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To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to modify the boundary of the Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RODRIGUEZ 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 “Rio Grande Wild and
5 Scenic River Extension Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. RIO GRANDE WILD AND SCENIC RIVER BOUNDARY**

7 **ADJUSTMENT.**

8 Paragraph (17) of section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic
9 Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended to read as fol-
10 lows:

1 “(17) RIO GRANDE, TEXAS.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The segment on the
3 United States side of the river from the west
4 boundary of Big Bend National Park, located
5 at approximately river mile 902.2, downstream
6 to the river mile 651.1 at the Terrell-Val Verde
7 County line; to be administered by the Sec-
8 retary of the Interior.

9 “(B) MAP.—The segment described in sub-
10 paragraph (A) is depicted on the map relating
11 to the Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River titled
12 ‘Proposed Wild & Scenic River Addition’, num-
13 bered 192/80,001, and dated March 1, 2007.

14 “(C) BOUNDARY.—The Secretary shall,
15 within two years after the date of enactment of
16 the Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River Exten-
17 sion Act of 2008, take such action with respect
18 to the segment referred to in this paragraph as
19 is provided for under subsection (b). The action
20 required by subsection (b) shall be undertaken
21 by the Secretary, after consultation with the
22 United States Commissioner, International
23 Boundary and Water Commission, United
24 States and Mexico, and appropriate officials of
25 the State of Texas and its political subdivisions.

1 The development plan required by subsection
2 (b) shall be construed to be a general manage-
3 ment plan only for the United States side of the
4 river and shall include, but not be limited to,
5 the establishment of a detailed boundary which
6 shall include an average of not more than 160
7 acres per mile.

8 “(D) TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS.—

9 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to be in
10 conflict with—

11 “(i) the commitments or agreements
12 of the United States made by or in pursu-
13 ance of the treaty between the United
14 States and Mexico regarding the utilization
15 of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of
16 the Rio Grande, signed at Washington,
17 February 1944 (59 Stat. 1219), or

18 “(ii) the treaty between the United
19 States and Mexico regarding maintenance
20 of the Rio Grande and Colorado River as
21 the international boundary between the
22 United States and Mexico, signed Novem-
23 ber 23, 1970.

24 “(E) NO EFFECT ON BORDER FENCE AND
25 THE BORDER PATROL.—Nothing in this para-

1 graph shall prevent or obstruct the planning,
2 construction, operation, or maintenance of a
3 border fence in the area described in subpara-
4 graph (A), and nothing in this paragraph shall
5 affect the operations or duties in such area of
6 the Department of Homeland Security, includ-
7 ing the Border Patrol, or of State or local law
8 enforcement agencies.”.

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