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TRANSFERS OF FEDERAL PROPERTY

The President today announced that eleven parcels of Federal Property with an estimated value of \$5,878,000 will be transferred to State and local governments.

BACKGROUND

- As part of a commitment to the reduction of unneeded Federal landholdings, surplus Federal properties are made available for public park and recreational purposes.
- Since 1971, a total of 626 parks containing in excess of 81,259 acres with a value of more than \$234 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 land holdings 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.
- Within the Department of the Interior, the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation has responsibility for assisting applicants to apply for properties and exercises compliance responsibility for these properties after deeding the properties on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior.

PROPERTIES ANNOUNCED FOR TRANSFER

The eleven properties announced for transfer are located in the following states: California, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New York, and Texas.

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