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H. R. 4003

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 22 (legislative day, MARCH 19), 2010

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

AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to evaluate resources in the Hudson River Valley in the State of New York to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the site as a unit of the National Park System, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Hudson River Valley
5 Special Resource Study Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

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

10 (2) STUDY AREA.—The term “study area”—

11 (A) means the portion of the Hudson River
12 that flows from Rodgers Island at Fort Edward
13 to the southern-most boundary of Westchester
14 County, New York; and

15 (B) includes any relevant sites and land-
16 scapes within the counties in New York that
17 abut the area described in subparagraph (A).

18 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF STUDY.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—As soon as funds are made avail-
20 able for this purpose, the Secretary shall complete a spe-
21 cial resource study of the Hudson River Valley in the State
22 of New York to evaluate—

23 (1) the national significance of the area; and

24 (2) the suitability and feasibility of designating
25 the area as a unit of the National Park System.

1 (b) STUDY GUIDELINES.—In conducting the study
2 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

3 (1) use the criteria for the study of areas for
4 potential inclusion in the National Park System in
5 accordance with section 8(c) of Public Law 91–383
6 (16 U.S.C. 1a–5(c));

7 (2) determine the effect of the designation of
8 the area as a unit of the National Park System on
9 existing commercial and recreational activities, in-
10 cluding but not limited to hunting, fishing, trapping,
11 recreational shooting, motor boat use, off-highway
12 vehicle use, snowmobile use, and on the authoriza-
13 tion, construction, operation, maintenance, or im-
14 provement of energy production and transmission in-
15 frastructure, and the effect on the authority of State
16 and local governments to manage those activities;

17 (3) identify any authorities that will compel or
18 permit the Secretary to influence local land use deci-
19 sions (such as zoning) or place restrictions on non-
20 Federal land if the area is designated a unit of the
21 National Park System; and

22 (4) closely examine park unit models, in par-
23 ticular national river and recreation areas, as well as
24 other landscape protection models, that—

1 (A) encompass large areas of non-Federal
2 lands within their designated boundaries;

3 (B) foster public and private collaborative
4 arrangements for achieving National Park Serv-
5 ice objectives; and

6 (C) protect and respect the rights of pri-
7 vate land owners.

8 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

9 Not later than 36 months after the date that funds
10 are first made available for this purpose, the Secretary
11 shall submit to the Committee on Natural Resources of
12 the House of Representatives and the Committee on En-
13 ergy and Natural Resources of the Senate a report on the
14 findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the study
15 authorized by this Act.

Passed the House of Representatives March 19,
2010.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.