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H. R. 5328

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2000

Mr. WU (for himself and Mr. SOUDER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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 “Fort Clatsop National
5 Memorial Expansion Act of 2000”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) In 1805, the members of the Lewis and
9 Clark Expedition built Fort Clatsop at the mouth of
10 the Columbia River near Astoria, Oregon, and they

1 spent 106 days at the fort waiting for the end of
2 winter and preparing for their journey home.

3 (2) In 1958, Congress enacted Public Law 85–
4 435 authorizing the establishment of Fort Clatsop
5 National Memorial for the purpose of commemo-
6 rating the culmination, and the winter encampment,
7 of the Lewis and Clark Expedition following its suc-
8 cessful crossing of the North American continent.
9 Fort Clatsop National Memorial is the only unit of
10 the National Park System solely dedicated to the
11 Lewis and Clark Expedition.

12 (3) The 1995 General Management Plan for
13 Fort Clatsop National Memorial, prepared with
14 input from the local community, recommends the ex-
15 pansion of the memorial to include the trail used by
16 expedition members to access the Pacific Ocean from
17 the fort and the shore and forest lands surrounding
18 the fort and trail to protect their natural settings.

19 (4) The area near present day McGowan,
20 Washington, where the Lewis and Clark Expedition
21 first camped after reaching the Pacific Ocean,
22 known as the “Station Camp” site, and where they
23 performed detailed surveying and conducted the his-
24 toric vote to determine where to spend the winter,
25 is of undisputed national significance.

1 (5) The National Park Service and State of
2 Washington should identify the best alternative for
3 adequately and cost effectively protecting and inter-
4 preting the Station Camp site.

5 (6) Expansion of Fort Clatsop National Memo-
6 rial would require Federal legislation because the
7 size of the memorial is currently limited by statute
8 to 130 acres.

9 (7) Congressional action to allow for the expan-
10 sion of Fort Clatsop National Memorial to include
11 both the trail to the Pacific Ocean and possibly the
12 Station Camp site would be both timely and appro-
13 priate before the start of the bicentennial celebration
14 of the Lewis and Clark Expedition planned to take
15 place during the years 2004 through 2006.

16 **SEC. 3. EXPANSION OF FORT CLATSOP NATIONAL MEMO-**
17 **RIAL, OREGON.**

18 (a) REVISED BOUNDARIES.—Section 2 of Public Law
19 85–435 (16 U.S.C. 450mm–1) is amended—

20 (1) by inserting “(a) INITIAL DESIGNATION OF
21 LANDS.—” before “The Secretary”;

22 (2) by striking “coast:” and all that follows
23 through the end of the sentence and inserting
24 “coast.”; and

1 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
2 sections:

3 “(b) AUTHORIZED EXPANSION.—The Fort Clatsop
4 National Memorial shall also include the lands depicted
5 on the map entitled ‘Fort Clatsop Boundary Map’, num-
6 bered ‘405–80016–CCO’, and dated June 1996. The Sec-
7 retary shall maintain in an undeveloped state a visual
8 buffer zone between a commemorative trail that will run
9 through the property and adjacent private lands.

10 “(c) MAXIMUM DESIGNATED AREA.—The total area
11 designated as the Fort Clatsop National Memorial shall
12 not exceed 1,500 acres.”.

13 (b) AUTHORIZED ACQUISITION METHODS.—Section
14 3 of Public Law 85–435 (16 U.S.C. 450mm–2) is
15 amended—

16 (1) by inserting “(a) ACQUISITION METH-
17 ODS.—” before “Within”; and

18 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
19 section:

20 “(b) LIMITATION.—The lands depicted on the map
21 referred to in section 2(b) may be acquired only by dona-
22 tion or purchase from willing sellers, with the exception
23 of corporately owned timberlands.”.

1 **SEC. 4. STUDY OF STATION CAMP SITE, MCGOWAN, WASH-**
2 **INGTON.**

3 The Secretary of the Interior shall conduct a study
4 of the area near McGowan, Washington, where the Lewis
5 and Clark Expedition first camped after reaching the Pa-
6 cific Ocean, known as the “Station Camp” site, to deter-
7 mine the suitability, feasibility, and national significance
8 of the site for inclusion in the National Park System. The
9 study shall be conducted in accordance with section 8 of
10 Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–5).

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