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# H. R. 940

To provide for the conveyance of National Forest System land in the State  
of Louisiana.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ALEXANDER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Agriculture

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## A BILL

To provide for the conveyance of National Forest System  
land in the State of Louisiana.

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. FINDINGS AND DEFINITIONS.**

4 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds it in the public interest  
5 to authorize the sale of certain federally owned land in  
6 the Kisatchie National Forest in Louisiana for market  
7 value consideration.

8 (b) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this Act:

9 (1) The term “Collins Camp Properties” means  
10 Collins Camp Properties, Incorporated, a corpora-

1 tion existing under the laws of the State of Lou-  
2 isiana.

3 (2) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary  
4 of Agriculture.

5 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION TO SELL LAND.**

6 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—Subject to valid existing  
7 rights and subsection (b), the Secretary is authorized to  
8 sell by quitclaim deed the following lands in the State of  
9 Louisiana at public or private sale, including by competi-  
10 tive sale by auction, bid or otherwise:

11 (1) All federally owned lands within section 9,  
12 Township 10 North, Range 5 West, in Winn Parish,  
13 Louisiana.

14 (2) A parcel of land consisting of 2.16 acres sit-  
15 uated in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of section 4, Township 10 North,  
16 Range 5 West, Winn Parish, Louisiana, as more  
17 specifically depicted on a certificate of survey dated  
18 March 7, 2007, by Glen L. Cannon, P.L.S. 4436.

19 (b) FIRST RIGHT OF PURCHASE.—Subject to valid  
20 existing rights and the provisions of section 4, for a period  
21 of one year after the date of enactment of this Act, upon  
22 tender of consideration from the Collins Camp Properties,  
23 the Secretary shall sell and quitclaim to said corporation  
24 all right, title and interest of the United States in—

1           (1) up to 47.92 acres within section 9, Town-  
2           ship 10 North, Range 5 West, in Winn Parish, Lou-  
3           isiana, as generally depicted on a certificate of sur-  
4           vey dated February 28, 2007, by Glen L. Cannon,  
5           P.L.S. 4436, said land comprising the Collins Camp-  
6           sites; and

7           (2) the 2.16 acres described in subsection  
8           (a)(2).

9           (c) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Secretary may  
10          configure the lands to maximize marketability or achieve  
11          management objectives, and may prescribe such terms and  
12          conditions on the land sales authorized by this Act as the  
13          Secretary deems in the public interest.

14          (d) CONSIDERATION.—Land sales authorized by this  
15          Act shall be for cash consideration equal to the market  
16          value of the land.

17          (e) MARKET VALUE.—The market value of the land  
18          sold under this Act shall be as determined by an appraisal  
19          approved by the Secretary and done in conformity with  
20          the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acqui-  
21          sitions; or, if sold by means other than that provided in  
22          subsection (b), market value may be determined by com-  
23          petitive sale.

24          (f) HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES.—(1) In any disposal  
25          of lands authorized by this Act, the Secretary shall meet

1 disclosure requirements for hazardous substances, but  
2 shall otherwise not be required to remediate or abate those  
3 substances.

4 (2) Nothing in this section shall otherwise affect the  
5 application of the Comprehensive Environmental Re-  
6 sponse, Compensation and Liability Act (“CERCLA”, 42  
7 U.S.C. 9601, and following) to conveyances of lands out  
8 of Federal ownership.

9 **SEC. 3. PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF LAND.**

10 (a) DEPOSIT OF RECEIPTS.—The consideration re-  
11 ceived by the Secretary for the sale of land under this Act  
12 shall be deposited into the account in the Treasury of the  
13 United States established by Public Law 90–171 (com-  
14 monly known as the Sisk Act; 16 U.S.C. 484a).

15 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—Monies deposited pursuant to  
16 subsection (a) shall be available to the Secretary until ex-  
17 pended, without further appropriation, for the acquisition  
18 of lands and interests in land in the Kisatchie National  
19 Forest in Louisiana.

20 **SEC. 4. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.**

21 (a) COSTS.—The Secretary shall require the Collins  
22 Camp Properties to pay at closing the reasonable costs  
23 of appraisal and any administrative and environmental  
24 analyses required by law or regulation.

1 (b) PERMITS.—An offer by Collins Camp Properties  
2 shall be accompanied by written statements from holders  
3 of Forest Service special use authorizations agreeing to  
4 relinquish their authorizations upon a sale to Collins  
5 Camp Properties. For any holder not providing such writ-  
6 ten authorization, the Secretary shall require the Collins  
7 Camp Properties to administer such authorization accord-  
8 ing to its terms until the date of expiration.

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