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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. STAUBER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on ____________________________

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Lake Winnibigoshish
Land Exchange Act of 2022”.

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:
(1) BWLT.—The term “BWLT” means Big Winnie Land and Timber, LLC, a Minnesota Limited Liability Corporation.

(2) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Federal land” means the approximately 7.6 acres of Federal land generally depicted as the “Federal Parcel for Exchange” on the Map.

(3) MAP.—The term “Map” means sheets 2 and 3 of the map entitled “Proposed Land Exchange - Bowen Lodge Inc. and Chippewa National Forest” and dated March 30, 2022.

(4) NON-FEDERAL LAND.—The term “non-Federal land” means the approximately 37.5 acres generally depicted as the “non-Federal Parcel for Exchange” on the Map.

(5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture.

SEC. 3. EXCHANGE OF LAND.

(a) EXCHANGE AUTHORIZED.—Subject to the provisions of this Act, not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, if BWLT offers to convey the non-Federal land to the United States, the Secretary shall—
(1) accept the offer and convey to BWLT all
right, title, and interest of the United States in and
to the Federal land; and

(2) accept from BWLT all right, title, and in-
terest of BWLT in and to the non-Federal land.

(b) REQUIREMENTS.—The exchange under sub-
section (a) shall be—

(1) subject to valid existing rights; and

(2) if, under the appraisals conducted in ac-
cordance with this Act, it is determined that the
value of the Federal land exceeds the value of the
non-Federal land, conditioned on a cash equalization
payment made by BWLT to the United States in ac-
cordance with subsection (c).

(c) EQUAL VALUE AND CASH EQUALIZATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
graph (2), the exchange under subsection (a) shall
be for equal value or the values shall be equalized
by a cash payment.

(2) EXCEPTION.—If the appraised value of the
non-Federal land conveyed to the Secretary exceeds
the appraised value of the Federal land, a cash
equalization payment by the United States to
BWLT is waived and the amount of such waived
payment shall be considered a donation by BWLT to the United States for all purposes of law.

(d) Appraisals.—

(1) In general.—The value of the land to be exchanged under this Act shall be determined by appraisals conducted by one or more independent and qualified appraisers mutually agreed to by the Secretary and BWLT.

(2) Appraisal standards.—The Secretary shall complete an appraisal of the land to be exchanged under this Act in accordance with—

(A) the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions; and

(B) the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice.

(e) Format.—Title to the non-Federal land to be conveyed to the Secretary under this Act shall be in a format acceptable to the Secretary.

(f) Management of acquired land.—The land acquired by the Secretary under subsection (a) shall be—

(1) added to, and managed as part of, the Chippewa National Forest; and

(2) managed in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to National Forest System lands.
(g) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall finalize a Map and legal descriptions of all land to be conveyed under this Act.

(2) CONTROLLING DOCUMENT.—In the case of a discrepancy between the Map and a legal description, the Map shall control.

(3) CORRECTIONS.—The Secretary and BWLT, by mutual agreement, may correct any minor errors in the Map or in the legal descriptions.

(4) MAP ON FILE.—The Map and legal descriptions shall be on file and available for public inspection in appropriate offices of the Forest Service.