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111TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H. R. 3785

[Report No. 111-597]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of expanding the boundary of Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 8, 2009

Mr. Scott of Georgia (for himself, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Lewis of Georgia, and Mr. Johnson of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

SEPTEMBER 16, 2010

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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 "Chattahoochee River
- 5 National Recreation Area Boundary Study Act of 2009".
- 6 SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.
- 7 In this Act:
- 8 (1) Secretary.—The term "Secretary" means
- 9 the Secretary of the Interior.
- 10 (2) Recreation Area.—The term "recreation
- 11 area" means the Chattahoochee River National
- Recreation Area in the State of Georgia.
- 13 (3) STUDY AREA.—The term "study area"
- means the area of the Chattahoochee River and land
- along the river corridor described in section 3(a)
- that is the subject of the study authorized by this
- 17 Act.
- 18 SEC. 3. BOUNDARY STUDY.
- 19 (a) In General.—The Secretary is authorized to
- 20 conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility
- 21 of including in the boundary of the recreation area ap-
- 22 proximately 45 miles of the Chattahoochee River and
- 23 lands along the river corridor from the southern boundary
- 24 of the recreation area south to the junction of Coweta,
- 25 Heard, and Carroll Counties.

- 1 (b) Contents.—The study authorized under this 2 Act shall include an analysis of—
- 3 (1) significant resources or opportunities for public enjoyment within the study area related to 5 purposes of the recreation area;
- 6 (2) operational and management issues that 7 need to be considered if the study area is included 8 within the recreation area;
- 9 (3) protection of resources within the study area critical to fulfilling the recreation area's pur-10 poses;
- 12 (4) the feasibility of administering the study 13 area as part of the recreation area considering the 14 study area's size, configuration, ownership, costs, 15 and other factors; and
- 16 (5) the adequacy of other alternatives for man-17 agement and protection of resources within the 18 study area.
- 19 (c) Report.—Not later than three years after the 20 date on which funds are made available to carry out this 21 Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the 23 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Sen-
- ate a report that describes the findings and conclusions of the study and any recommendations of the Secretary.

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