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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. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

1 (1) the Chattahoochee River National Recre-
2 ation Area in the State of Georgia is a nationally
3 significant resource;

4 (2) the Chattahoochee River National Recre-
5 ation Area has been adversely affected by land use
6 changes occurring inside and outside the recreation
7 area;

8 (3) the population of the metropolitan Atlanta
9 area continues to expand northward, leaving dwin-
10 dling opportunities to protect the scenic, rec-
11 reational, natural, and historical values of the 2,000-
12 foot-wide corridor adjacent to each bank of the
13 Chattahoochee River and its impoundments in the
14 48-mile segment known as the “area of national con-
15 cern”;

16 (4) the State of Georgia has enacted the Metro-
17 politan River Protection Act to ensure protection of
18 the corridor located within 2,000 feet of each bank
19 of the Chattahoochee River, or the corridor located
20 within the 100-year floodplain, whichever is larger;

21 (5) the corridor located within the 100-year
22 floodplain includes the area of national concern;

23 (6) since establishment of the Chattahoochee
24 River National Recreation Area, visitor use of the

1 recreation area has shifted dramatically from water-
2 borne to water-related and land-based activities;

3 (7) the State of Georgia and political subdivi-
4 sions of the State along the Chattahoochee River
5 have indicated willingness to join in a cooperative ef-
6 fort with the United States to link existing units of
7 the recreation area through a series of linear cor-
8 ridors to be established within the area of national
9 concern and elsewhere on the river; and

10 (8) if Congress appropriates funds in support of
11 the cooperative effort described in paragraph (7),
12 funding from the State, political subdivisions of the
13 State, private foundations, corporate entities, private
14 individuals, and other sources will be available to
15 fund more than half the estimated cost of the coop-
16 erative effort.

17 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—

18 (1) to increase the level of protection of the
19 open spaces within the area of national concern
20 along the Chattahoochee River and to enhance vis-
21 itor enjoyment of the open spaces by adding land-
22 based linear corridors to link existing units of the
23 recreation area;

24 (2) to ensure that the Chattahoochee River Na-
25 tional Recreation Area is managed to standardize

1 acquisition, planning, design, construction, and oper-
 2 ation of the linear corridors; and

3 (3) to authorize the appropriation of Federal
 4 funds to cover a portion of the costs of the Federal,
 5 State, local, and private cooperative effort to add ad-
 6 ditional areas to the recreation area so as to estab-
 7 lish a series of linear corridors linking existing units
 8 of the recreation area and to protect other open
 9 spaces of the Chattahoochee River corridor.

10 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER NA-**
 11 **TIONAL RECREATION AREA ACT.**

12 (a) BOUNDARIES.—Section 101 of the Act entitled
 13 “An Act to authorize the establishment of the Chattahoo-
 14 chee River National Recreation Area in the State of Geor-
 15 gia, and for other purposes”, approved August 15, 1978
 16 (16 U.S.C. 460ii), is amended—

17 (1) in the third sentence, by inserting after
 18 “numbered CHAT–20,003, and dated September
 19 1984,” the following: “and on the maps entitled
 20 ‘Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area In-
 21 terim Boundary Map #1’, ‘Chattahoochee River Na-
 22 tional Recreation Area Interim Boundary Map #2’,
 23 and ‘Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area
 24 Interim Boundary Map #3’, and dated August 6,
 25 1998,”;

1 (2) by striking the fourth sentence and insert-
2 ing the following: “No sooner than 180 days after
3 the date of the enactment of this sentence, the Sec-
4 retary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as the
5 ‘Secretary’) may modify the boundaries of the recre-
6 ation area to include other land within the Chat-
7 tahoochee River corridor by submitting a revised
8 map or other boundary description to the Committee
9 on Energy and Natural Resources of the United
10 States Senate and the Committee on Resources of
11 the United States House of Representatives. The re-
12 vised map or other boundary description shall be
13 prepared by the Secretary after consultation with af-
14 fected landowners, the State of Georgia, and af-
15 fected political subdivisions of the State. The revised
16 boundaries shall take effect 180 days after the date
17 of submission unless, within the 180-day period,
18 Congress enacts a joint resolution disapproving the
19 revised boundaries.”; and

20 (3) in the next-to-last sentence, by striking
21 “may not exceed approximately 6,800 acres.” and
22 inserting “may not exceed 10,000 acres.”.

23 (b) ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY.—Section 102 of the
24 Act entitled “An Act to authorize the establishment of the
25 Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in the

1 State of Georgia, and for other purposes”, approved Au-
2 gust 15, 1978 (16 U.S.C. 460ii–1), is amended—

3 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “from willing
4 sellers” after “purchase”; and

5 (2) by striking subsection (f).

6 (c) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—Section 103 of the
7 Act entitled “An Act to authorize the establishment of the
8 Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in the
9 State of Georgia, and for other purposes”, approved Au-
10 gust 15, 1978 (16 U.S.C. 460ii–2), is amended by striking
11 subsection (b) and inserting the following:

12 “(b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary
13 may enter into cooperative agreements with the State of
14 Georgia, political subdivisions of the State, and other enti-
15 ties to ensure standardized acquisition, planning, design,
16 construction, and operation of the recreation area.”.

17 (d) FUNDING.—Section 105 of the Act entitled “An
18 Act to authorize the establishment of the Chattahoochee
19 River National Recreation Area in the State of Georgia,
20 and for other purposes”, approved August 15, 1978 (16
21 U.S.C. 460ii–4), is amended—

22 (1) by striking “SEC. 105. (a)” and inserting
23 the following:

1 **“SEC. 105. FUNDING SOURCES AND GENERAL MANAGE-**
2 **MENT PLAN.**

3 “(a) FUNDING.—

4 “(1) LIMITATION ON USE OF APPROPRIATED
5 FUNDS.—”;

6 (2) in subsection (a)—

7 (A) by striking “\$79,400,000” and insert-
8 ing “\$115,000,000”;

9 (B) by striking “this Act” and inserting
10 “this title”; and

11 (C) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(2) DONATIONS.—The Secretary may accept a
13 donation of funds or land or an interest in land to
14 carry out this title.

15 “(3) RELATION TO OTHER FUNDING
16 SOURCES.—Funds made available under paragraph
17 (1) are in addition to funding and the donation of
18 land and interests in land by the State of Georgia,
19 local government authorities, private foundations,
20 corporate entities, and individuals for purposes of
21 this title.”; and

22 (3) in subsection (c)—

23 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (1)
24 through (3) as subparagraphs (A) through (C),
25 respectively, and indenting appropriately;

1 (B) by striking “(c) Within” and inserting
2 the following:

3 “(c) GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

4 “(1) INITIAL PLAN.—Within”;

5 (C) in paragraph (1) (as designated by
6 subparagraph (B)), by striking “transmit to”
7 and all that follows through “Representatives”
8 and inserting “transmit to the Committee on
9 Resources of the House of Representatives”;
10 and

11 (D) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(2) REVISED PLAN.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Within 3 years after
14 the date funds are made available, the Sec-
15 retary shall submit to the committees specified
16 in paragraph (1) a revised general management
17 plan to provide for the protection, enhancement,
18 enjoyment, development, and use of the recre-
19 ation area.

20 “(B) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.—In pre-
21 paring the revised plan, the Secretary shall en-
22 courage the participation of the State of Geor-
23 gia and affected political subdivisions of the
24 State, private landowners, interested citizens,

1 public officials, groups, agencies, educational in-
2 stitutions, and other entities.”.

3 (e) TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.—Title I of the Act
4 entitled “An Act to authorize the establishment of the
5 Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in the
6 State of Georgia, and for other purposes”, approved Au-
7 gust 15, 1978 (16 U.S.C. 460ii et seq.), is amended—

8 (1) in sections 102(d) and 103(a), by striking
9 “of this Act” and inserting “of this title”;

10 (2) in section 104(b)—

11 (A) by striking “of this Act” and inserting
12 “of this title”;

13 (B) by striking “under this Act” and in-
14 serting “under this title”;

15 (C) by striking “by this Act” and inserting
16 “by this title”; and

17 (D) by striking “in this Act” and inserting
18 “in this title”;

19 (3) in section 104(d)(2), by striking “under this
20 Act” and inserting “under this title”;

21 (4) in section 105(c)(1)(A), as redesignated by
22 subsection (d)(3), by striking “of this Act” and in-
23 serting “of this title”;

24 (5) in section 106(a), by striking “in this Act”
25 and inserting “in this title”; and

- 1 (6) in section 106(d), by striking “under this
- 2 Act” and inserting “under this title”.

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1999.

Attest:

Clerk.