

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**  
**TO H.R. 655**  
**OFFERED BY MR. BENTZ OF OREGON**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the  
following:

**1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “The Dalles Watershed  
3 Development Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5       In this Act:

6           (1) CITY.—The term “City” means the City of  
7       The Dalles, Oregon.

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

**11 SEC. 3. THE DALLES CONVEYANCE.**

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

18      (b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The land described in this  
2       paragraph is the parcel of real property generally de-  
3       picted as “parcel A” on the map, consisting of ap-  
4       proximately 150 acres of National Forest System  
5       land located in the Mount Hood National Forest in  
6       Oregon.

7           (2) MAP.—

8           (A) DEFINITION.—In this section, the  
9       term “map” means the map entitled “The  
10      Dalles Conveyance Parcel A” and dated Novem-  
11      ber 4, 2024.

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

14          (C) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—A copy of the  
15      map shall be on file and available for public in-  
16      spection in the appropriate offices of Forest  
17      Service.

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

22          (c) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The conveyance  
23      under subsection (a) shall be—

24              (1) subject to valid existing rights;

25              (2) made without consideration;

1 (3) made by quitclaim deed; and

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

5 (d) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—As a condition of the  
6 conveyance under subsection (a), the City shall pay all  
7 costs associated with the conveyance, including the cost  
8 of a survey under subsection (b)(3).

9 (e) USE OF CONVEYED LAND.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The land conveyed to the  
11 City under subsection (a) shall be used by the City  
12 for public purposes, including for municipal water  
13 supply and use and related infrastructure needs or  
14 expansions.

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

