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To release a Federal reversionary interest in Chester County, Tennessee,
and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 15, 2021

Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Mr. HAGERTY) introduced the following
bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture,
Nutrition, and Forestry

A BILL

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Tennessee, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. CHESTER COUNTY REVERSIONARY INTEREST**

4 **RELEASE.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
7 the Secretary of Agriculture.

8 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
9 of Tennessee.

1 (3) STATE FOREST LAND.—The term “State
2 forest land” means the approximately 0.62-acre par-
3 cel of land in Chickasaw State Forest that is identi-
4 fied as “State Forest Land” on the map prepared
5 by the Forest Service entitled “State Forest Land
6 Detail Map” and dated December 13, 2019.

7 (4) WEBB PROPERTY.—The term “Webb prop-
8 erty” means the approximately 0.90-acre parcel of
9 land owned by Kirby and Leta Webb identified as
10 “Webb Property Lot 1” on the map entitled “Webb
11 Property Detail Map” and dated December 13,
12 2019.

13 (b) RELEASE OF REVERSIONARY INTEREST.—

14 (1) RELEASE.—On the transfer of ownership of
15 the Webb property to the State for inclusion in the
16 Chickasaw State Forest and the transfer of the
17 State forest land to the State or a non-State entity,
18 by request of the State, the Secretary shall release
19 to the State, without consideration, the reversionary
20 interest of the United States in and to the State for-
21 est land described in paragraph (2).

22 (2) DESCRIPTION OF REVERSIONARY INTER-
23 EST.—The reversionary interest referred to in para-
24 graph (1) is the reversionary interest of the United
25 States in and to the State forest land that—

1 (A) requires that the State forest land be
 2 used for public purposes; and

3 (B) is contained in a deed—

4 (i) granting from the United States to
 5 the State the State forest land;

6 (ii) dated August 12, 1955; and

7 (iii) registered on pages 588 through
 8 591 of book 48 of the record of deeds for
 9 Chester County, Tennessee.

10 (c) SALE OF MINERAL RIGHTS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to any valid existing
 12 rights of third parties, as soon as practicable after
 13 the date on which all actions described in subsection
 14 (b)(1) have been carried out, the Secretary shall
 15 offer to sell to the State the undivided mineral inter-
 16 ests of the United States in and to the State forest
 17 land.

18 (2) TERMS OF SALE.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180
 20 days after the date of enactment of this Act,
 21 the Secretary shall determine—

22 (i) the mineral character of the State
 23 forest land; and

24 (ii) the market value of the mineral
 25 interests referred to in paragraph (1), as

1 determined by an appraisal conducted in
2 accordance with subparagraph (C).

3 (B) PAYMENT OF COSTS.—As a condition
4 of any sale under this subsection, the State
5 shall pay to the United States—

6 (i) any administrative costs incurred
7 by the United States in selling to the State
8 the mineral interests referred to in para-
9 graph (1), including the costs incurred by
10 the Secretary in making the determina-
11 tions required under subparagraph (A);
12 and

13 (ii) an amount equal to the market
14 value of the mineral interests referred to in
15 paragraph (1), as determined under sub-
16 paragraph (A)(ii).

17 (C) APPRAISAL REQUIREMENTS.—An ap-
18 praisal conducted under subparagraph (A)(ii)
19 shall be—

20 (i) consistent with the Uniform Ap-
21 praisal Standards for Federal Land Acqui-
22 sitions and the Uniform Standards of Pro-
23 fessional Appraisal Practice; and

- 1 (ii) subject to the approval of the Sec-
- 2 retary.

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