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112TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3641

[Report No. 112-626]

To establish Pinnacles National Park in the State of California as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 13, 2011

Mr. FARR (for himself and Mr. DENHAM) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on December 13, 2011]

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 “Pinnacles National Park*
5 *Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 *The Congress makes the following findings:*

8 *(1) Pinnacles National Monument was estab-*
9 *lished by Presidential Proclamation 796 on January*
10 *16, 1908, for the purposes of protecting its rock for-*
11 *mations, and expanded by Presidential Proclamation*
12 *1660 of May 7, 1923; Presidential Proclamation 1704*
13 *of July 2, 1924; Presidential Proclamation 1948 of*
14 *April 13, 1931; Presidential Proclamation 2050 of*
15 *July 11, 1933; Presidential Proclamation 2528 of De-*
16 *cember 5, 1941; Public Law 94–567; and Presidential*
17 *Proclamation 7266 of January 11, 2000.*

18 *(2) While the extraordinary geology of Pinnacles*
19 *National Monument has attracted and enthralled visi-*
20 *tors for well over a century, the expanded Monument*
21 *now serves a critical role in protecting other impor-*
22 *tant natural and cultural resources and ecological*
23 *processes. This expanded role merits recognition*
24 *through legislation.*

1 (3) *Pinnacles National Monument provides the*
2 *best remaining refuge for floral and fauna species*
3 *representative of the central California coast and Pa-*
4 *cific coast range, including 32 species holding special*
5 *Federal or State status, not only because of its mul-*
6 *tiple ecological niches but also because of its long-term*
7 *protected status with 14,500 acres of Congressionally*
8 *designated wilderness.*

9 (4) *Pinnacles National Monument encompasses a*
10 *unique blend of California heritage from prehistoric*
11 *and historic Native Americans to the arrival of the*
12 *Spanish, followed by 18th and 19th century settlers,*
13 *including miners, cowboys, vaqueros, ranchers, farm-*
14 *ers, and homesteaders.*

15 (5) *Pinnacles National Monument is the only*
16 *National Park System site within the ancestral home*
17 *range of the California Condor. The reintroduction of*
18 *the condor to its traditional range in California is*
19 *important to the survival of the species, and as a re-*
20 *sult, the scientific community with centers at the Los*
21 *Angeles Zoo and San Diego Zoo in California and*
22 *Buenos Aires Zoo in Argentina looks to Pinnacles*
23 *National Monument as a leader in California Condor*
24 *recovery, and as an international partner for condor*
25 *recovery in South America.*

1 (6) *The preservation, enhancement, economic*
2 *and tourism potential and management of the central*
3 *California coast and Pacific coast range’s important*
4 *natural and cultural resources requires cooperation*
5 *and partnerships among local property owners, Fed-*
6 *eral, State, and local government entities and the pri-*
7 *vate sector.*

8 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF PINNACLES NATIONAL PARK.**

9 (a) *ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE.—There is hereby*
10 *established Pinnacles National Park in the State of Cali-*
11 *ornia for the purposes of—*

12 (1) *preserving and interpreting for the benefit of*
13 *future generations the chaparral, grasslands, blue oak*
14 *woodlands, and majestic valley oak savanna eco-*
15 *systems of the area, the area’s geomorphology, ripar-*
16 *ian watersheds, unique flora and fauna, and the an-*
17 *cestral and cultural history of native Americans, set-*
18 *tlers and explorers; and*

19 (2) *interpreting the recovery program for the*
20 *California Condor and the international significance*
21 *of the program.*

22 (b) *BOUNDARIES.—The boundaries of Pinnacles Na-*
23 *tional Park are as generally depicted on the map entitled*
24 *“Proposed: Pinnacles National Park Designation Change”,*
25 *numbered 114/111,724, and dated December 2011. The map*

1 *shall be on file and available for public inspection in the*
2 *appropriate offices of the National Park Service.*

3 (c) *ABOLISHMENT OF CURRENT PINNACLES NATIONAL*
4 *MONUMENT.—*

5 (1) *IN GENERAL.—In light of the establishment*
6 *of Pinnacles National Park, Pinnacles National*
7 *Monument is hereby abolished and the lands and in-*
8 *terests therein are incorporated within and made part*
9 *of Pinnacles National Park. Any funds available for*
10 *purposes of the monument shall be available for pur-*
11 *poses of the park.*

12 (2) *REFERENCES.—Any references in law (other*
13 *than in this Act), regulation, document, record, map*
14 *or other paper of the United States to Pinnacles Na-*
15 *tional Monument shall be considered a reference to*
16 *Pinnacles National Park.*

17 (d) *ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary of the Interior*
18 *shall administer Pinnacles National Park in accordance*
19 *with this Act and laws generally applicable to units of the*
20 *National Park System, including the National Park Service*
21 *Organic Act (16 U.S.C. 1, 2–4).*

22 **SEC. 4. REDESIGNATION OF PINNACLES WILDERNESS AS**
23 **HAIN WILDERNESS.**

24 *Subsection (i) of the first section of Public Law 94–*
25 *567 (90 Stat. 2693; 16 U.S.C. 1132 note) is amended by*

1 *striking “Pinnacles Wilderness” and inserting “Hain Wil-*
2 *derness”. Any reference in a law, map, regulation, docu-*
3 *ment, paper, or other record of the United States to the Pin-*
4 *nacles Wilderness shall be deemed to be a reference to the*
5 *Hain Wilderness.*

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