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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Referred to the Committee on Resources

AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the establishment of Fort Clatsop National Memorial in the State of Oregon, 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 “Fort Clatsop National
5 Memorial Expansion Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds the following:

3 (1) In 1805, the members of the Lewis and
4 Clark Expedition built Fort Clatsop at the mouth of
5 the Columbia River near Astoria, Oregon, where
6 they spent 106 days waiting for the end of winter
7 and preparing for their journey home. The Fort
8 Clatsop National Memorial was created by Congress
9 in 1958 for the purpose of commemorating the cul-
10 mination, and the winter encampment, of the Lewis
11 and Clark Expedition following its successful cross-
12 ing of the North American continent, and is the only
13 National Park Service site solely dedicated to the
14 Lewis and Clark Expedition.

15 (2) The 1995 General Management Plan for
16 the Fort Clatsop National Memorial, prepared with
17 input from the local community, calls for the addi-
18 tion of lands to the memorial to include the trail
19 used by expedition members to travel from the fort
20 to the Pacific Ocean and to include the shore and
21 forest lands surrounding the fort and trail to protect
22 their natural settings.

23 (3) The area near present day McGowan,
24 Washington, known as “Station Camp”, where
25 Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery camped
26 after reaching the Pacific Ocean, performed detailed

1 surveying, and conducted the historic “vote” to de-
 2 termine where to spend the winter, is of undisputed
 3 national significance.

4 (4) The National Park Service and State of
 5 Washington should identify the best alternative for
 6 adequately and cost effectively protecting and inter-
 7 preting the “Station Camp” site.

8 (5) Expansion of the Fort Clatsop National Me-
 9 morial would require Federal legislation because the
 10 size of the memorial is currently limited by statute
 11 to 130 acres.

12 (6) Congressional action to allow for the expan-
 13 sion of Fort Clatsop for both the trail to the Pacific
 14 and, possibly, the Station Camp site would be both
 15 timely and appropriate before the start of the na-
 16 tional bicentennial celebration of the Lewis and
 17 Clark Expedition planned to take place during the
 18 years 2004 through 2006.

19 **SEC. 3. ACQUISITION OF LANDS FOR FORT CLATSOP NA-**
 20 **TIONAL MEMORIAL.**

21 The Act entitled “An Act to provide for the establish-
 22 ment of Fort Clatsop National Memorial in the State of
 23 Oregon, and for other purposes”, approved May 29, 1958
 24 (Public Law 85–435; 72 Stat. 153) is amended—

1 (1) in section 2, by inserting “(a)” before “The
2 Secretary”;

3 (2) in section 2, by striking “coast” and all
4 that follows through the end of the section and in-
5 serting “coast.”;

6 (3) in section 2, by adding the following new
7 subsections:

8 “(b) The Memorial shall also include the lands de-
9 picted as ‘Addition Lands’ on the map entitled ‘Fort
10 Clatsop Boundary Map’ numbered and dated ‘405-
11 80026A-CCO-June 1996’. The area designated in the
12 map as the ‘Buffer Zone’ shall not be developed, but shall
13 be managed as a visual buffer.

14 “(c) The total area for the Memorial shall not exceed
15 1,500 acres.”.

16 (4) in section 3, by inserting “(a)” before
17 “Within”.

18 (5) by inserting at the end of section 3 the fol-
19 lowing:

20 “(b) Such lands included within the boundary as de-
21 picted on the map referenced in section 2(b) may be ac-
22 quired only from willing sellers, with the exception of cor-
23 porately-owned timberlands.”.

1 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF STUDY OF STATION CAMP.**

2 The Secretary of the Interior shall conduct a study
3 of the area known as “Station Camp” near McGowan,
4 Washington, as well as the Megler Rest Area and Fort
5 Canby State Park, to determine their suitability, feasi-
6 bility, and national significance, for inclusion into the Na-
7 tional Park System. The study shall be conducted in ac-
8 cordance with section 8 of Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C.
9 1a–5).

Passed the Senate October 17, 2001.

Attest:

JERI THOMSON,

Secretary.