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FACT SHEET

TRANSFERS OF FEDERAL PROPERTY

The President today announced the transfer of 19 parcels of Federal property with an estimated value of \$5,789,000 to State and local governments, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park Service.

BACKGROUND

- As part of a commitment to the reduction of unneeded Federal landholdings, surplus Federal properties are made available for park and recreational purposes and fish and wildlife conservation uses.
- Since 1971, a total of 615 parks containing in excess of 80,054 acres with a value of more than \$228 million have been announced under this program. Every state, including the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia, has received land for at least one park.
- In 1970 the General Services Administration was assigned responsibility for conducting surveys of Federal landholdings for purposes of identifying excess lands, and the Property Review Board was created to coordinate the program (Executive Order No. 11508). In June 1973, the Federal Property Council was created within the Executive Office of the President to assume the functions of the Property Review Board.

PROPERTIES ANNOUNCED FOR TRANSFER

The 19 properties announced for transfer are located in 14 States. The properties are listed in the attachment along with the recipient organization and the estimated value.

List of properties available upon request.

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