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H. R. 240

To establish the Mill Springs Battlefield National Monument in the State of Kentucky as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 2019

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky 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 “Mill Springs Battle-
5 field National Monument Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map en-
9 titled “Mill Springs Battlefield National Monument,

1 Nancy, Kentucky’’, numbered 297/145513, and
 2 dated June 2018.

3 (2) MONUMENT.—The term “Monument”
 4 means the Mill Springs Battlefield National Monu-
 5 ment established by section 3(a)(1).

6 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
 7 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-
 8 rector of the National Park Service.

9 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF MILL SPRINGS BATTLEFIELD**
 10 **NATIONAL MONUMENT.**

11 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
 13 there is established as a unit of the National Park
 14 System, the Mill Springs Battlefield National Monu-
 15 ment in the State of Kentucky, to preserve, protect,
 16 and interpret for the benefit of present and future
 17 generations—

18 (A) the nationally significant historic re-
 19 sources of the Mill Springs Battlefield; and

20 (B) the role of the Mill Springs Battlefield
 21 in the Civil War.

22 (2) DETERMINATION BY THE SECRETARY.—
 23 The Monument shall not be established until the
 24 date on which the Secretary determines that a suffi-

1 cient quantity of land or interests in land has been
2 acquired to constitute a manageable park unit.

3 (3) NOTICE.—Not later than 30 days after the
4 date on which the Secretary makes a determination
5 under paragraph (2), the Secretary shall publish in
6 the Federal Register notice of the establishment of
7 the Monument.

8 (4) BOUNDARY.—The boundary of the Monu-
9 ment shall be as generally depicted on the Map.

10 (5) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The Map shall be
11 on file and available for public inspection in the ap-
12 propriate offices of the National Park Service.

13 (6) ACQUISITION AUTHORITY.—The Secretary
14 may only acquire land or an interest in land located
15 within the boundary of the Monument by—

16 (A) donation;

17 (B) purchase from a willing seller with do-
18 nated or appropriated funds; or

19 (C) exchange.

20 (b) ADMINISTRATION.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall admin-
22 ister the Monument in accordance with—

23 (A) this Act; and

24 (B) the laws generally applicable to units
25 of the National Park System, including—

1 (i) section 100101(a), chapter 1003,
2 and sections 100751(a), 100752, 100753,
3 and 102101 of title 54, United States
4 Code; and

5 (ii) chapter 3201 of title 54, United
6 States Code.

7 (2) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years
9 after the date on which funds are first made
10 available to prepare a general management plan
11 for the Monument, the Secretary shall prepare
12 the general management plan in accordance
13 with section 100502 of title 54, United States
14 Code.

15 (B) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—On com-
16 pletion of the general management plan, the
17 Secretary shall submit to the Committee on
18 Natural Resources of the House of Representa-
19 tives and the Committee on Energy and Nat-
20 ural Resources of the Senate the general man-
21 agement plan.

22 (c) PRIVATE PROPERTY PROTECTION.—Nothing in
23 this Act affects the land use rights of private property
24 owners within or adjacent to the Monument.

25 (d) NO BUFFER ZONES.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this Act, the es-
2 tablishment of the Monument, or the management of
3 the Monument creates a buffer zone outside the
4 Monument.

5 (2) ACTIVITY OR USE OUTSIDE MONUMENT.—
6 The fact that an activity or use can be seen, heard,
7 or detected from within the Monument shall not pre-
8 clude the conduct of the activity or use outside the
9 Monument.

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