

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4081

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Willamette Falls National Heritage Area in Oregon, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 16, 2009

Mr. SCHRADER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Willamette Falls National Heritage Area in Oregon, 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. STUDY AND REPORT OF PROPOSED WILLAM-**
4 **ETTE FALLS NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.**

5 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the
6 “Willamette Falls National Heritage Area”.

7 (b) STUDY.—The Secretary of the Interior (hereafter
8 referred to as the “Secretary”), in consultation with ap-

1 appropriate State historic preservation officers, State histor-
2 ical societies, and other appropriate organizations, shall
3 conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of desig-
4 nating the study area at the Willamette Falls National
5 Heritage Area in the State of Oregon.

6 (c) CRITERIA.—In conducting the study, the Sec-
7 retary shall apply the following criteria to determine the
8 suitability and feasibility of designating the study area as
9 a National Heritage Area:

10 (1) The area—

11 (A) has an assemblage of natural, historic,
12 cultural, education, scenic, or recreational re-
13 sources that together are nationally important
14 to the heritage of the United States;

15 (B) represents distinctive aspects of the
16 heritage of the United States worthy of recogni-
17 tion, conservation, interpretation, and con-
18 tinuing use;

19 (C) is best managed as such an assemblage
20 through partnerships among public and private
21 entities at the local regional level;

22 (D) reflects traditions, customs, beliefs,
23 and folklife that are a valuable part of the her-
24 itage of the United States;

1 (E) provides outstanding opportunities to
2 conserve natural, historical, cultural, or scenic
3 features;

4 (F) provides outstanding recreational or
5 education opportunities; and

6 (G) has resources and traditional uses that
7 have national importance.

8 (2) Residents, business interests, nonprofit or
9 organizations, and governments (including relevant
10 Federal land management agencies) within the pro-
11 posed area are involved in the planning and have
12 demonstrated significant support through letters and
13 other means for National Heritage Area designation
14 and management.

15 (3) The local coordinating entity responsible for
16 preparing and implementing the management plan is
17 identified.

18 (4) The proposed local coordinating entity and
19 units of government supporting the designation have
20 documented their commitment to work in partner-
21 ship to protect, enhance, interpret, fund, manage,
22 and develop resources within the National Heritage
23 Area.

24 (5) The proposed local coordinating entity has
25 developed a conceptual financial plan that outlines

1 the roles of all participants (including the Federal
2 Government) in the management of the National
3 Heritage Area.

4 (6) The proposal is consistent with continued
5 economic activity within the area.

6 (7) A conceptual boundary map has been devel-
7 oped and is supported by the public and partici-
8 pating Federal agencies.

9 (d) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study, the
10 Secretary shall consult with the managers of any Federal
11 land within the proposed National Heritage Area and se-
12 cure the concurrence of the managers with the findings
13 of the study before making a determination for designa-
14 tion.

15 (e) BOUNDARIES OF THE STUDY AREA.—The study
16 areas shall consist of the following:

17 (1) The area between the Tualatin River and
18 the Clackamas River.

19 (2) The cities of West Linn and Oregon City,
20 Oregon, and the surrounding areas.

21 (3) The McLoughlin House in Oregon City, Or-
22 egon.

23 (f) REPORT.—The Secretary shall—

1 (1) review, comment on, and determine if the
2 study area meets the criteria specified in this section
3 for designation as a National Heritage Area;

4 (2) consult with the Governor of Oregon; and

5 (3) not later than 3 fiscal years after the date
6 on which funds are first made available for this sec-
7 tion, submit to the Committee on Natural Resources
8 of the House of Representatives and the Committee
9 on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate a
10 report on the findings, conclusions, and rec-
11 ommendations of the study, including—

12 (A) any comments received from the Gov-
13 ernor of Oregon; and

14 (B) a finding as to whether the proposed
15 National Heritage Area meets the criteria for
16 designation.

17 (g) DISAPPROVAL.—If the Secretary determines that
18 the proposed National Heritage Area does not meet the
19 criteria for designation, the Secretary shall include within
20 the study submitted under subsection (f)(3) a description
21 of the reasons for the determination.

○