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H. R. 6050

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 2010

Ms. MARKEY of Colorado 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 “Bent's Old Fort Mu-
5 seum Collections Facility Act of 2010”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
4 the Secretary of the Interior.

5 (2) MUSEUM.—The term “Museum” means the
6 Koshare Indian Museum.

7 (3) NPS.—The term “NPS” means the Na-
8 tional Park Service.

9 **SEC. 3. FINDINGS.**

10 Congress finds that—

11 (1) the Museum, a long-established museum on
12 the Otero Junior College campus in La Junta, Colo-
13 rado, houses a world-class collection of Plains Indian
14 and other Native American material culture;

15 (2) the Museum is planning an expansion of its
16 collections’ storage facility;

17 (3) the Museum and Otero Junior College have
18 developed architectural plans for the new facility;

19 (4) the expanded collections storage facility
20 could house the collections of Bent’s Old Fort, Sand
21 Creek Massacre, and possibly collections from other
22 National Park System units; and

23 (5) NPS staff assigned to the storage facility
24 could manage the NPS collections to NPS standards
25 and assist in the curation of the Museum’s collec-
26 tions.

1 **SEC. 4. AGREEMENT.**

2 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary may enter into
3 a cooperative agreement with the Museum to—

4 (1) assist in the construction and furnishing of
5 an addition to the museum for use as a curatorial
6 center to house the museum collections from Bent’s
7 Old Fort, Sand Creek Massacre, and other units of
8 the National Park System;

9 (2) provide no more than \$6,000,000 for the
10 construction and furnishing of the addition to the
11 Museum subject to available appropriations; and

12 (3) house those portions of the collections of
13 Bent’s Old Fort, Sand Creek Massacre, and Washita
14 Battlefield National Historic Sites, and possibly col-
15 lections from other units of the National Park Sys-
16 tem, that the Director of the NPS determines appro-
17 priate for the facility.

18 (b) FUNDING.—Federal funding provided under sub-
19 section (a) shall be matched on a 1:1 Federal to non-Fed-
20 eral basis, and the non-Federal contribution may be in the
21 form of in-kind contributions of goods or services fairly
22 valued.

23 (c) OTHER CONDITIONS.—The curatorial addition
24 authorized by this Act shall remain part of the Museum
25 and the Museum shall be responsible for maintenance and

1 operational costs associated with the Museum including
2 the curatorial addition.

3 **SEC. 5. USE OF STAFF.**

4 The Secretary may assign NPS staff to—

5 (1) provide curatorial services for the NPS mu-
6 seum objects housed at the Museum; and

7 (2) to assist with the curation of other objects
8 housed at the Museum.

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