

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5451

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 27, 2010

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Connell Lake Water-  
5       shed Protection and Recreation Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

7       (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

1           (1) The Forest Service owns the area sur-  
2           rounding Connell Lake, located within the bound-  
3           aries of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough, Alaska.  
4           Connell Lake serves as a major water source for the  
5           Borough and as a local recreation site.

6           (2) The Borough has a great interest in the  
7           management of the Connell Lake area and desires to  
8           participate directly in the planning and management  
9           of the area.

10          (3) The Borough would be eligible to obtain  
11          this land from the Federal Government under the  
12          Recreation and Public Purposes Act if the land was  
13          not located within a national forest.

14          (4) Congress has passed legislation in similar  
15          circumstances to permit local governments to obtain  
16          National Forest System land under the Recreation  
17          and Public Purposes Act.

18          (5) The management plan for Connell Lake  
19          under the Borough's comprehensive plan is con-  
20          sistent with the newly issued forest management  
21          plan for the area and with the terms and conditions  
22          of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act.

23          (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to provide  
24          for the application of the Recreation and Public Purposes

1 Act to the Connell Lake area so the Borough may obtain  
2 that land under the basic terms and conditions of the Act.

3 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

4 In this Act:

5 (1) **BOROUGH.**—The term “Borough” means  
6 the Ketchikan Gateway Borough located in the State  
7 of Alaska.

8 (2) **RECREATION AND PUBLIC PURPOSES**  
9 **ACT.**—The term “Recreation and Public Purposes  
10 Act” means the Act of June 14, 1926 (43 U.S.C.  
11 869 et seq.).

12 **SEC. 4. LAND CONVEYANCE, CONNELL LAKE AREA, KETCH-**  
13 **IKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH, ALASKA.**

14 (a) **CONVEYANCE.**—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
15 sion of law, in accordance with this Act and the Recreation  
16 and Public Purposes Act, and subject to valid existing  
17 rights, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of  
18 the Interior, as appropriate, shall convey to the Borough  
19 all right, title, and interest of the United States in and  
20 to the Connell Lake Conveyance Area consisting of ap-  
21 proximately 880 acres, as generally depicted on the map  
22 titled “Connell Lake Watershed—Aliquot Part Descrip-  
23 tion”. Such map shall be on file and available for inspec-  
24 tion in the offices of the Chief of the Forest Service and  
25 the Forest Supervisor located in Ketchikan, Alaska.

1       (b) MANAGEMENT.—Once conveyed, the Connell  
2 Lake Conveyance Area shall be managed in accordance  
3 with the terms of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act,  
4 including the reverter provisions required by that Act.

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