

119TH CONGRESS
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S. 1777

To amend the California Desert Protection Act of 1994 to expand the boundary of Joshua Tree National Park, to redesignate the Cottonwood Visitor Center at Joshua Tree National Park as the “Dianne Feinstein Visitor Center”, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 15, 2025

Mr. PADILLA introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and 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 “Joshua Tree National
5 Park Expansion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK.**

2 (a) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.—Section 402 of the
3 California Desert Protection Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C.
4 410aaa–22) is amended, in the first sentence, by inserting
5 after “October 1991 or prior,” the following: “and includ-
6 ing the approximately 20,149 acres of land generally de-
7 picted on the map entitled ‘Joshua Tree National Park
8 Proposed Boundary Addition’, numbered 156/193,676,
9 and dated June 2024”.

10 (b) TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDIC-
11 TION.—Administrative jurisdiction over the land described
12 in the amendment made by subsection (a) is transferred
13 from the Bureau of Land Management to the National
14 Park Service.

15 (c) LAND ACQUISITION.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
17 the Secretary of the Interior may acquire land and
18 interests in land within the boundary of the Joshua
19 Tree National Park by—

20 (A) donation;

21 (B) purchase from a willing seller;

22 (C) exchange; or

23 (D) transfer.

24 (2) LIMITATION.—Any land or interest land
25 within the boundary of the Joshua Tree National
26 Park that is owned by the State of California or a

1 political subdivision of the State of California may
 2 only be acquired by the Secretary of the Interior by
 3 donation or exchange.

4 **SEC. 3. TECHNICAL CORRECTION.**

5 Section 1433(a) of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Con-
 6 servation, Management, and Recreation Act (Public Law
 7 116–9; 133 Stat. 700) is amended by striking “156/
 8 149,375” each place it appears and inserting “156/
 9 149,375A”.

10 **SEC. 4. REDESIGNATION OF THE COTTONWOOD VISITOR**

11 **CENTER AT JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK**

12 **AS THE “DIANNE FEINSTEIN VISITOR CEN-**

13 **TER”.**

14 (a) REDESIGNATION.—The Cottonwood Visitor Cen-
 15 ter at Joshua Tree National Park, or any successor to that
 16 visitor center, shall be known and designated as the
 17 “Dianne Feinstein Visitor Center”.

18 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
 19 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United
 20 States to the visitor center referred to in subsection (a)
 21 shall be deemed to be a reference to the “Dianne Feinstein
 22 Visitor Center”.

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