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To revise the boundary of the Petrified Forest National Park in the State of Arizona, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MCCAIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural 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 “Petrified Forest Na-
5 tional Park Expansion Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

8 (1) the Petrified Forest National Park was es-
9 tablished—

1 (A) to preserve and interpret the globally
2 significant paleontological resources of the Park
3 that are generally regarded as the most impor-
4 tant record of the Triassic period in natural
5 history; and

6 (B) to manage those resources to retain
7 significant cultural, natural, and scenic values;

8 (2) significant paleontological, archaeological,
9 and scenic resources directly related to the resource
10 values of the Park are located in land areas adjacent
11 to the boundaries of the Park;

12 (3) those resources not included within the
13 boundaries of the Park—

14 (A) are vulnerable to theft and desecration;
15 and

16 (B) are disappearing at an alarming rate;

17 (4) the general management plan for the Park
18 includes a recommendation to expand the boundaries
19 of the Park and incorporate additional globally sig-
20 nificant paleontological deposits in areas adjacent to
21 the Park—

22 (A) to further protect nationally significant
23 archaeological sites; and

24 (B) to protect the scenic integrity of the
25 landscape and viewshed of the Park; and

1 (5) a boundary adjustment at the Park will al-
 2 leviate major threats to those nationally significant
 3 resources.

4 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to author-
 5 ize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire 1 or more par-
 6 cels of land—

7 (1) to expand the boundaries of the Park; and

8 (2) to protect the rare paleontological and ar-
 9 chaeological resources of the Park.

10 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

11 In this Act:

12 (1) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-
 13 titled “Proposed Boundary Adjustments, Petrified
 14 Forest National Park”, numbered _____, and dated
 15 _____.

16 (2) PARK.—The term “Park” means the Pet-
 17 rified Forest National Park in the State.

18 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
 19 the Secretary of the Interior.

20 (4) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
 21 of Arizona.

22 **SEC. 4. BOUNDARY REVISION.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The boundary of the Park is re-
 24 vised to include approximately _____ acres, as generally
 25 depicted on the map.

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

4 **SEC. 5. ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL LAND.**

5 (a) PRIVATE LAND.—The Secretary may acquire
6 from a willing seller, by purchase, exchange, or by dona-
7 tion, any private land or interests in private land within
8 the revised boundary of the Park.

9 (b) STATE LAND.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may, with the
11 consent of the State and in accordance with State
12 law, acquire from the State any State land or inter-
13 ests in State land within the revised boundary of the
14 Park by purchase or exchange.

15 (2) PLAN.—Not later than 2 years after the
16 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall,
17 in coordination with the State, develop a plan for ac-
18 quisition of State land or interests in State land
19 identified for inclusion within the revised boundary
20 of the Park.

21 **SEC. 6. ADMINISTRATION.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to applicable laws, all
23 land and interests in land acquired under this Act shall
24 be administered by the Secretary as part of the Park.

1 (b) TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION.—The Secretary
2 shall transfer to the National Park Service administrative
3 jurisdiction over any land under the jurisdiction of the
4 Secretary that—

5 (1) is depicted on the map as being within the
6 boundaries of the Park; and

7 (2) is not under the administrative jurisdiction
8 of the National Park Service on the date of enact-
9 ment of this Act.

10 (c) GRAZING.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall permit
12 the continuation of grazing on land transferred to
13 the Secretary under this Act, subject to applicable
14 laws (including regulations) and Executive orders.

15 (2) TERMINATION OF LEASES OR PERMITS.—
16 Nothing in this subsection prohibits the Secretary
17 from accepting the voluntary termination of a graz-
18 ing permit or grazing lease within the Park.

19 (d) AMENDMENT TO GENERAL MANAGEMENT
20 PLAN.—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment
21 of this Act, the Secretary shall amend the general manage-
22 ment plan for the Park to address the use and manage-
23 ment of any additional land acquired under this Act.

1 **SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums

3 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

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