

## HR 1214

### National Forest Small Tracts Act Amendments Act of 2015

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

**Introduced:** Mar 3, 2015

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and F

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (Sep 17, 2015)

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#### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Amodei, Mark E. [R-NV-2]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** NV • **Chamber:** House

#### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Mar 23, 2015
Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Mar 24, 2015
Rep. Shimkus, John [R-IL-15]	R · IL		May 21, 2015

#### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 16, 2015
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 17, 2015
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Apr 30, 2015

#### Subjects & Policy Tags

##### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

#### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 2647	Related bill	Sep 19, 2016: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 634.
114 S 2012	Related bill	Sep 8, 2016: Conference held.
114 S 1712	Related bill	Jul 16, 2015: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 114-154.

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(Sec. 2) Amends the Small Tracts Act (the Act) to permit the sale, exchange, or interchange under such Act of National Forest System (NFS) lands the sale or exchange of which is not practicable under any other authority of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) which have a value determined to be not more than \$500,000.

Includes as those lands permitted to be sold, exchanged, or interchanged under the Act:

- parcels of 40 acres or less which are determined to be physically isolated, to be inaccessible, or to have lost their National Forest character;
- parcels of 10 acres or less which are not eligible for conveyance under such Act, but which are encroached upon by permanent habitable improvements for which there is no evidence that the encroachment was intentional or negligent; and
- parcels used as a cemetery, a landfill, or a sewage treatment plant under a special use authorization issued by the USDA.

Allows the sale, exchange, or interchange of a cemetery that is expected to reach capacity within 10 years to include, in the USDA's sole discretion, up to 1 additional acre abutting the permit area to facilitate the expansion of that cemetery.

Requires any proceeds under this Act to be deposited in the special fund established under the Sisk Act and made available for:

- the acquisition of land or interests in land for administrative sites for the NFS in the state from which the amounts were derived;
- the acquisition of land or interests in land for inclusion in the NFS in that state, including those which enhance opportunities for recreational access;
- the performance of deferred maintenance on administrative sites for the NFS in that state or other deferred maintenance activities in that state which enhance opportunities for recreational access; and
- the reimbursement of the USDA for costs incurred in preparing a competitive sale conducted under the authority of the Act.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 17, 2015:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
- **Sep 16, 2015:** Mr. McClinton moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 16, 2015:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5995-5996)
- **Sep 16, 2015:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1214.
- **Sep 16, 2015:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Sep 16, 2015:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H6003-6004)
- **Sep 16, 2015:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 403 - 0 (Roll no. 495). (text: CR H5995)
- **Sep 16, 2015:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 16, 2015:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 403 - 0 (Roll no. 495). (text: CR H5995)
- **Jun 8, 2015:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 114-140, Part I.
- **Jun 8, 2015:** Committee on Agriculture discharged.
- **Jun 8, 2015:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 100.
- **Apr 30, 2015:** Subcommittee on Federal Lands Discharged.
- **Apr 30, 2015:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 30, 2015:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Apr 29, 2015:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 23, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **Mar 16, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **Mar 3, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 3, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.