

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To modify the boundaries of the Talladega National Forest, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. TUBERVILLE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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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. TALLADEGA NATIONAL FOREST BOUNDARY**

4 **MODIFICATION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The boundaries of the Talladega
6 National Forest are modified to include the land depicted
7 on the map entitled “Talladega National Forest Proposed
8 Proclamation Boundary Addition” and dated September
9 6, 2024.

1 (b) MAP.—The map described in subsection (a) shall
2 be on file and available for public inspection in the appro-
3 priate office of the Forest Service.

4 (c) ACQUISITIONS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Within the area delineated
6 on the map described in subsection (a), the Sec-
7 retary of Agriculture may use the land acquisition
8 authorities applicable to the National Forest System,
9 including the Act of March 1, 1911 (commonly
10 known as the “Weeks Law”) (36 Stat. 961, chapter
11 186; 16 U.S.C. 552 et seq.), to acquire land, waters,
12 and interests therein.

13 (2) MANAGEMENT.—Land acquired pursuant to
14 paragraph (1) shall be managed as land acquired
15 under the Act of March 1, 1911 (commonly known
16 as the “Weeks Law”) (36 Stat. 961, chapter 186;
17 16 U.S.C. 552 et seq.), and in accordance with all
18 laws and regulations pertaining to the National For-
19 est System.

20 (3) STANDARDS.—The Secretary shall ensure
21 that any private land or waters and any interest in
22 private land or waters acquired pursuant to para-
23 graph (1) is acquired—

1 (A) from a willing seller by donation, ex-
2 change, or purchase using donated or appro-
3 priated funds; and

4 (B) to the extent practicable, without
5 undue delay.