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To modify the boundary of the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument in the State of Maine, to improve public access to the National Monument, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 4, 2022

Mr. KING (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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 “Katahdin Woods and
5 Waters National Monument Access Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-
2 titled “Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monu-
3 ment Proposed Boundary Revision”, numbered 686/
4 182,881, and dated July 2022.

5 (2) NATIONAL MONUMENT.—The term “Na-
6 tional Monument” means the Katahdin Woods and
7 Waters National Monument in the State established
8 by the Proclamation.

9 (3) PROCLAMATION.—The term “Proclama-
10 tion” means Presidential Proclamation 9476 (54
11 U.S.C. 320301 note).

12 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
13 the Secretary of the Interior.

14 (5) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
15 of Maine.

16 (6) SUPERINTENDENT.—The term “Super-
17 intendent” means the Superintendent of the Na-
18 tional Monument.

19 **SEC. 3. BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT TO, ADMINISTRATION OF,**
20 **AND IMPROVED ACCESS TO THE NATIONAL**
21 **MONUMENT.**

22 (a) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.—The boundaries of
23 the National Monument shall be the boundaries depicted
24 on the map.

1 (b) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary shall admin-
2 ister the National Monument (including the land added
3 to the National Monument by this Act) in accordance
4 with—

5 (1) this Act;

6 (2) the Proclamation; and

7 (3) the laws generally applicable to units of the
8 National Park System.

9 (c) ACQUISITION OF LAND; ACCESS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
11 the Secretary may acquire, by purchase from a will-
12 ing seller, donation, or exchange—

13 (A) land and interests in land within the
14 boundary of the National Monument; and

15 (B) land and interests in land for access
16 into the National Monument from roads and
17 communities adjacent to or in the vicinity of the
18 National Monument.

19 (2) PROHIBITION ON USE OF EMINENT DO-
20 MAIN.—Nothing in this Act authorizes the use of
21 eminent domain to acquire land or an interest in
22 land.

23 (d) EXISTING USES.—Any land added to the Na-
24 tional Monument under subsection (c) shall be managed

1 in a manner that preserves existing hunting, fishing, and
2 snowmobile uses.

3 (e) HUNTING AND FISHING.—

4 (1) HUNTING.—The Secretary shall administer
5 hunting within the National Monument—

6 (A) in the same manner as hunting was
7 administered in the National Monument on the
8 day before the date of enactment of this Act;
9 and

10 (B) in accordance with—

11 (i) this Act;

12 (ii) the Proclamation; and

13 (iii) the laws generally applicable to
14 units of the National Park System.

15 (2) FISHING.—The Secretary shall administer
16 fishing within the National Monument—

17 (A) in the same manner as fishing was ad-
18 ministered in the National Monument on the
19 day before the date of enactment of this Act;
20 and

21 (B) in accordance with—

22 (i) this Act;

23 (ii) the Proclamation; and

24 (iii) the laws generally applicable to
25 units of the National Park System.

1 (f) SNOWMOBILE USE.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall continue
3 to allow the public to access and use the Inter-
4 connected Trail System snowmobile trail within the
5 National Monument (including the land added to the
6 National Monument by this Act, consistent with sub-
7 section (d)) consistent with the access agreement of
8 November 29, 2007, referred to in the Proclama-
9 tion—

10 (A) on land and interests in land identified
11 in the access agreement; and

12 (B) on land and interests in land east of
13 the East Branch of the Penobscot River added
14 to the National Monument after November 29,
15 2007.

16 (2) DESIGNATION THROUGH COMPENDIUM.—
17 The Superintendent shall provide in the annual com-
18 pendium published by the Superintendent advance
19 notice to the public of the Interconnected Trail Sys-
20 tem snowmobile trail routes within the National
21 Monument (including the land added to the National
22 Monument by this Act) available for use in the ap-
23 plicable snowmobile season.

24 (g) COLLECTION OF FIDDLEHEAD FERNS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
2 the Superintendent shall allow the gathering by
3 hand of fiddlehead ferns (*Matteuccia struthiopteris*)
4 in the National Monument for personal use and con-
5 sumption by the general public.

6 (2) LIMITATION.—If the Superintendent deter-
7 mines that the gathering of fiddlehead ferns under
8 paragraph (1) may adversely affect resources of the
9 National Monument, the Superintendent may limit
10 the gathering of fiddlehead ferns under that para-
11 graph in accordance with existing regulations.

12 **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATIVE SITES AND VISITOR FACILITIES.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—To facilitate the administration of
14 the National Monument, the Secretary may expend do-
15 nated or appropriated funds to acquire or lease essential
16 facilities for the administration of the National Monument
17 and visitor services outside the boundaries, but within the
18 vicinity, of the National Monument, subject to the require-
19 ment that the facilities and the use of the facilities shall
20 be in accordance with approved plans for the National
21 Monument.

22 (b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary
23 may enter into cooperative agreements with State or local
24 governments, Tribal organizations, or private entities—

1 (1) to carry out the authority granted under
2 this section; and

3 (2) to develop a cooperative information center
4 for the National Monument.

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