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S. 250

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Red River in Kentucky as components of the national wild and scenic rivers system, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 28 (legislative day, JANUARY 5), 1993

Mr. McCONNELL 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 “Red River Designation
5 Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

1 (1) the natural, scenic, and recreational quali-
2 ties of the Red River in Kentucky are unique and ir-
3 replaceable resources;

4 (2) the historic and cultural values of the Red
5 River are rooted in stable rural communities and
6 family farms; and

7 (3) the majority of the Red River corridor is
8 within the Red River National Geologic area, which
9 contains sedimentary rock formations unique to
10 Kentucky and the United States, and should there-
11 fore be preserved for public enjoyment.

12 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF RIVER.**

13 Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16
14 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
15 lowing new paragraph:

16 “() (A) RED RIVER, KENTUCKY.—The 19.4 mile
17 segment of the Red River extending from the highway 746
18 bridge to the ford one half mile downstream from School
19 House Branch, to be administered by the Secretary of Ag-
20 riculture in the following classes:

21 “(i) The 9.1-mile segment known as the ‘Upper
22 Gorge’ from the highway 746 bridge to Swift Camp
23 Creek, as a wild river. This segment is identified as
24 having the same boundary as the Kentucky Wild
25 River.

1 “(ii) The 10.3-mile segment known as the
2 ‘Lower Gorge’ from Swift Camp Creek to the ford
3 one half mile downstream from School House
4 Branch, as a recreational river. The boundary of this
5 segment is a line that is 300 feet north and parallel
6 to the north edge of roads 23, 77, and 715, except
7 for the section between Greasy Branch and Bell
8 Branch where the boundary is the south edge of
9 route 715. On the southern side, the boundary is a
10 line that is 800 feet, and parallel to the southern
11 edge of the river.

12 “(iii) A final map shall be completed within 60
13 days of enactment.

14 “(B)(i) The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to
15 acquire public and private lands and interests in land, in-
16 cluding fee title, from willing sellers within the boundaries
17 authorized by this paragraph. The Secretary shall fully
18 compensate all sellers in an amount sufficient to acquire
19 lands with similar characteristics and of comparable qual-
20 ity.

21 “(ii) Acquisition of land pursuant to this paragraph
22 shall not be subject to the limitations contained in section
23 6.

24 “(C) There are authorized to be appropriated such
25 sums as are necessary to carry out this paragraph.”.

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