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# H. R. 3785

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of expanding the boundary of Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 8, 2009

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia (for himself, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## A BILL

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of expanding the boundary of Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area.

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 “Chattahoochee River  
5 National Recreation Area Boundary Study Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1           (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
2           the Secretary of the Interior.

3           (2) RECREATION AREA.—The term “recreation  
4           area” means the Chattahoochee River National  
5           Recreation Area in the State of Georgia.

6           (3) STUDY AREA.—The term “study area”  
7           means the area of the Chattahoochee River and land  
8           along the river corridor described in section 3(a)  
9           that is the subject of the study authorized by this  
10          Act.

11 **SEC. 3. BOUNDARY STUDY.**

12          (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized to  
13          conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility  
14          of including in the boundary of the recreation area ap-  
15          proximately 45 miles of the Chattahoochee River and  
16          lands along the river corridor from the southern boundary  
17          of the recreation area south to the junction of Coweta,  
18          Heard, and Carroll Counties.

19          (b) CONTENTS.—The study authorized under this  
20          Act shall include an analysis of—

21                 (1) significant resources or opportunities for  
22                 public enjoyment within the study area related to  
23                 purposes of the recreation area;

1           (2) operational and management issues that  
2           need to be considered if the study area is included  
3           within the recreation area;

4           (3) protection of resources within the study  
5           area critical to fulfilling the recreation area's pur-  
6           poses;

7           (4) the feasibility of administering the study  
8           area as part of the recreation area considering the  
9           study area's size, configuration, ownership, costs,  
10          and other factors; and

11          (5) the adequacy of other alternatives for man-  
12          agement and protection of resources within the  
13          study area.

14          (c) REPORT.—Not later than three years after the  
15          date on which funds are made available to carry out this  
16          Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Nat-  
17          ural Resources of the House of Representatives and the  
18          Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Sen-  
19          ate a report that describes the findings and conclusions  
20          of the study and any recommendations of the Secretary.

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