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H. R. 2482

To require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study regarding the proposed Mississippi River Trail, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota (for herself, Mr. KIND, Mr. BOSWELL, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. WALZ of Minnesota, Mr. ELLISON, and Ms. BALDWIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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 “Mississippi River Spe-
5 cial Resource Study Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY REGARDING PROPOSED**
7 **MISSISSIPPI RIVER TRAIL.**

8 (a) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of the Inte-
9 rior shall conduct a special resource study along the route

1 of the Mississippi River in the counties contiguous to the
2 river from its headwaters in the State of Minnesota to the
3 Gulf of Mexico for the purpose of evaluating a range of
4 alternatives for protecting and interpreting the resources
5 along the route of the Mississippi River, including alter-
6 natives for potential addition of all or portions of the route
7 to the National Trails System.

8 (b) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall conduct
9 the special resource study in consultation with appropriate
10 Federal, State, county, and local governmental entities.

11 (c) STUDY OBJECTIVES.—In conducting the special
12 resource study, the Secretary shall evaluate alternatives
13 for achieving the following objectives:

14 (1) Identifying the resources and historic
15 themes associated with the route of the Mississippi
16 River.

17 (2) Making a review of existing studies and re-
18 ports, such as the Mississippi River Corridor Study
19 and the Lower Mississippi Delta Report, to com-
20 plement and not duplicate other studies of the scenic
21 or historical importance of the Mississippi River that
22 may be underway or undertaken.

23 (3) Establishing connections with partnerships
24 already engaged in the development of various trails
25 and sites along the route of the Mississippi River.

1 (4) Preserving recreational opportunities and
2 facilitating access for a variety of recreational users.

3 (5) Protecting rare, threatened, or endangered
4 plant and animal species, and rare or unusual plant
5 communities and habitats.

6 (6) Protecting historically significant land-
7 scapes, districts, sites, and structures.

8 (7) Identifying alternatives for preservation and
9 interpretation of the route by the National Park
10 Service, other Federal, State, or local governmental
11 entities, or private and nonprofit organizations.

12 (8) Identifying cost estimates for any necessary
13 acquisition, development, interpretation, operation,
14 and maintenance associated with the alternatives de-
15 veloped under the special resource study.

16 (d) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
17 three years after funds are first made available for the
18 study, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on En-
19 ergy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Com-
20 mittee on Natural Resources of the House of Representa-
21 tives a report containing the results of the special resource
22 study.

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