

LAND EXCHANGE, TRINITY PUBLIC UTILITIES DISTRICT,
TRINITY COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, THE BUREAU OF LAND
MANAGEMENT, AND THE FOREST SERVICE

MAY 30, 2012.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of
the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, from the Committee on Natural
Resources, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 1237]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Natural Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 1237) to provide for a land exchange with the Trinity Public Utilities District of Trinity County, California, involving the transfer of land to the Bureau of Land Management and the Six Rivers National Forest in exchange for National Forest System land in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, 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. 1237 is to provide for a land exchange with the Trinity Public Utilities District of Trinity County, California, involving the transfer of land to the Bureau of Land Management and the Six Rivers National Forest in exchange for National Forest System land in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

The Trinity Public Utilities District (TPUD), a local governmental entity, currently owns land within the City of Weaverville, California, which is cut off by the surrounding Shasta-Trinity National Forest. TPUD would like to acquire approximately 100 acres of the Shasta-Trinity National Forest to consolidate its holdings and guarantee access to develop this property near the Weaverville Airport. In exchange for this parcel, TPUD will convey approxi-

mately 150 acres to the Six Rivers National Forest and approximately 50 acres adjacent to the Trinity River to the Bureau of Land Management. Both of the TPUD's parcels that are to be conveyed are currently surrounded by the Six Rivers National Forest and Bureau of Land Management lands.

H.R. 1237 authorizes the land conveyance and exchange between the TPUD, the Forest Service, and the Bureau of Land Management. The acreages to be exchanged will be of approximate equal value and the TPUD will be responsible for all survey and administrative costs related to the exchange.

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 1237 was introduced on March 29, 2011, by Congressman Wally Herger (R-CA). The bill was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands. On December 2, 2011, the Subcommittee held a hearing on the bill. On April 25, 2012, the Full Natural Resources Committee met to consider the bill. The Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands was discharged by unanimous consent. No amendments were offered to the bill and the bill was ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by unanimous consent.

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 Natural Resources' oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the body of this report.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII

1. Cost of Legislation. Clause 3(d)(1) 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. However, clause 3(d)(2)(B) of that rule provides that this requirement does not apply when the Committee has included in its report a timely submitted cost estimate of the bill prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. 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 received the following cost estimate for this bill from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

H.R. 1237—A bill to provide for a land exchange with the Trinity Public Utilities District of Trinity County, California, involving the transfer of land to the Bureau of Land Management and the Six Rivers National Forest in exchange for National Forest System land in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, and for other purposes

H.R. 1237 would require the Secretary of Agriculture to exchange 100 acres of federal land in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest for about 200 acres of land owned by the Trinity Public Utilities District. Of the lands received in the exchange, the Forest Service

would administer 150 acres, and the Bureau of Land Management would administer 47 acres.

Based on information provided by the affected agencies, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would have no impact on discretionary spending. Any administrative costs related to the exchange would be paid by the Trinity Public Utilities District. Enacting H.R. 1237 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 1237 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Enacting this bill would benefit the Trinity Public Utilities District in California; any costs to the district would be incurred voluntarily.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Jeff LaFave. The estimate was approved by Theresa Gullo, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

2. Section 308(a) of 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, this bill does not contain any new budget authority, spending authority, credit authority, or an increase or decrease in revenues or tax expenditures. Based on information provided by the affected agencies, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would have no impact on discretionary spending. Any administrative costs related to the exchange would be paid by the Trinity Public Utilities District.

3. General Performance Goals and Objectives. As required by clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII, the general performance goal or objective of this bill is to provide for a land exchange with the Trinity Public Utilities District of Trinity County, California, involving the transfer of land to the Bureau of Land Management and the Six Rivers National Forest in exchange for National Forest System land in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest.

EARMARK STATEMENT

This bill does not contain any Congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined under clause 9(e), 9(f), and 9(g) of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

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.