

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5978

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including the battlefields and related sites of the First and Second Battles of Newtonia, Missouri, during the Civil War as part of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield or designating the battlefields and related sites as a separate unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 28, 2006

Mr. BLUNT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM SPECIAL RESOURCE**  
2 **STUDY, NEWTONIA CIVIL WAR BATTLE-**  
3 **FIELDS, MISSOURI.**

4 (a) SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.—The Secretary of  
5 the Interior shall conduct a special resource study relating  
6 to the First Battle of Newtonia in Newton County, Mis-  
7 souri, which occurred on September 30, 1862, and the  
8 Second Battle of Newtonia, which occurred on October 28,  
9 1864, during the Missouri Expedition of Confederate Gen-  
10 eral Sterling Price in September and October 1864.

11 (b) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under sub-  
12 section (a), the Secretary shall—

13 (1) evaluate the national significance of the  
14 Newtonia battlefields and their related sites;

15 (2) consider the findings and recommendations  
16 contained in the document entitled “Vision Plan for  
17 Newtonia Battlefield Preservation” and dated June  
18 2004, which was prepared by the Newtonia Battle-  
19 fields Protection Association;

20 (3) evaluate the suitability and feasibility of  
21 adding the battlefields and related sites as part of  
22 Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield or designating  
23 the battlefields and related sites as a unit of the Na-  
24 tional Park System;

25 (4) analyze the potential impact that the inclu-  
26 sion of the battlefields and related sites as part of

1 Wilson's Creek National Battlefield or their designa-  
2 tion as a unit of the National Park System is likely  
3 to have on land within or bordering the battlefields  
4 and related sites that is privately owned at the time  
5 of the study is conducted;

6 (5) consider alternatives for preservation, pro-  
7 tection, and interpretation of the battlefields and re-  
8 lated sites by the National Park Service, other Fed-  
9 eral, State, or local governmental entities, or private  
10 and nonprofit organizations; and

11 (6) identify cost estimates for any necessary ac-  
12 quisition, development, interpretation, operation, and  
13 maintenance associated with the alternatives re-  
14 ferred to in paragraph (5).

15 (c) CRITERIA.—The criteria for the study of areas  
16 for potential inclusion in the National Park System con-  
17 tained in section 8 of Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–  
18 5) shall apply to the study under subsection (a).

19 (d) TRANSMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than  
20 three years after the date on which funds are first made  
21 available for the study under subsection (a), the Secretary  
22 shall submit to the Committee on Resources of the House  
23 of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and  
24 Natural Resources of the Senate a report containing—

25 (1) the results of the study; and

- 1 (2) any conclusions and recommendations of the
- 2 Secretary.

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