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H. R. 949

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Hatchie River in the State of Tennessee for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 4, 2025

Mr. KUSTOFF 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 “Hatchie River Wild
5 and Scenic River Study Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. HATCHIE RIVER STUDY.**

2 (a) DESIGNATION FOR STUDY.—Section 5(a) of the
3 Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(a)) is amend-
4 ed by adding at the end the following:

5 “(147) HATCHIE RIVER, TENNESSEE.—The ap-
6 proximately 163-mile segment of the Hatchie River
7 from the Mississippi-Tennessee State line to its con-
8 fluence with the Mississippi River.”.

9 (b) STUDY AND REPORT.—Section 5(b) of the Wild
10 and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(b)) is amended
11 by adding at the end the following:

12 “(24) HATCHIE RIVER, TENNESSEE.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years
14 after funds are made available to carry out this
15 paragraph, the Secretary of the Interior shall—

16 “(i) complete the study of the seg-
17 ment of the Hatchie River described in
18 subsection (a)(147); and

19 “(ii) submit to the appropriate com-
20 mittees of Congress a report describing the
21 results of such study.

22 “(B) STUDY REQUIREMENT.—In carrying
23 out the study of the segment of the Hatchie
24 River described in subsection (a)(147), the Sec-
25 retary of the Interior shall identify opportuni-
26 ties to administer such segment in partnership

1 with State, regional, local, and community
2 stakeholders.”.

