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H. R. 4716

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 25, 2004

Ms. WATERS 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 “Ballona Bluff Protec-
5 tion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE STUDY REGARDING**
2 **BALLONA BLUFF IN LOS ANGELES, CALI-**
3 **FORNIA.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Ballona Bluff is the last undeveloped bluff
6 top of the Ballona Escarpment, a natural formation
7 that stretches approximately 3.5 miles from Santa
8 Monica Bay to the Centinela Pass.

9 (2) Ballona Bluff is the last undeveloped upland
10 habitat of the Ballona wetlands system.

11 (3) Ballona Bluff provides foraging, nesting,
12 and resting habitat for many species of birds and
13 other wildlife.

14 (4) Human occupation of Ballona Bluff began
15 at least 6500 years ago.

16 (5) Ballona Bluff contained a site determined
17 to be eligible for inclusion in the National Register
18 of Historic Places.

19 (6) Human remains and grave-associated arti-
20 facts have been discovered on Ballona Bluff.

21 (7) Ballona Bluff possesses commanding views
22 of the Los Angeles Basin from Santa Monica Bay
23 to the San Gabriel Mountains.

24 (8) The public has enjoyed the passive rec-
25 reational use of Ballona Bluff for half a century.

1 These recreational activities have included hiking,
2 jogging, and viewing wildlife.

3 (b) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this section:

4 (1) BALLONA BLUFF.—The term “Ballona
5 Bluff” means the approximately 44 acres of land
6 known by that name and also known as “West
7 Bluffs” and located west of Lincoln Boulevard be-
8 tween Marina del Rey and Los Angeles International
9 Airport in Los Angeles, California.

10 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
11 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-
12 rector of the National Park Service.

13 (c) STUDY.—The Secretary shall, in consultation
14 with the State of California—

15 (1) carry out a study regarding the suitability
16 and feasibility of designating Ballona Bluff as a unit
17 of the National Park System; and

18 (2) consider management alternatives for
19 Ballona Bluff.

20 (d) STUDY PROCESS AND COMPLETION.—Except as
21 provided by subsection (e) of this section, section 8(c) of
22 Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–5(c)) shall apply to the
23 conduct and completion of the study required by this sec-
24 tion.

1 (e) SUBMISSION OF STUDY RESULTS.—Not later
2 than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this section,
3 the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Resources
4 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
5 Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate a report de-
6 scribing the results of the study.

