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H. R. 4630

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.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 25, 2012

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Chattahoochee River
5 National Recreation Area Boundary Study Act of 2012”.

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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