

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 491

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 25, 2012

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources

AN ACT

To modify the boundaries of Cibola National Forest in the State of New Mexico, to transfer certain Bureau of Land Management land for inclusion in the 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. BOUNDARY MODIFICATION AND TRANSFER OF**
2 **ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION, CIBOLA NA-**
3 **TIONAL FOREST, NEW MEXICO.**

4 (a) BOUNDARY MODIFICATION.—

5 (1) MODIFICATION.—The boundaries of Cibola
6 National Forest in the State of New Mexico, are
7 modified to include the land depicted for such inclu-
8 sion on the Forest Service map titled “Crest of Mon-
9 tezuma Proposed Land Transfer” and dated October
10 26, 2009.

11 (2) AVAILABILITY AND CORRECTION OF MAP.—

12 The map referred to in paragraph (1) shall be on
13 file and available for public inspection in the appro-
14 priate offices of the Forest Service. The Chief of the
15 Forest Service may make technical and clerical cor-
16 rections to the map.

17 (b) TRANSFER OF BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
18 LAND.—

19 (1) TRANSFER.—The Secretary of the Interior
20 shall transfer to the administrative jurisdiction of
21 the Secretary of the Agriculture, for inclusion in,
22 and administration as part of, Cibola National For-
23 est, the public land administered by the Bureau of
24 Land Management and identified as the “Crest of
25 Montezuma” on the map referred to in subsection
26 (a).

1 (2) EFFECT OF TRANSFER ON EXISTING PER-
2 MITS.—In the case of any permit or other land use
3 authorization for public land transferred under para-
4 graph (1) that is still in effect as of the transfer
5 date, the Secretary of Agriculture shall administer
6 the permit or other land use authorization according
7 to the terms of the permit or other land use author-
8 ization. Upon expiration of such a permit or author-
9 ization, the Secretary of Agriculture may reauthorize
10 the use covered by the permit or authorization under
11 authorities available to the Secretary on such terms
12 and conditions as the Secretary considers in the
13 public interest.

14 (c) LAND ACQUISITION AUTHORITY.—Subject to the
15 appropriation of funds to carry out this subsection and
16 the consent of the owner of private land included within
17 the boundaries of Cibola National Forest by subsection
18 (a), the Secretary of Agriculture may acquire the private
19 land.

20 (d) MANAGEMENT OF ACQUIRED LAND.—

21 (1) MANAGEMENT.—Any federally owned lands
22 that have been or hereafter may be acquired for Na-
23 tional Forest System purposes within the boundaries
24 of Cibola National Forest, as modified by subsection
25 (a), shall be managed as lands acquired under the

1 Act of March 1, 1911 (commonly known as the
2 Weeks Act; 16 U.S.C. 515 et seq.), and in accord-
3 ance with the other laws and regulations pertaining
4 to the National Forest System.

5 (2) WITHDRAWAL FROM MINING AND CERTAIN
6 OTHER USES.—The land depicted on the map re-
7 ferred to in subsection (a) and acquired by the Sec-
8 retary of Agriculture is hereby withdrawn from—

9 (A) all forms of entry, appropriation, or
10 disposal under the public land laws;

11 (B) location, entry, and patent under the
12 public land mining laws; and

13 (C) operation of the mineral leasing and
14 geothermal leasing laws and the mineral mate-
15 rials laws.

16 (e) RELATION TO LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION
17 FUND ACT.—For purposes of section 7 of the Land and
18 Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 460l-
19 9), the boundaries of Cibola National Forest, as modified

1 by subsection (a), shall be considered to be boundaries of
2 the Cibola National Forest as of January 1, 1965.

Passed the House of Representatives April 24, 2012.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.