

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1376

AN ACT

To establish the Waco Mammoth National Monument in
the State of Texas, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Waco Mammoth Na-
3 tional Monument Establishment Act of 2009”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds as follows:

6 (1) The Waco Mammoth Site area is located
7 near the confluence of the Brazos and the Bosque
8 rivers in Central Texas, near the City of Waco.

9 (2) Baylor University has been investigating the
10 site since 1978 after the discovery of bones emerging
11 from eroding creek banks leading to the uncovering
12 of portions of five mammoths.

13 (3) Several additional mammoth remains have
14 been uncovered making this the largest known con-
15 centration of mammoths dying from the same event.

16 (4) The discoveries have received international
17 attention.

18 (5) The University and the City of Waco have
19 been working together to protect the site and to de-
20 velop further research and educational opportunities.

21 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

22 In this Act the following definitions apply:

23 (1) NATIONAL MONUMENT.—The term “na-
24 tional monument” means the Waco Mammoth Na-
25 tional Monument, established in section 4.

1 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of the Interior.

3 (3) MAP.—The term “map” means the map ti-
4 tled “Proposed Boundary Waco-Mammoth National
5 Monument”, numbered T21/80,000, and dated
6 April, 2009.

7 **SEC. 4. WACO MAMMOTH NATIONAL MONUMENT, TEXAS.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established the Waco
9 Mammoth National Monument in the State of Texas, as
10 a unit of the National Park System, as generally depicted
11 on the map.

12 (b) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map shall be on file
13 and available for public inspection in the appropriate of-
14 fices of the National Park Service.

15 **SEC. 5. ADMINISTRATION OF NATIONAL MONUMENT.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall administer
17 the national monument in accordance with this Act, the
18 cooperative agreements described in this section, and laws
19 and regulations generally applicable to units of the Na-
20 tional Park System, including the National Park Service
21 Organic Act (39 Stat. 535, 16 U.S.C. 1).

22 (b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary
23 may enter into cooperative agreements for the manage-
24 ment of the national monument with Baylor University

1 and City of Waco, pursuant to the National Park Service
2 General Authorities Act (16 U.S.C. 1a-2(1)).

3 **SEC. 6. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY AND BOUNDARY MAN-**
4 **AGEMENT.**

5 (a) ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY.—The Secretary is
6 authorized to acquire from willing sellers lands, or inter-
7 ests in lands, within the proposed boundary of the national
8 monument necessary for effective management.

9 (b) CONDITIONS.—Lands identified in subsection (a)
10 may be acquired—

11 (1) by donation, purchase with donated or ap-
12 propriated funds, transfer from another Federal
13 agency, or by exchange; and

14 (2) in the case of lands owned by the State of
15 Texas, or a political subdivision thereof, or Baylor
16 University only by donation or exchange.

17 **SEC. 7. CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES ON NONFEDERAL**
18 **LANDS.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized, sub-
20 ject to the appropriation of necessary funds, to construct
21 essential administrative or visitor use facilities on non-
22 Federal lands within the national monument.

23 (b) OTHER FUNDING.—In addition to the use of Fed-
24 eral funds authorized in subsection (a), the Secretary may

1 use donated funds, property, and services to carry out this
2 section.

3 **SEC. 8. GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than three years after
5 the date on which funds are made available to carry out
6 this Act, the Secretary, in consultation with Baylor Uni-
7 versity and City of Waco, shall prepare a management
8 plan for the national monument.

9 (b) INCLUSIONS.—The management plan shall in-
10 clude, at a minimum—

11 (1) measures for the preservation of the re-
12 sources of the national monument;

13 (2) requirements for the type and extent of de-
14 velopment and use of the national monument;

15 (3) identification of visitor carrying capacities
16 for national monument; and

17 (4) opportunities for involvement by Baylor
18 University, the City of Waco, the State of Texas,
19 and other local and national entities in the formula-
20 tion of educational programs for the national monu-

1 ment and for developing and supporting the national
2 monument.

Passed the House of Representatives July 27, 2009.

Attest:

Clerk.

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