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LAND CONVEYANCE, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT LAND IN DOUGLAS COUNTY, OREGON

OCTOBER 16, 2002.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. HANSEN, from the Committee on Resources, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 4601]

The Committee on Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 4601) to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of Bureau of Land Management land in Douglas County, Oregon, to the county to improve management of and recreational access to the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H.R. 4601 is to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of Bureau of Land Management land in Douglas County, Oregon, to the county to improve management of and recreational access to the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area, and for other purposes.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

H.R. 4601 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey without cost to Douglas County, Oregon all right, title, and interest to 68.8 acres of property currently under the management of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Douglas County would then be permitted to use the land, located just south of the Umpqua River in Winchester Bay, for recreational purposes.

Salmon Harbor Drive (County Road No. 251) runs through Douglas County and is connected to Ziolkouski Beach. Off-highway vehicles drivers unload their vehicles on Salmon Harbor Drive and drive them through Ziolkouski Beach to Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area. These actions create a safety hazard on the main road and considerable noise in town.

The intended effect of transferring the BLM land is to move recreational traffic off Salmon Harbor Drive and out of the nearby communities. The transfer also offers a staging area for off-highway vehicles and provides improved access to the Oregon Dunes for other visitors, such as hikers and backpackers. The legislation also contains a reversionary clause if the land is not being used by the county for the intended recreational purpose.

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 4601 was introduced on April 25, 2002, by Congressman Peter DeFazio (D–OR). The bill was referred to the Committee on Resources, and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation, and Public Lands. On October 8, 2002, the Full Resources Committee met to consider the bill and the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation, and Public Lands was discharged from further consideration. No amendments were offered and the bill was ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by voice vote.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Regarding clause 2(b)(1) of rule X and clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Resources' oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the body of this report.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States grants Congress the authority to enact this bill.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII

1. Cost of Legislation. Clause 3(d)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires an estimate and a comparison by the Committee of the costs which would be incurred in carrying out this bill. The Committee believes that enactment of this bill would have no significant effect on the federal budget.

2. Congressional Budget Act. As required by clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee believes that this bill does not contain any new budget authority, spending authority, credit authority, or an increase or decrease in revenues or tax expenditures.

3. General Performance Goals and Objectives. This bill does not authorize funding and therefore, clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives does not apply.

4. Congressional Budget Office Cost Estimate. Under clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has requested but not received a cost estimate for this bill from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office.

COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 104–4

This bill contains no unfunded mandates.

PREEMPTION OF STATE, LOCAL OR TRIBAL LAW

This bill is not intended to preempt any State, local or tribal law.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

If enacted, this bill would make no changes in existing law.

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