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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed S. 2511 -- Land conveyance, Idaho. This bill authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain property in Boise, Idaho, to any party who will agree to provide administrative improvements of equal value on a designated site.

For approximately 40 years, the Forest Service has operated a shop facility and warehouse located on a 5.22 acre tract in downtown Boise, Idaho. However, the complex is now larger than is needed for present and expected future uses, and it is in need of expensive renovation. The Forest Service would like to improve and consolidate these operations by building a new complex on a 2.5 acre Federally-owned administrative site near the Boise Municipal Airport.

S. 2511 will authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey by quitclaim deed, all right, title, and interest of the United States to the 5.22 acre tract described above. In exchange, the party to whom the conveyance is made would be responsible for the construction, on behalf of the United States, of administrative improvement of at least equal value to the lands conveyed, on a 2.5 acre tract or an alternative site chosen by the Secretary.

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