

108TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2140

To expand the boundary of the Mount Rainier National Park.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 26, 2004

Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Nat-
ural Resources

A BILL

To expand the boundary of the Mount Rainier National
Park.

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 “Expanding and Making
5 Mount Rainier National Park More Accessible Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The Carbon River watershed within Pierce
9 County in the State of Washington has unique quali-
10 ties of ecological, economic, and educational impor-

1 tance, including clean water, productive salmon
2 streams, important wildlife habitat, active geologic
3 processes, outdoor recreational opportunities, and di-
4 verse economic opportunities.

5 (2) Mount Rainier National Park is one of the
6 premier attractions in the State of Washington, pro-
7 viding recreational, educational, and economic oppor-
8 tunities that will be enhanced by the construction of
9 new campgrounds and visitor contact facilities in the
10 Carbon River valley outside old-growth forest habi-
11 tats and above the flood plain.

12 (3) Coordination of management across na-
13 tional forest and national park lands in this corridor
14 will enhance the conservation of the forest ecosystem
15 and public enjoyment of these public lands.

16 (4) Protection and development of historic and
17 recreational facilities in the Carbon River valley,
18 such as trails and visitor centers, can be facilitated
19 by the National Park Service.

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

22 (a) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.—The boundary of
23 Mount Rainier National Park is modified to include the
24 area within the boundary generally depicted on the map
25 entitled “Mount Rainier National Park, Carbon River

1 Boundary Adjustment,” numbered 105/92,002B, and
2 dated June 2003. The Secretary of the Interior shall keep
3 the map on file in the appropriate offices of the National
4 Park Service.

5 (b) LAND ACQUISITION.—The Secretary of the Inte-
6 rior may acquire, only with consent of the owner, by dona-
7 tion, purchase with donated or appropriated funds or ex-
8 change—

9 (1) land or interests in land, totaling not more
10 than 800 acres, and improvements thereon within
11 the boundary generally depicted on the map referred
12 to in subsection (a) for development of camping and
13 other recreational facilities; and

14 (2) land or interests in land, totaling not more
15 than one acre, and improvements thereon in the vi-
16 cinity of Wilkeson, Washington, for a facility to
17 serve visitors to public lands along the Carbon and
18 Mowich Corridors.

19 (c) ADMINISTRATION OF ACQUIRED LANDS.—Lands
20 acquired under this section shall be administered by the
21 Secretary of the Interior as part of Mount Rainier Na-
22 tional Park in accordance with applicable laws and regula-
23 tions.

1 **SEC. 4. ASSOCIATED LANDS.**

2 The Secretary of Agriculture shall manage that por-
3 tion of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest lying
4 adjacent to Mt. Rainier National Park, as identified on
5 the map referred to in section 3(a), to maintain the area's
6 natural setting in a manner consistent with the area's des-
7 ignation as part of a late successional reserve.

8 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

9 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
10 as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

○