

105TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 3928

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct and operate a visitor center for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River on land owned by the State of New York.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 1998

Mr. GILMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on 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 “Upper Delaware Scenic
5 and Recreational River Mongaup Visitor Center Act of
6 1998”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 The Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The Secretary of the Interior approved a
2 management plan for the Upper Delaware Scenic
3 and Recreational River, as required by section 704
4 of Public Law 95–625 (16 U.S.C. 1274 note), on
5 September 29, 1987.

6 (2) The river management plan called for the
7 development of a primary visitor contact facility
8 located at the southern end of the river corridor.

9 (3) The river management plan determined that
10 the visitor center would be built and operated by the
11 National Park Service.

12 (4) The Act which designated the Upper Dela-
13 ware Scenic and Recreational River and the ap-
14 proved river management plan limits the Secretary
15 of the Interior’s authority to acquire land within the
16 boundary of the river corridor.

17 (5) The State of New York authorized on June
18 21, 1993, a 99-year lease between the New York
19 State Department of Environmental Conservation
20 and the National Park Service for the construction
21 and operation of a visitor center by the Federal Gov-
22 ernment on State-owned land in the Town of
23 Deerpark, Orange County, New York, in the vicinity
24 of Mongaup, which is the preferred site for the visi-
25 tor center.

1 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF VISITOR CENTER FOR UPPER**
2 **DELAWARE SCENIC AND RECREATIONAL**
3 **RIVER.**

4 For the purpose of constructing and operating a visi-
5 tor center for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational
6 River and subject to the availability of appropriations, the
7 Secretary of the Interior may—

8 (1) enter into a lease with the State of New
9 York, for a term of 99 years, for State-owned land
10 within the boundaries of the Upper Delaware Scenic
11 and Recreational River located at an area known as
12 Mongaup near the confluence of the Mongaup and
13 Upper Delaware Rivers in the State of New York;
14 and

15 (2) construct and operate such a visitor center
16 on land leased under paragraph (2).

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