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# S. 1366

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 14, 1999

Mr. MURKOWSKI (by request) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## 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       1999”.

7       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8       (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

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

6           (2) the river management plan called for the  
7           development of a primary visitor contact facility lo-  
8           cated 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; and

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, the preferred site for the visitor 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 vis-  
5 itor center for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Rec-  
6 reational River and subject to the availability of appropria-  
7 tions, the 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 a visitor center on  
16 land leased under paragraph (a).

17 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

18 There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as  
19 may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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