

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2497

AN ACT

To establish the Amache National Historic Site in the State of Colorado 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Amache National His-
3 toric Site Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map en-
7 titled “Amache National Historical Site Proposed
8 Boundary”, numbered 100/175348 and dated July
9 2021.

10 (2) NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE.—The term “Na-
11 tional Historic Site” means the Amache National
12 Historic Site established by section 3(a).

13 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
14 the Secretary of the Interior.

15 **SEC. 3. AMACHE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE.**

16 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to subsection (c),
17 there is established the Amache National Historic Site in
18 the State of Colorado as a unit of the National Park Sys-
19 tem.

20 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the National Historic
21 Site is to preserve, protect, and interpret for the benefit
22 of present and future generations resources associated
23 with—

24 (1) the incarceration of civilians of Japanese
25 ancestry during World War II at Amache, also

1 known as the Granada Relocation Center, and the
2 military service of center incarcerated;

3 (2) public reaction in the State of Colorado to
4 the incarceration of Japanese Americans, including
5 the position of Governor Ralph Carr and the local
6 community; and

7 (3) the transition of the incarcerated and their
8 descendants following the closure of the center and
9 resettlement in the State of Colorado and other
10 States.

11 (c) DETERMINATION BY THE SECRETARY.—The Na-
12 tional Historic Site shall not be established until the date
13 on which the Secretary determines that a sufficient quan-
14 tity of land or interests in land has been acquired to con-
15 stitute a manageable park unit.

16 (d) NOTICE.—Not later than 30 days after the Sec-
17 retary makes a determination under subsection (c), the
18 Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register notice of
19 the establishment of the National Historic Site.

20 (e) BOUNDARY; MAP.—

21 (1) BOUNDARY.—The boundary of the National
22 Historic Site shall be as generally depicted on the
23 Map.

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

4 (f) LAND ACQUISITION AUTHORITY.—The Secretary
5 may acquire any land or interests in land located within
6 the boundary of the Camp Amache National Historic
7 Landmark, as generally depicted on the Map, by—

8 (1) donation;

9 (2) purchase from a willing seller with donated
10 or appropriated Funds; or

11 (3) exchange.

12 (g) ADDITION TO BOUNDARY.—Any lands or inter-
13 ests in land acquired under paragraph (1) shall be in-
14 cluded within the boundary of the National Historic Site.

15 (h) ADMINISTRATION.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall admin-
17 ister the National Historic Site in accordance with—

18 (A) this Act; and

19 (B) the laws generally applicable to units
20 of the National Park System.

21 (2) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

22 (A) DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION.—Not
23 later than 3 years after the date on which funds
24 are first made available to the Secretary for
25 this purpose, the Secretary shall prepare a gen-

1 eral management plan for the National Historic
2 Site in accordance with section 100502 of title
3 54, United States Code.

4 (B) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—On com-
5 pletion of the general management plan under
6 subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall submit to
7 the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
8 sources of the Senate and the Committee on
9 Natural Resources of the House of Representa-
10 tives the general management plan prepared
11 under that subparagraph.

12 (i) ADMINISTRATIVE FACILITIES.—For the purposes
13 of ensuring the preservation, protection, and proper man-
14 agement of the site and associated resources, the Sec-
15 retary may establish facilities for administration, visitor
16 services, and curation of personal property, outside the
17 boundary of, and in the vicinity of, the National Historic
18 Site.

19 (j) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary
20 may enter into agreements with—

21 (1) the public or private entities for the purpose
22 of establishing and operating facilities outside of the
23 boundary of the National Historic Site for adminis-
24 tration, visitor services and curation of personal
25 property; and

1 (2) other public or private entities for the pur-
2 poses of carrying out this Act.

3 (k) EFFECT ON WATER RIGHTS.—Except as pro-
4 vided for in subsection (l), nothing in this Act shall af-
5 fect—

6 (1) the use, allocation, ownership, or control, in
7 existence on the date of the enactment of any water,
8 water right, or any other valid existing right;

9 (2) any vested absolute or decreed conditional
10 water right in existence on the date of the enact-
11 ment;

12 (3) any interstate water compact in existence
13 on the date of the enactment; or

14 (4) State jurisdiction over any water law.

15 (l) OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF WATER IN-
16 FRASTRUCTURE AND APPURTENANCES.—

17 (1) The town of Granada, Colorado, shall main-
18 tain responsibility for the operation and maintenance
19 of all water infrastructure, systems and appur-
20 tenances located within the boundary of the National
21 Historic Site in existence on the date of enactment
22 of this Act, including but not limited to wells,
23 pumps, tanks, water lines, valves, and water treat-
24 ment facilities.

1 (2) The Secretary shall provide the town of
2 Granada, Colorado, with access to those areas of the
3 National Historic Site determined as necessary for
4 the operation and maintenance of water infrastruc-
5 ture and appurtenances.

6 (3) The Secretary may permit the city of Gra-
7 nada, Colorado, to construct or install new water in-
8 frastructure, systems and appurtenances consistent
9 with applicable laws, limited only to those areas de-
10 termined in subsection (i)(2), and in a manner that
11 ensures the preservation, protection, and proper
12 management of the National Historic Site.

13 (4) At such time that all water infrastructure,
14 systems and appurtenances located within the
15 boundary of the National Historic Site are no longer
16 utilized by the city of Granada, Colorado, associated
17 improvements and associated water rights may be
18 acquired through donation to and made part of the
19 National Historic Site in a condition satisfactory to
20 the Secretary.

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Attest:

Clerk.

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