

107TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 1649

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## AN ACT

To amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to increase the authorization of appropriations for the Vancouver National Historic Reserve and for the preservation of Vancouver Barracks.

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 “Vancouver National  
5 Historic Reserve Preservation Act of 2002”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

3 (1) the Vancouver National Historic Reserve  
4 (referred to in this section as the “Reserve”) in Van-  
5 couver, Washington, contains several sites of histor-  
6 ical importance, including—

7 (A) the former trading post of the Hudson  
8 Bay Company, established in 1825;

9 (B) Vancouver Barracks, a major adminis-  
10 trative outpost of the United States Army for  
11 150 years;

12 (C) Officers Row, which is listed on the  
13 National Register of Historic Places; and

14 (D) Pearson Airpark, the oldest contin-  
15 ually operating airport in the United States;

16 (2) in accordance with section 502(b)(3) of the  
17 Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act  
18 of 1996 (16 U.S.C. 461 note; Public Law 104–333),  
19 a partnership comprised of representatives from the  
20 National Park Service, the Historic Preservation Of-  
21 fice of the State of Washington, the Department of  
22 the Army, and the city of Vancouver, Washington,  
23 has developed a comprehensive cooperative manage-  
24 ment plan for the restoration of Vancouver Bar-  
25 racks;

1           (3) the 16 buildings at Vancouver Barracks re-  
2           ferred to as the “West Barracks” were vacated by  
3           the Army in October 2000 and, for preservation pur-  
4           poses, require significant repair;

5           (4) the Army Reserve and the Washington Na-  
6           tional Guard actively use the portions of Vancouver  
7           Barracks referred to as the “East Barracks”;

8           (5) the management plan for the Reserve rec-  
9           ommends that the historic buildings at Vancouver  
10          Barracks be preserved and primarily used for edu-  
11          cational purposes and public activities;

12          (6) the State of Washington, the city of Van-  
13          couver, Washington, and the Vancouver National  
14          Historic Reserve Trust have pledged to financially  
15          support preservation efforts at the Reserve;

16          (7) extensive planning efforts under the man-  
17          agement plan for the Reserve have been completed,  
18          and restoration and reuse efforts are proceeding as  
19          planned;

20          (8) the historic Lewis and Clark expedition  
21          passed by the Reserve on the final segment of its  
22          historic expedition to the Pacific Ocean;

23          (9) the bicentennial celebration of the Lewis  
24          and Clark expedition is scheduled to take place from  
25          2004 through 2006;

1           (10) to accommodate the expected increase in  
2       visitors to the Reserve during the commemoration of  
3       the bicentennial celebration, the historic preservation  
4       and reuse efforts at the Reserve should be contin-  
5       ued; and

6           (11) to prevent the further deterioration of  
7       Vancouver Barracks, the historic preservation of the  
8       West Barracks should be expedited.

9       (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to increase  
10   the authorization of appropriations for the Vancouver Na-  
11   tional Historic Reserve and for the preservation of Van-  
12   couver Barracks at the Reserve.

13   **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

14       Section 502(d) of the Omnibus Parks and Public  
15   Lands Management Act of 1996 (16 U.S.C. 461 note;  
16   Public Law 104–333) is amended by striking “\$5,000,000  
17   for development costs.” and inserting “\$15,000,000 for  
18   development costs associated with capital projects con-  
19   sistent with the cooperative management plan, except that

- 1 the Federal share of such development costs shall not ex-
- 2 ceed 50 percent of the total costs.”.

Passed the Senate August 1, 2002.

Attest:

*Secretary.*

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