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H. R. 6438

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the site known as “Dearfield” in the State of Colorado.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BUCK (for himself and Mr. NEGUSE) 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 “Dearfield Study Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

6 In this Act:

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

9 (2) STUDY AREA.—The term “study area”
10 means the site known as “Dearfield”, in Weld Coun-

1 ty, Colorado, which was a historically black agricul-
2 tural settlement founded by Oliver Toussaint Jack-
3 son.

4 **SEC. 3. DEARFIELD SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct a
6 special resource study of the study area.

7 (b) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under sub-
8 section (a), the Secretary shall—

9 (1) evaluate the national significance of the
10 study area;

11 (2) determine the suitability and feasibility of
12 designating the study area as a unit of the National
13 Park System;

14 (3) consider other alternatives for preservation,
15 protection, and interpretation of the study area by
16 the Federal Government, State or local government
17 entities, or private and nonprofit organizations;

18 (4) consult with interested Federal agencies,
19 State or local governmental entities, private and
20 nonprofit organizations, or any other interested indi-
21 viduals; and

22 (5) identify cost estimates for any Federal ac-
23 quisition, development, interpretation, operation, and
24 maintenance associated with the alternatives de-
25 scribed in paragraphs (2) and (3).

1 (c) APPLICABLE LAW.—The study required under
2 subsection (a) shall be conducted in accordance with sec-
3 tion 100507 of title 54, United States Code.

4 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date
5 on which funds are first made available to carry out the
6 study under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to
7 the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-
8 resentatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural
9 Resources of the Senate a report that describes—

10 (1) the results of the study; and

11 (2) any conclusions and recommendations of the
12 Secretary.

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