actions to streamline such per-
17 mitting process; and

18 (4) a summary of the economic impacts associ-
19 ated with current permitting timelines under such
20 permitting process, specifically focusing on the
21 stone, sand, and gravel sectors.

