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To amend the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the establishment of Fort Clatsop National Memorial in the State of Oregon, and for other purposes”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 1, 2001

Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, and Mrs. MURRAY) 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 “Fort Clatsop National
5 Memorial Expansion Act of 2001”.

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

1 the Columbia River near Astoria, Oregon, where
2 they spent 106 days waiting for the end of winter
3 and preparing for their journey home. The Fort
4 Clatsop National Memorial was created by Congress
5 in 1958 for the purpose of commemorating the cul-
6 mination, and the winter encampment, of the Lewis
7 and Clark Expedition following its successful cross-
8 ing of the North American continent, and is the only
9 National Park Service site solely dedicated to the
10 Lewis and Clark Expedition.

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

19 (3) The area near present day McGowan,
20 Washington where Lewis and Clark and the Corps
21 of Discovery camped after reaching the Pacific
22 Ocean, performed detailed surveying, and conducted
23 the historic “vote” to determine where to spend the
24 winter, is of undisputed national significance.

1 (4) 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 (5) Expansion of the Fort Clatsop National Me-
 6 morial would require Federal legislation because the
 7 size of the memorial is currently limited by statute
 8 to 130 acres.

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

16 **SEC. 3. ACQUISITION OF LANDS FOR FORT CLATSOP NA-**
 17 **TIONAL MEMORIAL.**

18 The Act entitled “An Act to provide for the establish-
 19 ment of Fort Clatsop National Memorial in the State of
 20 Oregon, and for other purposes”, approved May 29, 1958
 21 (Chapter 158; 72 Stat. 153), is amended—

22 (a) by inserting in section 2 “(a)” before “The Sec-
 23 retary”.

24 (b) by inserting in section 2 a period, “.”, following
 25 “coast” and by striking the remainder of the section.

1 (c) by inserting in section 2 the following new sub-
2 sections:

3 “(b) The Memorial shall also include the lands de-
4 picted on the map entitled ‘Fort Clatsop Boundary Map’
5 numbered and dated “405–80016–CCO–June–1996”.
6 The area designated in the map as a ‘buffer zone’ shall
7 not be developed but shall be managed as a visual buffer
8 between a commemorative trail that will run through the
9 property, and contiguous private land holdings.

10 “(c) The total area designated as the Memorial shall
11 contain no more than 1,500 acres.”.

12 (d) by inserting at the end of section 3 the following:

13 “(b) Such lands included within the newly expanded
14 boundary may be acquired from willing sellers only, with
15 the exception of corporately owned timberlands.”.

16 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF STUDY OF STATION CAMP.**

17 The Secretary of the Interior shall conduct a study
18 of the area known as “Station Camp” near McGowan,
19 Washington, to determine its suitability, feasibility, and
20 national significance, for inclusion into the National Park
21 System. The study shall be conducted in accordance with
22 section 8 of Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–5).

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