

## HR 255

### Big Bear Land Exchange Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Jan 4, 2019

**Current Status:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearing

**Latest Action:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 116-380. (Sep 16, 2020)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Cook, Paul [R-CA-8]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Apr 15, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Sep 16, 2020
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	May 1, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

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(Sec. 3) This bill directs the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to convey 73 acres of identified Forest Service land to the County of San Bernardino, California, in exchange for approximately 71 acres of identified land owned by the county.

Such land exchange must be for equal value. If the value of the federal land and the nonfederal land to be conveyed are not equal, the values may be equalized by a cash payment or by reducing the acreage of the federal land or the nonfederal land to be exchanged. At the option of the county, any excess value of the nonfederal lands may be considered as a gift to the United States.

Any cash equalization payment that USDA receives shall be available for USDA to acquire lands, waters, and interests in land for the San Bernardino National Forest.

Before completing the exchange, USDA must inspect the nonfederal lands to ensure that they meet federal standards, including for hazardous materials and land line surveys.

The nonfederal lands shall be added to and managed as part of San Bernardino National Forest.

Within three years of enactment of this bill, USDA must relocate the portion of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail that is located on the federal land to (1) adjacent National Forest System land; (2) land owned by the county, subject to county approval; (3) land within the federal land, subject to county approval; or (4) a combination of any of these.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 16, 2020:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 116-380.
- **Nov 21, 2019:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Nov 20, 2019:** Mr. Huffman moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 20, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H9074-9075)
- **Nov 20, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 255.
- **Nov 20, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H9074)
- **Nov 20, 2019:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H9074)
- **Nov 20, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 27, 2019:** Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 116-134.
- **Jun 27, 2019:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 98.
- **May 1, 2019:** Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands Discharged.
- **May 1, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 1, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent.
- **Feb 5, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
- **Jan 4, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 4, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.