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H. R. 5979

To establish the Mill Springs Battlefield National Monument in the State of Kentucky as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 25, 2018

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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 “Mill Springs Battle-
5 field National Monument Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map en-
9 titled “Mill Springs Battlefield National Monument,

1 Nancy, Kentucky” numbered ____/____, and dated
2 _____, 2018.

3 (2) MONUMENT.—The term “Monument”
4 means the Mill Springs Battlefield National Monu-
5 ment established by section 3(a).

6 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
7 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-
8 rector of the National Park Service.

9 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF MILL SPRINGS BATTLEFIELD**
10 **NATIONAL MONUMENT.**

11 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
13 there is established, as a unit of the National Park
14 System, the Mill Springs Battlefield National Monu-
15 ment in the State of Kentucky, to preserve, protect,
16 and interpret for the benefit of present and future
17 generations the nationally significant historic re-
18 sources of the Mill Springs Battlefield and its role
19 in the American Civil War.

20 (2) CONDITIONS.—The Monument shall not be
21 established until the Secretary—

22 (A) has entered into a written agreement
23 with the owner of any private or non-Federal
24 land within the Mill Springs Battlefield Na-
25 tional Monument boundary as depicted on the

1 Map, providing that such property shall be do-
2 nated to the United States for inclusion in the
3 Monument to be managed consistently with the
4 purposes of the Monument; and

5 (B) has determined that sufficient land or
6 interests in land have been acquired within the
7 boundary of the Monument to constitute a man-
8 ageable unit.

9 (b) BOUNDARIES.—The boundaries of the Monument
10 shall be the boundaries generally depicted on the Map.

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

14 (d) ACQUISITION AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may
15 only acquire land or an interest in land located within the
16 boundary of the Monument by—

- 17 (1) donation;
18 (2) purchase with donated funds; or
19 (3) exchange.

20 (e) ADMINISTRATION.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall admin-
22 ister the Monument in accordance with—

- 23 (A) this Act; and
24 (B) the laws generally applicable to units
25 of the National Park System, including—

1 (i) section 100101(a), chapter 1003,
2 and sections 100751(a), 100752, 100753,
3 and 102101 of title 54, United States
4 Code; and

5 (ii) chapter 3201 of title 54, United
6 States Code.

7 (2) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years
9 after the date on which funds are first made
10 available to the Secretary for this purpose, the
11 Secretary shall prepare a general management
12 plan for the Monument in accordance with sec-
13 tion 100502 of title 54, United States Code.

14 (B) SUBMIT TO CONGRESS.—On comple-
15 tion of the general management plan, the Sec-
16 retary shall submit it to the Committee on Nat-
17 ural Resources of the House of Representatives
18 and the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
19 sources of the Senate.

20 (f) PRIVATE PROPERTY PROTECTION.—No private
21 property or non-Federal public property shall be managed
22 as part of the Monument without the written consent of
23 the owner of such property.

24 (g) NO BUFFER ZONES.—Nothing in this Act, the
25 establishment of the Monument, or the management of the

1 Monument shall be construed to create buffer zones out-
2 side of the Monument. The fact that an activity or use
3 can be seen, heard, or detected from within the Monument
4 shall not preclude the conduct of that activity or use out-
5 side of the Monument.

