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H. R. 265

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources

AN ACT

To provide for an adjustment of the boundaries of Mount
Rainier National Park, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Mount Rainier Na-
3 tional Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2004”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 The Congress finds the following:

6 (1) The Carbon River watershed within Pierce
7 County in the State of Washington has unique quali-
8 ties of ecological, economic, and educational impor-
9 tance, including clean water, productive salmon
10 streams, important wildlife habitat, active geologic
11 processes, outdoor recreational opportunities, scenic
12 beauty, educational opportunities, and diverse eco-
13 nomic opportunities.

14 (2) Mount Rainier National Park is one of the
15 premier attractions in the State of Washington, pro-
16 viding recreational, educational, and economic oppor-
17 tunities that will be enhanced by the construction of
18 new campgrounds and visitor contact facilities in the
19 Carbon River valley outside old-growth forest habi-
20 tats and above the flood plain.

21 (3) Coordination of management across na-
22 tional forest and national park lands in this corridor
23 will enhance the conservation of the forest ecosystem
24 and public enjoyment of these public lands.

25 (4) Protection and development of historic and
26 recreational facilities in the Carbon River valley,

1 such as trails and visitor centers, can be facilitated
2 by the National Park Service.

3 **SEC. 3. MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY AD-**
4 **JUSTMENT.**

5 (a) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.—The boundary of
6 Mount Rainier National Park is modified to include the
7 area within the boundary generally depicted on the map
8 entitled “Mount Rainier National Park, Carbon River
9 Boundary Adjustment”, numbered 105/92,002B, and
10 dated June 2003. The Secretary of the Interior shall keep
11 the map on file in the appropriate offices of the National
12 Park Service.

13 (b) LAND ACQUISITION.—The Secretary of the Inte-
14 rior may acquire, only with the consent of the owner, by
15 donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds,
16 or exchange—

17 (1) land or interests in land, totaling not more
18 than 800 acres, and improvements thereon within
19 the boundary generally depicted on the map referred
20 to in subsection (a) for development of camping and
21 other recreational facilities; and

22 (2) land or interests in land, totaling not more
23 than one acre, and improvements thereon in the vi-
24 cinity of Wilkeson, Washington, for a facility to

1 serve visitors to public lands along the Carbon and
2 Mowich Corridors.

3 (c) ADMINISTRATION OF ACQUIRED LANDS.—Lands
4 acquired under this section shall be administered by the
5 Secretary of the Interior as part of Mount Rainier Na-
6 tional Park in accordance with applicable laws and regula-
7 tions.

8 **SEC. 4. ASSOCIATED LANDS.**

9 The Secretary of Agriculture shall manage that por-
10 tion of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest lying
11 adjacent to Mt. Rainier National Park, as identified on
12 the map referred to in section 3(a), to maintain the area's
13 natural setting in a manner consistent with its manage-
14 ment as of June 1, 2003.

Passed the House of Representatives June 1, 2004.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.