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# H. R. 5979

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 24, 2018

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural  
Resources

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## AN ACT

To establish the Mill Springs Battlefield National Monument  
in the State of Kentucky as a unit of the National  
Park System, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Mill Springs Battle-  
3 field National Monument Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map en-  
7 titled “Mill Springs Battlefield National Monument,  
8 Nancy, Kentucky” numbered 297/145513, and dated  
9 June 2018.

10 (2) MONUMENT.—The term “Monument”  
11 means the Mill Springs Battlefield National Monu-  
12 ment established by section 3(a).

13 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
14 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-  
15 rector of the National Park Service.

16 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF MILL SPRINGS BATTLEFIELD**  
17 **NATIONAL MONUMENT.**

18 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),  
20 there is established, as a unit of the National Park  
21 System, the Mill Springs Battlefield National Monu-  
22 ment in the State of Kentucky, to preserve, protect,  
23 and interpret for the benefit of present and future  
24 generations the nationally significant historic re-  
25 sources of the Mill Springs Battlefield and its role  
26 in the American Civil War.

1           (2) CONDITIONS.—The Monument shall not be  
2 established until the Secretary—

3           (A) has entered into a written agreement  
4 with the owner of any private or non-Federal  
5 land within the Mill Springs Battlefield Na-  
6 tional Monument boundary as depicted on the  
7 Map, providing that such property shall be do-  
8 nated to the United States for inclusion in the  
9 Monument to be managed consistently with the  
10 purposes of the Monument; and

11           (B) has determined that sufficient land or  
12 interests in land have been acquired within the  
13 boundary of the Monument to constitute a man-  
14 ageable unit.

15       (b) BOUNDARIES.—The boundaries of the Monument  
16 shall be the boundaries generally depicted on the Map.

17       (c) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The Map shall be on file  
18 and available for public inspection in the appropriate of-  
19 fices of the National Park Service.

20       (d) ACQUISITION AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may  
21 only acquire land or an interest in land located within the  
22 boundary of the Monument by—

23           (1) donation;

24           (2) purchase with donated funds; or

25           (3) exchange.

1 (e) ADMINISTRATION.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall admin-  
3 ister the Monument in accordance with—

4 (A) this Act; and

5 (B) the laws generally applicable to units  
6 of the National Park System, including—

7 (i) section 100101(a), chapter 1003,  
8 and sections 100751(a), 100752, 100753,  
9 and 102101 of title 54, United States  
10 Code; and

11 (ii) chapter 3201 of title 54, United  
12 States Code.

13 (2) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

14 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years  
15 after the date on which funds are first made  
16 available to the Secretary for this purpose, the  
17 Secretary shall prepare a general management  
18 plan for the Monument in accordance with sec-  
19 tion 100502 of title 54, United States Code.

20 (B) SUBMIT TO CONGRESS.—On comple-  
21 tion of the general management plan, the Sec-  
22 retary shall submit it to the Committee on Nat-  
23 ural Resources of the House of Representatives  
24 and the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-  
25 sources of the Senate.

1           (f) PRIVATE PROPERTY PROTECTION.—No private  
2 property or non-Federal public property shall be managed  
3 as part of the Monument without the written consent of  
4 the owner of such property.

5           (g) NO BUFFER ZONES.—Nothing in this Act, the  
6 establishment of the Monument, or the management of the  
7 Monument shall be construed to create buffer zones out-  
8 side of the Monument. The fact that an activity or use  
9 can be seen, heard, or detected from within the Monument  
10 shall not preclude the conduct of that activity or use out-  
11 side of the Monument.

Passed the House of Representatives July 23, 2018.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

*Clerk.*