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## AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of establishing the Columbia-Pacific National Heritage Area in the States of Washington and Oregon, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Columbia-Pacific National Heritage Area Study Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7       In this Act:

11 (B) areas relating to Native American his-  
12 tory, local history, Euro-American settlement  
13 culture, and related economic activities of the  
14 Columbia River within a corridor along the Co-  
15 lumbia River eastward in Clatsop, Pacific, Co-  
16 lumbia, and Wahkiakum Counties.

17 SEC. 3. COLUMBIA-PACIFIC NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA  
18 STUDY.

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation  
20 with the managers of any Federal land within the study  
21 area, appropriate State and local governmental agencies,  
22 tribal governments, and any interested organizations, shall  
23 conduct a study to determine the feasibility of designating  
24 the study area as the Columbia-Pacific National Heritage  
25 Area.

1       (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The study shall include anal-  
2 ysis, documentation, and determinations on whether the  
3 study area—

4               (1) has an assemblage of natural, historic, and  
5 cultural resources that together represent distinctive  
6 aspects of American heritage worthy of recognition,  
7 conservation, interpretation, and continuing use, and  
8 are best managed through partnerships among pub-  
9 lic and private entities and by combining diverse and  
10 sometimes noncontiguous resources and active com-  
11 munities;

12               (2) reflects traditions, customs, beliefs, and  
13 folklife that are a valuable part of the national story;

14               (3) provides outstanding opportunities to con-  
15 serve natural, historic, cultural, or scenic features;

16               (4) provides outstanding recreational and edu-  
17 cational opportunities;

18               (5) contains resources important to the identi-  
19 fied theme or themes of the Study Area that retain  
20 a degree of integrity capable of supporting interpre-  
21 tation;

22               (6) includes residents, business interests, non-  
23 profit organizations, and local and State govern-  
24 ments that are involved in the planning, have devel-  
25 oped a conceptual financial plan that outlines the

1       roles for all participants, including the Federal Gov-  
2       ernment, and have demonstrated support for the  
3       concept of a national heritage area;

4               (7) has a potential local coordinating entity to  
5       work in partnership with residents, business inter-  
6       ests, nonprofit organizations, and local and State  
7       governments to develop a national heritage area con-  
8       sistent with continued local and State economic ac-  
9       tivity; and

10               (8) has a conceptual boundary map that is sup-  
11       ported by the public.

12       (c) PRIVATE PROPERTY.—In conducting the study  
13       required by this section, the Secretary shall analyze the  
14       potential impact that designation of the area as a national  
15       heritage area is likely to have on land within the proposed  
16       area or bordering the proposed area that is privately  
17       owned at the time that the study is conducted.

18 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

19       Not later than 3 fiscal years after the date on which  
20       funds are made available to carry out the study, the Sec-  
21       retary shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Nat-  
22       ural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Nat-  
23       ural Resources of the House of Representatives a report  
24       that describes the findings, conclusions, and recomenda-  
25       tions of the Secretary with respect to the study.



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