

Calendar No. 618

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION**S. 4227**

To amend the California Desert Protection Act of 1994 to expand the boundary of Joshua Tree National Park.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 1, 2024

Mr. PADILLA (for himself and Ms. BUTLER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

NOVEMBER 21, 2024

Reported by Mr. MANCHIN, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

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 “Joshua Tree National
5 Park Expansion Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK.**

2 Section 402 of the California Desert Protection Act
 3 of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 410aaa–22) is amended, in the first
 4 sentence, by inserting after “October 1991 or prior,” the
 5 following: “and including the approximately 17,842 acres
 6 of land depicted on the map entitled ‘Proposed Joshua
 7 Tree National Park Expansion’ and dated April 29,
 8 2024,”.

9 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

10 *This Act may be cited as the “Joshua Tree National*
 11 *Park Expansion Act of 2024”.*

12 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK.**

13 (a) *BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.*—Section 402 of the
 14 *California Desert Protection Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C.*
 15 *410aaa–22) is amended, in the first sentence, by inserting*
 16 *after “October 1991 or prior,” the following: “and including*
 17 *the approximately 20,149 acres of land generally depicted*
 18 *on the map entitled ‘Joshua Tree National Park Proposed*
 19 *Boundary Addition’, numbered 156/193,676, and dated*
 20 *June 2024”.*

21 (b) *TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION.*—
 22 *Administrative jurisdiction over the land described in the*
 23 *amendment made by subsection (a) is transferred from the*
 24 *Bureau of Land Management to the National Park Service.*

25 (c) *LAND ACQUISITION.*—

1 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Subject to paragraph (2), the
 2 *Secretary of the Interior may acquire land and inter-*
 3 *ests in land within the boundary of the Joshua Tree*
 4 *National Park by—*

5 (A) *donation;*

6 (B) *purchase from a willing seller;*

7 (C) *exchange; or*

8 (D) *transfer.*

9 (2) *LIMITATION.*—Any land or interest land
 10 *within the boundary of the Joshua Tree National*
 11 *Park that is owned by the State of California or a*
 12 *political subdivision of the State of California may*
 13 *only be acquired by the Secretary of the Interior by*
 14 *donation or exchange.*

15 **SEC. 3. TECHNICAL CORRECTION.**

16 Section 1433(a) of the *John D. Dingell, Jr. Conserva-*
 17 *tion, Management, and Recreation Act (Public Law 116–*
 18 *9; 133 Stat. 700)* is amended by striking “156/149,375”
 19 each place it appears and inserting “156/149,375A”.

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