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H. R. 4871

To provide for the study of certain prehistoric resources in the States of Colorado, Wyoming, and Utah.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 1, 1994

Mr. HEFLEY 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. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress finds and declares the following:

5 (1) The States of Colorado, Wyoming, and
6 Utah, commonly known as “The Golden Triangle”
7 comprise one of the world’s richest sources of dino-
8 saur bones and other prehistoric artifacts.

9 (2) These sites and artifacts compose a rich na-
10 tional resource for scientific study and recreation.

1 (3) Many of these artifacts are located on lands
2 managed by the various agencies of the United
3 States Department of the Interior, including the Na-
4 tional Park Service and the Bureau of Land Man-
5 agement; and the United States Forest Service of
6 the United States Department of Agriculture.

7 (4) While many of these sites have been studied
8 individually, to date no comprehensive report on the
9 Golden Triangle has been compiled.

10 (5) A unified study, cutting across agency and
11 departmental lines, is needed to provide for coherent
12 interpretation, management and budgeting at these
13 sites in the future.

14 **SEC. 2. THEME STUDY.**

15 (a) STUDY.—In order to provide guidance to future
16 management and legislation of western regional pre-
17 historic resources, the Secretary of the Interior, in co-
18 operation with the Secretary of Agriculture and the Chief
19 of the United States Forest Service, shall conduct a study
20 of locations and events associated with the historical
21 theme of United States Western Region Prehistory. The
22 purpose of such study shall be to identify the locations
23 of sites associated with the aforementioned theme in the
24 States of Colorado, Wyoming, and Utah. The study shall
25 make recommendations for the preservation and interpre-

1 tation of the designated sites. Wherever possible, the study
2 should draw upon previously existing interdepartmental
3 reports and studies.

4 (b) REPORT.—Governmental entities controlling loca-
5 tions identified under subsection (a) are hereby requested
6 to preserve them from destruction during the study and
7 congressional review period insofar as is possible. A com-
8 prehensive report based on the study under subsection (a),
9 including potential action alternatives, shall be submitted
10 to the Committee on Natural Resources of the United
11 States House of Representatives no later than 6 months
12 after the date of enactment of this Act.

13 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

14 There is authorized to be appropriated not more than
15 \$15,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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