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NOVEMBER 17, 2005

Referred to the Committee on Resources

AN ACT

To designate Catoctin Mountain Park in the State of Maryland as the “Catoctin Mountain National Recreation Area”, 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 “Catoctin Mountain Na-
5 tional Recreation Area Designation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

3 (1) the Catoctin Recreation Demonstration
4 Area, in Frederick County, Maryland—

5 (A) was established in 1933; and

6 (B) was transferred to the National Park
7 Service by executive order in 1936;

8 (2) in 1942, the presidential retreat known as
9 “Camp David” was established in the Catoctin
10 Recreation Demonstration Area;

11 (3) in 1954, approximately 4,400 acres of land
12 in the Catoctin Recreation Demonstration Area was
13 transferred to the State of Maryland and designated
14 as Cunningham Falls State Park;

15 (4) in 1954, the Catoctin Recreation Dem-
16 onstration Area was renamed “Catoctin Mountain
17 Park”;

18 (5) the proximity of Catoctin Mountain Park,
19 Camp David, and Cunningham Falls State Park and
20 the difference between management of the parks by
21 the Federal and State government has caused long-
22 standing confusion to visitors to the parks;

23 (6) Catoctin Mountain Park is 1 of 17 units in
24 the National Park System and 1 of 9 units in the
25 National Capital Region that does not have the word
26 “National” in the title; and

1 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
2 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United
3 States to Catoctin Mountain Park shall be deemed to be
4 a reference to the Catoctin Mountain National Recreation
5 Area.

6 (c) BOUNDARY.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The recreation area shall
8 consist of land within the boundary depicted on the
9 map.

10 (2) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map shall be
11 on file and available for public inspection in the ap-
12 propriate offices of the National Park Service.

13 (3) ADJUSTMENTS.—The Secretary may make
14 minor adjustments in the boundary of the recreation
15 area consistent with section 7(c) of the Land and
16 Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C.
17 460l–9(c)).

18 (d) ACQUISITION AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may
19 acquire any land, interest in land, or improvement to land
20 within the boundary of the recreation area by donation,
21 purchase with donated or appropriated funds, or ex-
22 change.

23 (e) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary shall admin-
24 ister the recreation area—

1 (1) in accordance with this Act and the laws
2 generally applicable to units of the National Park
3 System, including—

4 (A) the Act of August 25, 1916 (16 U.S.C.
5 1 et seq.); and

6 (B) the Act of August 21, 1935 (16 U.S.C.
7 461 et seq.); and

8 (2) in a manner that protects and enhances the
9 scenic, natural, cultural, historical, and recreational
10 resources of the recreation area.

11 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

12 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
13 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

Passed the Senate November 16, 2005.

Attest: EMILY J. REYNOLDS,
Secretary.