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113TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 298

[Report No. 113-280]

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 15, 2013

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky (for himself, Mr. YARMUTH, and Mr. GUTHRIE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

DECEMBER 2, 2013

Additional sponsors: Mr. BARR and Mr. ROE of Tennessee

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 15, 2013]

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

3 **SECTION 1. BATTLE OF MILL SPRINGS STUDY.**

4 *(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds as follows:*

5 *(1) In 1994, the Mills Springs Battlefield in Pu-*
6 *laski and Wayne Counties in Kentucky was des-*
7 *ignated as a National Historic Landmark by the De-*
8 *partment of the Interior.*

9 *(2) The Battle of Mill Springs was the first sig-*
10 *nificant Union victory in the western theater of the*
11 *Civil War.*

12 *(3) The outcome of the Battle of Mill Springs,*
13 *along with Union victories at Fort Henry and Fort*
14 *Donelson paved the way for a major battle at Shiloh,*
15 *Tennessee.*

16 *(4) In 1991, the National Park Service placed*
17 *the Mill Springs Battlefield on a list of endangered*
18 *battlefields, noting the impact of this battle to the*
19 *course of the Civil War.*

20 *(5) In 1992, the Mill Springs Battlefield Associa-*
21 *tion formed, and utilizing Federal, State, and local*
22 *support has managed to preserve important tracts of*
23 *the battlefield, construct an interactive visitor center,*
24 *and educate the public about this historic event.*

1 (6) *There is strong community interest in incor-*
2 *porating the Mill Springs Battlefield into the Na-*
3 *tional Park Service.*

4 (7) *The Mill Springs Battlefield Association has*
5 *expressed its desire to give the preserved battlefield as*
6 *a gift to the United States.*

7 (b) *DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this Act:*

8 (1) *MILL SPRINGS BATTLEFIELD.—The term*
9 *“Mill Springs Battlefield” means the area encom-*
10 *passed by the National Historic Landmark designa-*
11 *tions relating to the 1862 Battle of Mill Springs lo-*
12 *cated in the counties of Pulaski and Wayne in Ken-*
13 *tucky.*

14 (2) *SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means*
15 *the Secretary of the Interior.*

16 (c) *STUDY.—Not later than 3 years from the date*
17 *funds are made available, the Secretary shall conduct a spe-*
18 *cial resource study to evaluate the significance of the Mill*
19 *Springs Battlefield in Kentucky, and the feasibility of its*
20 *inclusion in the National Park System.*

21 (d) *CRITERIA FOR STUDY.—The Secretary shall con-*
22 *duct the study authorized by this Act in accordance with*
23 *8(b) of Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–5(b)).*

24 (e) *CONTENT OF STUDY.—The study shall include an*
25 *analysis of the following:*

1 (1) *The significance of the Battle of Mill Springs*
2 *to the outcome of the Civil War.*

3 (2) *Opportunities for public education about the*
4 *Civil War in Kentucky.*

5 (3) *Operational issues that should be considered*
6 *if the National Park System were to incorporate the*
7 *Mill Springs Battlefield.*

8 (4) *The feasibility of administering the Mill*
9 *Springs Battlefield considering its size, configuration,*
10 *and other factors, to include an annual cost estimate.*

11 (5) *The economic, educational, and other im-*
12 *pacts the inclusion of Mill Springs Battlefield into*
13 *the National Park System would have on the sur-*
14 *rounding communities in Pulaski and Wayne Coun-*
15 *ties.*

16 (6) *The effect of the designation of the Mill*
17 *Springs Battlefield as a unit of the National Park*
18 *System on—*

19 (A) *existing commercial and recreational*
20 *activities, including by not limited to hunting,*
21 *fishing, and recreational shooting, and on the*
22 *authorization, construction, operation, mainte-*
23 *nance, or improvement of energy production and*
24 *transmission infrastructure; and*

1 (B) *the authority of State and local govern-*
2 *ments to manage those activities.*

3 (7) *The identification of any authorities, includ-*
4 *ing condemnation, that will compel or permit the*
5 *Secretary to influence or participate in local land use*
6 *decisions (such as zoning) or place restrictions on*
7 *non-Federal lands if the Mill Springs Battlefield is*
8 *designated a unit of the National Park System.*

9 (f) *NOTIFICATION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS.—*
10 *Upon commencement of the study, owners of private prop-*
11 *erty adjacent to the battlefield will be notified of the study's*
12 *commencement and scope.*

13 (g) *SUBMISSION OF REPORT.—Upon completion of the*
14 *study, the Secretary shall submit a report on the findings*
15 *of the study to the Committee on Natural Resources of the*
16 *House of Representatives and to the Committee on Energy*
17 *and Natural Resources of the Senate.*

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