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# H. R. 5923

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,  
and Forestry

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## AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to exchange certain public lands in Ouachita National Forest, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Walnut Grove Land  
3 Exchange Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) CHURCH.—The term “Church” means the  
7 Walnut Grove Church in Garland County, Arkansas.

8 (2) OFFERED TRACT.—The term “Offered  
9 Tract” means all right, title, and interest of the  
10 Church in and to approximately 6.3 acres of non-  
11 Federal land identified as “Offered Tract 5742” on  
12 the Detail Map of the Walnut Grove Exchange,  
13 Ouachita National Forest map (printed date May  
14 11, 2017).

15 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
16 the Secretary of Agriculture.

17 (4) SELECTED TRACT.—The term “Selected  
18 Tract” means all right, title, and interest of the  
19 United States in and to approximately 4 acres iden-  
20 tified as “Selected Tract 5743” on the Detail Map  
21 of the Walnut Grove Exchange, Ouachita National  
22 Forest map (printed date May 11, 2017), subject to  
23 the reservation of a road easement by the Secretary.

24 **SEC. 3. EXCHANGE OF LAND; EQUALIZATION OF VALUE.**

25 (a) EXCHANGE AUTHORIZED.—Subject to the provi-  
26 sions of this Act, not later than 2 years after the date

1 of the enactment of this Act, if the Church offers to convey  
2 the Offered Tract to the United States, the Secretary  
3 shall—

4 (1) convey to the Church all right, title, and in-  
5 terest of the United States in and to the Selected  
6 Tract; and

7 (2) accept from the Church a conveyance of all  
8 right, title, and interest of the Church in and to the  
9 Offered Tract.

10 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The exchange under sub-  
11 section (a) shall be—

12 (1) subject to valid existing rights;

13 (2) conditioned on an equalization payment  
14 made by the Church in accordance with subsection  
15 (c); and

16 (3) conditioned on the payment of the costs de-  
17 scribed in subsection (g).

18 (c) EQUAL VALUE AND CASH EQUALIZATION.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
20 graph (2), the exchange under subsection (a) shall  
21 be for equal value or the values shall be equalized  
22 by a cash payment.

23 (2) EXCEPTION.—If the value of the Offered  
24 Tract exceeds the Selected Tract, an equalization  
25 payment shall not be required.

1 (d) APPRAISALS.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—The value of the land to be  
3 exchanged under this Act shall be determined by ap-  
4 praisals conducted by one or more independent and  
5 qualified appraisers.

6 (2) APPRAISAL STANDARDS.—The Secretary  
7 shall complete an appraisal of the land to be ex-  
8 changed under this Act in accordance with—

9 (A) the Uniform Appraisal Standards for  
10 Federal Land Acquisitions; and

11 (B) the Uniform Standards of Professional  
12 Appraisal Practice.

13 (e) FORMAT.—Title and valuation to the land to be  
14 exchanged under this Act shall be in a format acceptable  
15 to the Secretary and the Church.

16 (f) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after  
18 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
19 shall finalize a map and legal descriptions of all land  
20 to be conveyed under this Act.

21 (2) CORRECTIONS.—The Secretary may correct  
22 any minor errors in the map or in the legal descrip-  
23 tions.

24 (3) MAP ON FILE.—The map and legal descrip-  
25 tions shall be on file and available for public inspec-

1       tion in appropriate offices of the United States For-  
2       est Service.

3       (g) COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.—As a condition of con-  
4       veyance, any costs related to the conveyance under this  
5       section shall be paid by the Church.

        Passed the House of Representatives September 12,  
2018.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,  
*Clerk.*