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[Report No. 114-650]

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Mr. KNIGHT (for himself and Ms. BROWNLEY of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 16, 2016]

A BILL

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Saint Francis Dam Dis-*
5 *aster National Memorial Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 *Congress finds the following:*

8 *(1) On March 12, 1928, the Saint Francis Dam*
9 *located in the northern portion of Los Angeles Coun-*
10 *ty, California, breached, resulting in a devastating*
11 *flood that caused the death of approximately 425 in-*
12 *dividuals.*

13 *(2) The residents of Santa Clarita Valley, San*
14 *Francisquito Canyon, Castaic Junction, Santa Clara*
15 *River Valley, Piru, Fillmore, Bardsdale, Saticoy, and*
16 *Santa Paula were directly impacted and suffered*
17 *greatly from the worst flood in the history of the State*
18 *of California.*

19 *(3) The disaster resulted in a tremendous loss of*
20 *human life, property, and the livelihood of local resi-*
21 *dents, and was surpassed in the level of destruction*
22 *in the 20th century only by the great San Francisco*
23 *earthquake of 1906.*

1 (4) *The collapse of the dam may represent Amer-*
 2 *ica’s worst civil engineering failure in the 20th cen-*
 3 *tury.*

4 (5) *The site of the disaster is subject to the theft*
 5 *of historic artifacts, graffiti, and other vandalism.*

6 (6) *It is right to pay homage to the citizens who*
 7 *were killed, injured, or dislocated due to the flood,*
 8 *and to educate the public about this important histor-*
 9 *ical event.*

10 (7) *It is appropriate that the site of the Saint*
 11 *Francis Dam and surrounding areas be specially des-*
 12 *ignated and protected to commemorate this tragic*
 13 *event.*

14 **SEC. 3. SAINT FRANCIS DAM DISASTER NATIONAL MEMO-**
 15 **RIAL.**

16 (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—*The Secretary is authorized to*
 17 *establish a memorial at the Saint Francis Dam site in the*
 18 *County of Los Angeles, California, for the purpose of hon-*
 19 *oring the victims of the Saint Francis Dam disaster of*
 20 *March 12, 1928.*

21 (b) *REQUIREMENTS.*—*The Memorial shall be—*

22 (1) *known as the Saint Francis Dam Disaster*
 23 *National Memorial; and*

24 (2) *managed by the Forest Service.*

1 (c) *DONATIONS.*—*The Secretary is authorized to ac-*
2 *cept, hold, administer, invest, and spend any gift, devise,*
3 *or bequest of real or personal property made to the Sec-*
4 *retary for purposes of developing, designing, constructing,*
5 *and managing the Memorial.*

6 **SEC. 4. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MEMORIAL.**

7 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than 3 years after the*
8 *date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit*
9 *to Congress recommendations regarding—*

10 (1) *the planning, design, construction, and long-*
11 *term management of the Memorial;*

12 (2) *the proposed boundaries of the Memorial;*

13 (3) *a visitor center and educational facilities at*
14 *the Memorial; and*

15 (4) *ensuring public access to the Memorial.*

16 (b) *CONSULTATION.*—*In preparing the recommenda-*
17 *tions required under subsection (a), the Secretary shall con-*
18 *sult with—*

19 (1) *appropriate Federal agencies;*

20 (2) *State, tribal, and local governments, includ-*
21 *ing the Santa Clarita City Council; and*

22 (3) *the public.*

1 **SEC. 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF SAINT FRANCIS DAM DISASTER**
2 **NATIONAL MONUMENT.**

3 (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—*There is established as a na-*
4 *tional monument in the State, certain National Forest Sys-*
5 *tem land administered by the Secretary in the County of*
6 *Los Angeles comprising approximately 440 acres, as gen-*
7 *erally depicted on the map entitled “Proposed Saint*
8 *Francis Dam Disaster National Monument”, created on*
9 *June 14, 2016, to be known as the Saint Francis Dam Dis-*
10 *aster National Monument.*

11 (b) *PURPOSE.*—*The purpose of the Monument is to*
12 *conserve and enhance for the benefit and enjoyment of the*
13 *public the cultural, archaeological, historical, watershed,*
14 *educational, and recreational resources and values of the*
15 *Monument.*

16 **SEC. 6. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY WITH RESPECT TO**
17 **MONUMENT.**

18 (a) *MANAGEMENT PLAN.*—

19 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than 4 years after*
20 *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary*
21 *shall develop a management plan for the Monument.*

22 (2) *CONSULTATION.*—*The management plan*
23 *shall be developed in consultation with—*

24 (A) *appropriate Federal agencies;*

25 (B) *State, tribal, and local governments;*

26 *and*

1 (C) *the public.*

2 (3) *CONSIDERATIONS.—In developing and imple-*
3 *menting the management plan, the Secretary shall,*
4 *with respect to methods of protecting and providing*
5 *access to the Monument, consider the recommenda-*
6 *tions of the Saint Francis Disaster National Memo-*
7 *rial Foundation, the Santa Clarita Valley Historical*
8 *Society, and the Community Hiking Club of Santa*
9 *Clarita.*

10 (b) *MANAGEMENT.—The Secretary shall manage the*
11 *Monument—*

12 (1) *in a manner that conserves and enhances the*
13 *cultural and historic resources of the Monument; and*

14 (2) *in accordance with—*

15 (A) *the Forest and Rangeland Renewable*
16 *Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 1600*
17 *et seq.) and the laws generally applicable to the*
18 *National Forest System;*

19 (B) *this Act; and*

20 (C) *any other applicable laws.*

21 (c) *USES.—*

22 (1) *USE OF MOTORIZED VEHICLES.—The use of*
23 *motorized vehicles within the Monument may be per-*
24 *mitted only—*

1 (A) on roads designated for use by motor-
2 ized vehicles in the management plan required
3 under subsection (a);

4 (B) for administrative purposes; or

5 (C) for emergency responses.

6 (2) *GRAZING.*—The Secretary shall permit graz-
7 ing within the Monument, where established before the
8 date of the enactment of this Act—

9 (A) subject to all applicable laws (including
10 regulations and Executive orders); and

11 (B) consistent with the purpose described in
12 section 5(b).

13 **SEC. 7. DEFINITIONS.**

14 *In this Act:*

15 (1) *MEMORIAL.*—The term “Memorial” means
16 the Saint Frances Dam Disaster National Memorial
17 authorized under section 3(a).

18 (2) *MONUMENT.*—The term “Monument” means
19 the Saint Francis Dam Disaster National Monument
20 established under section 5(a).

21 (3) *STATE.*—The term “State” means the State
22 of California.

23 (4) *SECRETARY.*—The term “Secretary” means
24 the Secretary of Agriculture.

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