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H. R. 655

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

A BILL

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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 “The Dalles Watershed
5 Development Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

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

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

4 **SEC. 3. THE DALLES CONVEYANCE.**

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

11 (b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The land described in this
13 paragraph is the parcel of real property generally de-
14 picted as “parcel A” on the map, consisting of ap-
15 proximately 150 acres of National Forest System
16 land located in the Mount Hood National Forest in
17 Oregon.

18 (2) MAP.—

19 (A) DEFINITION.—In this section, the
20 term “map” means the map entitled “The
21 Dalles Conveyance Parcel A” and dated Novem-
22 ber 4, 2024.

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

1 (C) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—A copy of the
2 map shall be on file and available for public in-
3 spection in the appropriate offices of Forest
4 Service.

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

9 (c) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The conveyance
10 under subsection (a) shall be—

11 (1) subject to valid existing rights;

12 (2) made without consideration;

13 (3) made by quitclaim deed; and

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

17 (d) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—As a condition of the
18 conveyance under subsection (a), the City shall pay all
19 costs associated with the conveyance, including the cost
20 of a survey under subsection (b)(3).

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