

105TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2284

AN ACT

To establish the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site
in the State of South Dakota, and for other purposes.

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 “Minuteman Missile Na-
5 tional Historic Site Establishment Act of 1998”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

3 (1) the Minuteman II intercontinental ballistic
4 missile (hereinafter referred to as “ICBM”) launch
5 control facility and launch facility known as “Delta
6 1” and “Delta 9”, respectively, have national signifi-
7 cance as the best preserved examples of the oper-
8 ational character of American history during the
9 Cold War;

10 (2) the facilities are symbolic of the dedication
11 and preparedness exhibited by the missileers of the
12 Air Force stationed throughout the upper Great
13 Plains in remote and forbidding locations during the
14 Cold War;

15 (3) the facilities provide a unique opportunity
16 to illustrate the history and significance of the Cold
17 War, the arms race, and ICBM development; and

18 (4) the National Park System does not contain
19 a unit that specifically commemorates or interprets
20 the Cold War.

21 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—

22 (1) to preserve, protect, and interpret for the
23 benefit and enjoyment of present and future genera-
24 tions the structures associated with the Minuteman
25 II missile defense system;

1 (2) to interpret the historical role of the Min-
2 uteman II missile defense system in the broader con-
3 text of the Cold War and the role of the system as
4 a key component of America’s strategic commitment
5 to preserve world peace; and

6 (3) to complement the interpretive programs re-
7 lating to the Minuteman II missile defense system
8 offered by the South Dakota Air and Space Museum
9 at Ellsworth Air Force Base.

10 **SEC. 3. MINUTEMAN MISSILE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE.**

11 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—(1) The Minuteman Missile
12 National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota (here-
13 inafter referred to as the “historic site”) is hereby estab-
14 lished as a unit of the National Park System. The historic
15 site shall consist of lands and interests therein comprising
16 the following Minuteman II ICBM launch control facili-
17 ties, as generally depicted on the map referred to as “Min-
18 uteman Missile National Historic Site”, numbered 406/
19 80,008 and dated September, 1998:

20 (A) An area surrounding the Minuteman II
21 ICBM launch control facility depicted as “Delta 1
22 Launch Control Facility”.

23 (B) An area surrounding the Minuteman II
24 ICBM launch control facility depicted as “Delta 9
25 Launch Facility”.

1 (2) The map described in paragraph (1) shall be on
2 file and available for public inspection in the appropriate
3 offices of the National Park Service.

4 (3) The Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter re-
5 ferred to as the “Secretary”) is authorized to make minor
6 adjustments to the boundary of the historic site.

7 (b) ADMINISTRATION OF HISTORIC SITE.—The Sec-
8 retary shall administer the historic site in accordance with
9 this Act and laws generally applicable to units of the Na-
10 tional Park System, including the Act of August 25, 1916
11 (16 U.S.C. 1, 2–4) and the Act of August 21, 1935 (16
12 U.S.C. 461–467).

13 (c) COORDINATION WITH SECRETARY OF DE-
14 FENSE.—The Secretary shall consult with the Secretary
15 of Defense and the Secretary of State, as appropriate, to
16 ensure that administration of the historic site is in compli-
17 ance with applicable treaties.

18 (d) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary
19 may enter into cooperative agreements with appropriate
20 public and private entities and individuals in furtherance
21 of the purposes of this Act.

22 (e) LAND ACQUISITION.—(1) Except as provided in
23 paragraph (2), the Secretary is authorized to acquire
24 lands and interests therein within the boundaries of the
25 historic site by donation, purchase with donated or appro-

1 priated funds, exchange or transfer from another Federal
2 agency: *Provided*, That lands or interests therein owned
3 by the State of South Dakota may only be acquired by
4 donation or exchange.

5 (2) The Secretary shall not acquire any lands pursu-
6 ant to this Act if the Secretary determines that such lands,
7 or any portion thereof, are contaminated with hazardous
8 substances (as defined in the Comprehensive Environ-
9 mental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (42
10 U.S.C. 9601)), unless all remedial action necessary to pro-
11 tect human health and the environment has been taken
12 pursuant to such Act.

13 (f) GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.—(1) Within
14 three years after the date funds are made available, the
15 Secretary shall prepare a general management plan for the
16 historic site.

17 (2) The plan shall include an evaluation of an appro-
18 priate location for a visitor facility and administrative site
19 within the areas depicted as “Support Facility Study
20 Area—Alternative A” or “Support Facility Study Area—
21 Alternative B” on the map referred to in subsection (a).
22 Upon a determination by the Secretary of the appropriate
23 location for such facilities, the boundaries of the historic
24 site shall be modified to include the selected site.

1 (3) In developing the plan, the Secretary shall con-
 2 sider coordinating or consolidating appropriate adminis-
 3 trative, management, and personnel functions with Bad-
 4 lands National Park.

5 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appro-
 7 priated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this
 8 Act.

9 (b) AIR FORCE FUNDS.—The Secretary of the Air
 10 Force shall transfer to the Secretary any funds specifically
 11 appropriated to the Air Force for the maintenance, protec-
 12 tion, or preservation of the facilities described in section
 13 3. Such funds shall be used by the Secretary for establish-
 14 ing, operating, and maintaining the historic site.

15 (c) LEGACY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.—
 16 Nothing in this Act affects the use of any funds available
 17 for the Legacy Resource Management Program being car-
 18 ried out by the Air Force that, before the date of enact-
 19 ment of this Act, were directed to be used for resource
 20 preservation and treaty compliance.

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Attest:

Secretary.

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