

the purposes for which they were being used prior to conveyance.

SHORT TITLE

This section is popularly known as the Sisk Act.

**§ 485. Exchange of lands in national forests; cutting timber in national forests in exchange for lands therein**

When the public interests will be benefited thereby, the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized in his discretion to accept on behalf of the United States title to any lands within the exterior boundaries of the national forests which, in his opinion, are chiefly valuable for national-forest purposes, and in exchange therefor may patent not to exceed an equal value of such national-forest land, in the same State, surveyed and nonmineral in character, or he may authorize the grantor to cut and remove an equal value of timber within the national forests of the same State; the values in each case to be determined by him. Before any such exchange is effected notice of the contemplated exchange reciting the lands involved shall be published once each week for four successive weeks in some newspaper of general circulation in the county or counties in which may be situated the lands to be accepted, and in some like newspaper published in any county in which may be situated any lands or timber to be given in such exchange. Timber given in such exchanges shall be cut and removed under the laws and regulations relating to the national forests, and under the direction and supervision and in accordance with the requirements of the Secretary of Agriculture. Lands conveyed to the United States under this section and section 486 of this title shall, upon acceptance of title, become parts of the national forest within whose exterior boundaries they are located.

(Mar. 20, 1922, ch. 105, §1, 42 Stat. 465; Pub. L. 86-509, §1(a), June 11, 1960, 74 Stat. 205.)

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of Secretary of the Interior under this section and section 486 of this title, with respect to exchanges of non-Federal lands for national forest lands or timber, transferred to Secretary of Agriculture, see Pub. L. 86-509, June 11, 1960, 74 Stat. 205, set out as a note under section 2201 of Title 7, Agriculture.

"Secretary of Agriculture is authorized", "in his opinion", "he may authorize" and "the values in each case to be determined by him" substituted in text for "Secretary of the Interior is authorized", "in the opinion of the Secretary of Agriculture", "the Secretary of Agriculture may authorize" and "the values in each case to be determined by the Secretary of Agriculture", respectively, in view of transfer of functions under this section to Secretary of Agriculture from Secretary of the Interior by section 1(a) of Pub. L. 86-509, set out as a note under section 2201 of Title 7.

**§ 485a. Omitted**

CODIFICATION

Section, act Aug. 2, 1935, ch. 424, 49 Stat. 508, related to lands adjacent to Chelan National Forest. See Codification note set out under sections 486a to 486w of this title.

**§ 486. Exchange of lands in national forests; reservations of timber, minerals, or easements**

Either party to an exchange may make reservations of timber, minerals, or easements, the

values of which shall be duly considered in determining the values of the exchanged lands. Where reservations are made in lands conveyed to the United States the right to enjoy them shall be subject to such reasonable conditions respecting ingress and egress and the use of the surface of the land as may be deemed necessary by the Secretary of Agriculture; where mineral reservations are made in lands conveyed by the United States it shall be so stipulated in the patents, and that any person who acquires the right to mine and remove the reserved deposits may enter and occupy so much of the surface as may be required for all purposes incident to the mining and removal of the minerals therefrom, and may mine and remove such minerals upon payment to the owner of the surface for damages caused to the land and improvements thereon. All property, rights, easements, and benefits authorized by this section to be retained by or reserved to owners of lands conveyed to the United States shall be subject to the tax laws of the States where such lands are located.

(Mar. 20, 1922, ch. 105, §2, as added Feb. 28, 1925, ch. 375, 43 Stat. 1090.)

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of Secretary of the Interior under this section and section 485 of this title, with respect to exchanges of non-Federal lands for national forest lands or timber, transferred to Secretary of Agriculture, see Pub. L. 86-509, June 11, 1960, 74 Stat. 205, set out as a note under section 2201 of Title 7, Agriculture.

APPLICATION EXTENDED

Act June 25, 1935, ch. 308, 49 Stat. 422, provided that this section should be extended and made applicable to exchanges of lands under acts Feb. 14, 1923, ch. 75, 42 Stat. 1245, and Feb. 7, 1929, ch. 160, 45 Stat. 1154, which authorize the United States to acquire privately owned lands situated within certain townships in the Lincoln National Forest in the State of New Mexico, by exchanging therefor an equal value of unreserved and unappropriated public lands within said State.

**§§ 486a to 486w. Omitted**

CODIFICATION

Exchanges of lands in or adjacent to national forests were authorized by Congress in the following instances:

Absaroka National Forest—Act May 26, 1926, ch. 399, §4, 44 Stat. 656.

Arapaho National Forest—Acts Mar. 3, 1927, ch. 340, 44 Stat. 1378; Dec. 31, 1974, Pub. L. 93-575, 88 Stat. 1878.

Ashley National Forest—Act Jan. 26, 1931, ch. 44, 46 Stat. 1040.

Black Hills National Forest—Acts Feb. 15, 1927, ch. 152, 44 Stat. 1099; June 15, 1938, ch. 388, 52 Stat. 686.

Boise National Forest—Acts July 1, 1930, ch. 85, 46 Stat. 841; May 17, 1934, ch. 292, 48 Stat. 779; June 5, 1942, ch. 342, §1, 56 Stat. 320; July 17, 1959, Pub. L. 86-92, 73 Stat. 218; Pub. L. 106-493, §1, Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2213.

Cache National Forest—Acts May 14, 1914, ch. 89, 38 Stat. 377; Feb. 17, 1917, ch. 86, 39 Stat. 922; Feb. 28, 1919, chs. 73, 77, 40 Stat. 1204, 1208; Feb. 25, 1932, ch. 57, 47 Stat. 55.

Calaveras Bigtree National Forest—Acts Feb. 18, 1909, ch. 143, 35 Stat. 627; May 7, 1912, ch. 105, 37 Stat. 108.

Caribou National Forest—Acts Apr. 18, 1914, ch. 63, 38 Stat. 346; June 5, 1920, ch. 262, 41 Stat. 1056; June 16, 1948, ch. 476, 62 Stat. 455.

Carson National Forest—Acts Apr. 21, 1926, ch. 167, 44 Stat. 303; Apr. 16, 1928, ch. 378, 45 Stat. 431; May 31, 1949, ch. 152, 63 Stat. 144; Oct. 9, 1972, Pub. L. 92-474, 86 Stat. 790.

- Challis National Forest—Act Apr. 10, 1928, chs. 339, 340, 45 Stat. 415.
- Chattahoochee National Forest—Act July 20, 1956, ch. 656, 70 Stat. 594.
- Chelan National Forest—Act Aug. 2, 1935, ch. 424, 49 Stat. 508.
- Chippewa National Forest—Acts June 8, 1940, ch. 285, § 3, 54 Stat. 255; Oct. 5, 1949, ch. 597, 63 Stat. 702.
- Cleveland National Forest—Act June 11, 1942, ch. 407, 56 Stat. 358.
- Cochetopa National Forest—Act May 3, 1934, ch. 192, 48 Stat. 658.
- Colorado National Forest—Acts Sept. 8, 1916, ch. 474, 39 Stat. 848; June 4, 1920, ch. 225, 41 Stat. 757; June 2, 1924, ch. 230, 43 Stat. 252; June 9, 1926, ch. 515, § 1, 44 Stat. 714.
- Columbia National Forest—Act Aug. 12, 1937, ch. 588, 50 Stat. 622.
- Colville National Forest—Act Mar. 4, 1927, ch. 493, 44 Stat. 1412.
- Crater National Forest—Acts Feb. 11, 1920, ch. 69, 41 Stat. 405; Apr. 23, 1928, chs. 414, 415, 45 Stat. 450.
- Crow Creek National Forest—Act Mar. 13, 1908, ch. 84, 35 Stat. 42.
- Custer National Forest—Act Mar. 3, 1925, ch. 440, 43 Stat. 1117.
- Deschutes National Forest—Acts Feb. 2, 1922, ch. 46, 42 Stat. 362; May 24, 1935, ch. 140, 49 Stat. 288.
- Dixie National Forest—Act Mar. 7, 1942, ch. 162, § 2, 56 Stat. 142.
- Eldorado National Forest—Act Feb. 20, 1925, ch. 272, 43 Stat. 954.
- Fishlake National Forest—Act July 28, 1914, ch. 212, 38 Stat. 556.
- Fremont National Forest—Acts May 14, 1930, ch. 270, 46 Stat. 278; Apr. 14, 1934, ch. 138, 48 Stat. 590.
- Gallatin National Forest—Act May 26, 1926, ch. 399, § 5, 44 Stat. 656.
- Gunnison National Forest—Acts Apr. 23, 1928, ch. 416, 45 Stat. 451; Mar. 4, 1933, ch. 277, 47 Stat. 1569.
- Harney National Forest—Acts Feb. 15, 1927, ch. 152, 44 Stat. 1099; Oct. 6, 1949, ch. 620, 63 Stat. 708.
- Helena National Forest—Act Apr. 23, 1930, ch. 206, 46 Stat. 250.
- Idaho National Forest—Acts Oct. 17, 1919, ch. 88, 41 Stat. 324; Apr. 10, 1928, ch. 338, 45 Stat. 415; June 30, 1932, ch. 332, 47 Stat. 474.
- Idaho, national forests in—Act Apr. 30, 1934, ch. 172, 48 Stat. 649.
- Kaniksu National Forest—Acts May 26, 1938, ch. 279, 52 Stat. 443; Aug. 10, 1939, ch. 661, 53 Stat. 1347; June 14, 1965, Pub. L. 89-39, 79 Stat. 129.
- Kansas National Forest—Act Feb. 28, 1911, ch. 181, 36 Stat. 960.
- Klamath National Forest—Act June 22, 1938, ch. 565, 52 Stat. 836.
- Lassen National Forest—Acts June 3, 1924, ch. 238, 43 Stat. 356; June 22, 1938, chs. 564, 566, 52 Stat. 835, 838.
- Lemhi National Forest—Act Mar. 1, 1921, ch. 101, 41 Stat. 1199.
- Lincoln National Forest—Acts Feb. 14, 1923, ch. 75, 42 Stat. 1245; Feb. 7, 1929, ch. 160, 45 Stat. 1154; June 25, 1935, ch. 308, 49 Stat. 422.
- Malheur National Forest—Acts Mar. 8, 1922, ch. 97, 42 Stat. 416; June 17, 1940, ch. 392, 54 Stat. 402.
- Manti National Forest—Act Mar. 26, 1928, ch. 250, 45 Stat. 370.
- Manzano National Forest—Act Apr. 16, 1928, ch. 378, 45 Stat. 431.
- Medicine Bow National Forest—Acts June 7, 1924, ch. 307, 43 Stat. 594; Apr. 13, 1926, ch. 131, 44 Stat. 248; Aug. 20, 1935, ch. 576, 49 Stat. 662.
- Minam National Forest—Act Mar. 3, 1919, ch. 107, 40 Stat. 1319.
- Minidoka National Forest—Act Jan. 11, 1922, ch. 24, 42 Stat. 355.
- Minnesota, national forests in—Act Dec. 7, 1942, ch. 691, 56 Stat. 1042.
- Missoula National Forest—Acts Feb. 17, 1917, ch. 85, 39 Stat. 922; May 17, 1928, ch. 611, 45 Stat. 598; Mar. 1, 1929, ch. 425, 45 Stat. 1426.
- Modoc National Forest—Acts Mar. 3, 1919, ch. 102, 40 Stat. 1316; Mar. 4, 1933, ch. 272, 47 Stat. 1563; June 22, 1938, ch. 564, 52 Stat. 835; Aug. 4, 1947, ch. 461, 61 Stat. 739.
- Modoc, Shasta, and Lassen National Forests—Act June 22, 1938, ch. 564, 52 Stat. 835.
- Montana, national forests in—Act Jan. 30, 1929, ch. 122, 45 Stat. 1145.
- Montezuma National Forest—Act May 22, 1928, ch. 686, 45 Stat. 711.
- Mount Hood National Forest—Acts Feb. 28, 1925, ch. 372, 43 Stat. 1079; May 21, 1934, ch. 317, 48 Stat. 785.
- National forests in Montana—Act Jan. 30, 1929, ch. 122, 45 Stat. 1145.
- New Mexico, national forests in—Act June 15, 1926, ch. 590, § 1, 44 Stat. 747.
- Nez Perce National Forest—Act Mar. 1, 1921, ch. 96, 41 Stat. 1196.
- Nicolet National Forest—Act June 19, 1948, ch. 550, 62 Stat. 534.
- Ochoco National Forest—Acts June 24, 1914, ch. 123, 38 Stat. 387; Feb. 11, 1920, ch. 67, 41 Stat. 404; June 15, 1938, ch. 397, 52 Stat. 692; June 8, 1940, ch. 279, 54 Stat. 251.
- Olympic National Forest—Acts Sept. 22, 1922, ch. 424, 42 Stat. 1036; June 29, 1938, ch. 812, 52 Stat. 1241.
- Oregon National Forest—Acts Oct. 21, 1918, ch. 192, 40 Stat. 1015; Feb. 11, 1920, ch. 69, 41 Stat. 405; May 20, 1920, ch. 191, 41 Stat. 605.
- Paulina (Oregon) National Forest—Act July 25, 1912, ch. 252, 37 Stat. 200.
- Payette National Forest—Acts Oct. 17, 1919, ch. 88, 41 Stat. 324; July 17, 1959, Pub. L. 86-92, 73 Stat. 218; Pub. L. 106-493, § 1, Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2213.
- Pike National Forest—Acts Aug. 24, 1914, ch. 285, 38 Stat. 705; Mar. 4, 1915, ch. 173, 38 Stat. 1194; Sept. 8, 1916, chs. 469, 474, 39 Stat. 844, 848; May 3, 1934, ch. 191, 48 Stat. 657; Dec. 23, 1944, ch. 722, 58 Stat. 924.
- Pisgah National Forest—Act Aug. 26, 1935, ch. 682, 49 Stat. 800.
- Plumas National Forest—Acts June 3, 1924, ch. 238, 43 Stat. 356; Feb. 20, 1925, ch. 272, 43 Stat. 952; June 22, 1938, ch. 566, 52 Stat. 838; June 5, 1942, ch. 334, 56 Stat. 311.
- Pocatello National Forest—Act Feb. 18, 1911, ch. 115, 36 Stat. 919.
- Rainier National Forest—Acts Mar. 4, 1921, ch. 159, 41 Stat. 159; Dec. 20, 1921, ch. 11, 42 Stat. 350; May 28, 1926, ch. 410, § 1, 44 Stat. 668.
- Rio Grande National Forest—Acts June 20, 1938, ch. 529, 52 Stat. 781; June 29, 1940, ch. 454, 54 Stat. 695.
- Rogue River National Forest—Acts June 4, 1936, ch. 494, 49 Stat. 1460; July 27, 1937, ch. 524, 50 Stat. 534.
- Roosevelt National Forest—Pub. L. 85-567, July 28, 1958, 72 Stat. 426.
- Salmon National Forest—Act June 5, 1942, ch. 342, § 2, 56 Stat. 320.
- San Juan National Forest—Act June 29, 1940, ch. 454, 54 Stat. 695.
- Santa Fe National Forest—Acts Apr. 21, 1926, ch. 167, 44 Stat. 303; Apr. 16, 1928, ch. 378, 45 Stat. 431; Oct. 9, 1972, Pub. L. 92-474, 86 Stat. 790.
- Santiam National Forest—Act Feb. 28, 1925, ch. 373, 43 Stat. 1080.
- Sawtooth National Forest—Act Apr. 10, 1928, ch. 339, 45 Stat. 415.
- Sequoia National Forest—Acts July 3, 1926, ch. 744, 44 Stat. 818; Dec. 9, 1942, ch. 712, 56 Stat. 1044.
- Sevier National Forest—Acts July 3, 1916, ch. 212, 39 Stat. 340; Jan. 7, 1921, ch. 14, 41 Stat. 1087.
- Shasta and Klamath National Forests—Act June 22, 1938, ch. 565, 52 Stat. 836.
- Shasta National Forest—Acts Feb. 20, 1925, ch. 272, 43 Stat. 954; June 22, 1938, chs. 564, 565, 52 Stat. 835, 836; Mar. 19, 1948, ch. 139, 62 Stat. 83, eff. July 1, 1948; July 28, 1958, Pub. L. 85-565, 72 Stat. 425.
- Shoshone National Forest—Acts Dec. 20, 1921, ch. 10, 42 Stat. 350; Mar. 4, 1927, ch. 494, 44 Stat. 1412.
- Sierra National Forest—Acts June 11, 1906, Res. No. 27, 34 Stat. 832; Apr. 16, 1914, ch. 58, 38 Stat. 345; May 13, 1914, ch. 88, 38 Stat. 376; June 5, 1920, ch. 242, 41 Stat. 980.

Siskiyou National Forest—Acts Sept. 22, 1922, ch. 407, 42 Stat. 1019; June 13, 1935, ch. 222, 49 Stat. 338.

Siuslaw National Forest—Acts Feb. 11, 1920, ch. 69, 41 Stat. 405; June 30, 1932, ch. 328, 47 Stat. 451; Jan. 17, 1940, ch. 2, 54 Stat. 14; Nov. 25, 1940, ch. 915, 54 Stat. 1210; Mar. 23, 1972, Pub. L. 92-260, § 6, 86 Stat. 100.

Snoqualmie National Forest—Acts Sept. 22, 1922, ch. 424, 42 Stat. 1036; Feb. 28, 1925, ch. 369, 43 Stat. 1074; Aug. 21, 1937, ch. 727, 50 Stat. 739.

Stanislaus National Forest—Acts Apr. 16, 1914, ch. 58, 38 Stat. 345; Feb. 20, 1925, ch. 272, 43 Stat. 954.

Tahoe National Forest—Acts Apr. 11, 1922, ch. 129, 42 Stat. 493; Feb. 20, 1925, ch. 272, 43 Stat. 954; Feb. 12, 1938, ch. 27, §§1-4, 52 Stat. 28; June 22, 1938, ch. 566, 52 Stat. 838.

Targhee National Forest—Acts Mar. 1, 1921, ch. 98, 41 Stat. 1198; June 5, 1942, ch. 342, § 2, 56 Stat. 320.

Teton National Forest—Acts Aug. 16, 1916, ch. 345, 39 Stat. 515; Dec. 31, 1974, Pub. L. 93-564, 88 Stat. 1843.

Tierra Amarillo Grant adjacent to Rio Grande or San Juan National Forests—Act June 29, 1940, ch. 454, 54 Stat. 695.

Trinity National Forest—Act June 20, 1938, ch. 533, 52 Stat. 797.

Umatilla National Forest—Acts Mar. 4, 1925, ch. 538, 43 Stat. 1279; June 19, 1936, ch. 603, 49 Stat. 1534; June 17, 1940, ch. 392, 54 Stat. 402; Oct. 9, 1980, Pub. L. 96-406, 94 Stat. 1715.

Wallowa National Forest—Acts Mar. 4, 1925, ch. 538, 43 Stat. 1279; Oct. 9, 1980, Pub. L. 96-406, §§1, 2, 94 Stat. 1715.

Washakie National Forest—Acts June 14, 1926, ch. 579, 44 Stat. 742; Mar. 4, 1931, ch. 501, 46 Stat. 1521.

Weiser National Forest—Act Mar. 1, 1921, ch. 92, 41 Stat. 1194.

Wenatchee National Forest—Acts Sept. 22, 1922, ch. 424, 42 Stat. 1036; Aug. 11, 1939, ch. 697, 53 Stat. 1412.

Whitman National Forest—Acts Sept. 8, 1916, ch. 476, 39 Stat. 852; Mar. 4, 1925, chs. 538, 541, 43 Stat. 1279, 1282; June 19, 1936, ch. 603, 49 Stat. 1534; June 17, 1940, ch. 392, 54 Stat. 402.

Willamette National Forest—Act June 13, 1935, ch. 221, 49 Stat. 338.

Wyoming National Forest—Acts Aug. 16, 1916, ch. 345, § 2, 39 Stat. 516; Feb. 25, 1919, ch. 20, 40 Stat. 1152.

#### § 487. Cutting timber on land added to Siskiyou National Forest

The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized, in his discretion, to sell the merchantable timber on the land added to the Siskiyou National Forest by section 1 hereof, in accordance with the regulations governing the sale of public timber in the national forests, and the entire proceeds of any sale of the timber on such land shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in a special fund designated as "The Oregon and California land-grant fund", referred to in the Act of Congress approved June 9, 1916, chapter 137, section 10, Thirty-ninth Statutes, page 222, and be disposed of in the manner therein designated, the land added forming part of the area which reverted in the United States under the provisions of the said Act.

(Sept. 22, 1922, ch. 407, § 2, 42 Stat. 1019.)

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1 hereof, referred to in text, means section 1 of act Sept. 22, 1922, ch. 407, 42 Stat. 1019, which related to exchanges of lands in or adjacent to Siskiyou National Forest and was not classified to the Code. See Codification note set out under sections 486a to 486w of this title.

Act of Congress approved June 9, 1916, referred to in text, was not classified to the Code.

#### § 487a. Cutting timber on lands added to Rogue River National Forest

When the Secretary of Agriculture finds that merchantable timber may be cut without detriment to the purity or depletion of the water supply from lands added to the Rogue River National Forest by Act of June 4, 1936, chapter 494, section 1, 49 Stat. 1460, title to which has been reverted in the United States under the Act of Congress approved June 9, 1916 (39 Stat. 218), said Secretary is authorized to dispose of such merchantable timber on such lands in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture for the national forests and the entire proceeds of any such sale shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in a special fund designated "The Oregon and California Land Grant Fund", referred to in section 10 of the said Act of June 9, 1916, and be disposed of in the manner therein designated.

(June 4, 1936, ch. 494, § 2, 49 Stat. 1461.)

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Act of June 4, 1936, chapter 494, section 1, 49 Stat. 1460, referred to in text, related to exchanges of lands in or adjacent to Rogue River National Forest and was not classified to the Code. See Codification note set out under sections 486a to 486w of this title.

Act of Congress approved June 9, 1916, referred to in text, was not classified to the Code.

#### § 488. Establishment of exterior boundaries of national forests

On and after Mar. 3, 1899, all standard, meander, township, and section lines of the public-land surveys shall be established under the direction and supervision of the Secretary of the Interior or such officer as he may designate, whether the lands to be surveyed are within or without national forests, except that where the exterior boundaries of national forests are required to be coincident with standard, township, or section lines, such boundaries may, if not previously established in the ordinary course of the public-land surveys, be established and marked under the supervision of the Director of the United States Geological Survey whenever necessary to complete the survey of such exterior boundaries.

(Mar. 3, 1899, ch. 424, § 1, 30 Stat. 1097; 1946 Reorg. Plan No. 3, § 403, eff. July 16, 1946, 11 F.R. 7876, 60 Stat. 1100.)

##### CODIFICATION

"National forests" substituted in text for "reservations" and "public forest reservations" on authority of act Mar. 4, 1907, ch. 2907, 34 Stat. 1269, which provided that forest reserves shall hereafter be known as national forests.

##### CHANGE OF NAME

"Secretary of the Interior or such officer as he may designate" substituted in text for "Commissioner of the General Land Office" on authority of Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1946, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

##### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of functions of other officers, employees, and agencies of Department of the Interior, with certain exceptions, to Secretary of the Interior, with