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H. R. 265

To provide for an adjustment of the boundaries of Mount Rainier National Park, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DUNN (for herself, Mr. DICKS, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. SMITH of Washington, and Mr. BAIRD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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 “Mount Rainier Na-
5 tional Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—

8 (1) ACQUISITION AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary
9 of the Interior may acquire, from willing owners

1 only, privately owned land depicted on the map enti-
2 tled “Mount Rainier National Park FY2004 LWCF
3 Project”, numbered 105/92,002, and dated October
4 2002. The privately owned land so depicted may be
5 acquired from such willing owners by donation, pur-
6 chase with donated or appropriated funds, or ex-
7 change.

8 (2) LIMITATION.—The total acreage of the land
9 acquired under this subsection and the land trans-
10 ferred to the administrative jurisdiction of the Sec-
11 retary of the Interior under subsection (b) shall not
12 exceed 1,000 acres.

13 (3) INCLUSION IN PARK.—Upon the acquisition
14 of property by the Secretary under this subsection—

15 (A) the boundary of Mount Rainier Na-
16 tional Park shall be modified to include the ac-
17 quired property and to ensure that access over
18 the Carbon River Bridge to National Forest
19 lands is maintained for commercial and other
20 public use; and

21 (B) the Secretary of the Interior shall ad-
22 minister the acquired property as part of Mount
23 Rainier National Park.

24 (b) TRANSFER OF NATIONAL FOREST LANDS.—

1 (1) TRANSFER.—There is transferred to the
2 Secretary of the Interior administrative jurisdiction
3 over National Forest lands depicted on the map re-
4 ferred to in subsection (a)(1).

5 (2) INCLUSION IN PARK.—Upon the effective
6 date of this subsection, the boundary of Mount
7 Rainier National Park shall be modified to include
8 the lands referred to in paragraph (1).

9 (c) ADMINISTRATIVE SITE.—In addition to lands ac-
10 quired under subsection (a), in order to provide public in-
11 formation for visitors accessing public lands along the
12 Carbon and Mowich Corridors, the Secretary of the Inte-
13 rior may acquire land in the vicinity of Wilkeson, Wash-
14 ington, not to exceed .5 acre, by purchase, donation, or
15 exchange, and from willing owners only.

16 (d) ADMINISTRATION OF ACQUIRED LANDS.—The
17 Secretary of the Interior shall administer lands acquired
18 under this section as part of Mount Rainier National Park
19 and in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

20 (e) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map referred to in
21 subsection (a)(1) shall be on file in the appropriate offices
22 of the National Park Service.

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