

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2323

To adjust the boundary of Big Bend National Park in the State of Texas,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 25, 2025

Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas introduced the following bill; which was
referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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State of Texas, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Big Bend National
5 Park Boundary Adjustment Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-
9 titled “Big Bend National Park, Proposed Boundary

1 Adjustment”, numbered 155/167,296, and dated
2 November 2022.

3 (2) PARK.—The term “Park” means the Big
4 Bend National Park established under the Act of
5 June 20, 1935 (49 Stat. 393, chapter 283; 16
6 U.S.C. 156).

7 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
8 the Secretary of the Interior.

9 **SEC. 3. BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY ADJUST-**
10 **MENT.**

11 (a) LAND ACQUISITION.—The Secretary may acquire
12 approximately 6,100 acres of land or interests in land gen-
13 erally depicted on the map as “Tracts to Include in
14 Boundary” by donation or exchange.

15 (b) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map shall be on file
16 and available for public inspection in the appropriate of-
17 fices of the National Park Service.

18 (c) BOUNDARY REVISION AND ADMINISTRATION.—
19 On acquisition of any land or interests in land under sub-
20 section (a), the Secretary shall—

21 (1) revise the boundary of the Park to include
22 the acquired land or interests in land; and

23 (2) administer the acquired land or interests in
24 land as part of the Park in accordance with applica-
25 ble laws (including regulations).

1 (d) EMINENT DOMAIN OR CONDEMNATION.—In car-
2 rying out this Act, the Secretary may not use eminent do-
3 main or condemnation.

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