

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4969

To include the Point Arena-Stornetta Public Lands in the California Coastal National Monument as a part of the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of California (for himself and Ms. WOOLSEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

To include the Point Arena-Stornetta Public Lands in the California Coastal National Monument as a part of the National Landscape Conservation System, 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. SHORT TITLE; DEFINITIONS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “California Coastal National Monument Expansion Act of
6 2012”.

7 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

1 (1) MONUMENT.—The term “Monument”
2 means the California Coastal National Monument
3 established by Presidential Proclamation 7264,
4 issued January 11, 2000.

5 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
6 the Secretary of the Interior.

7 (3) MAP.—The term “map” means the map
8 created by the Bureau of Land Management, enti-
9 tled “California Coastal National Monument Addi-
10 tion” and dated April 23, 2012.

11 (4) POINT ARENA-STORNETTA PUBLIC
12 LANDS.—The term “Point Arena-Stornetta Public
13 Lands” means the Federal lands comprising ap-
14 proximately 1,255 acres in Mendocino County, Cali-
15 fornia, as generally depicted on the map titled “Cali-
16 fornia Coastal National Monument Addition” and
17 dated April 23, 2012.

18 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS; PURPOSE.**

19 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds as follows:

20 (1) The Point Arena-Stornetta Public Lands
21 contain significant natural resources, including im-
22 portant wildlife habitat, several riparian corridors,
23 extensive wetlands, ponds and other water sources,
24 cypress groves, meadows, and sand dunes that

1 should be preserved for present and future genera-
2 tions.

3 (2) The ocean and coastal ecosystems adjacent
4 to the Point Arena-Stornetta Public Lands are inter-
5 nationally recognized as significant centers of coastal
6 upwelling that support the diverse, abundant and
7 productive marine ecosystems and wildlife under-
8 lying the local economy and identity of coastal com-
9 munities.

10 (3) The Point Arena-Stornetta Public Lands
11 tell an important story about California's coastal
12 prehistory and history in the context of the sur-
13 rounding region and communities.

14 (4) The coastal area surrounding the Point
15 Arena-Stornetta Public Lands was traditionally used
16 by Indian people, including the Pomo Indian tribes.

17 (5) The Point Arena-Stornetta Public Lands
18 are historically associated with adjacent lands man-
19 aged for the enjoyment of current and future gen-
20 erations, including the Arena Rock Marine Natural
21 Preserve, and Manchester Beach State Park.

22 (6) The Point Arena-Stornetta Public Lands
23 represent a model partnership where future manage-
24 ment can be successfully accomplished among the

1 Federal Government, State of California, Mendocino
2 County, local communities, and private groups.

3 (7) Permanent protection of the Point Arena-
4 Stornetta Public Lands will provide important eco-
5 nomic benefits to surrounding communities, and has
6 broad public support.

7 (8) The Point Arena-Stornetta Public Lands
8 would make a significant addition to the California
9 Coastal National Monument and National Land-
10 scape Conservation System administered by the De-
11 partment of the Interior's Bureau of Land Manage-
12 ment.

13 (9) Statutory protection is needed for Point
14 Arena-Stornetta Public Lands to ensure that it re-
15 mains a part of our historic, cultural, and natural
16 heritage and a source of inspiration for the people
17 of the United States.

18 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to protect,
19 conserve, and enhance for the benefit and enjoyment of
20 present and future generations the unique and nationally
21 important historical, natural, cultural, scientific, edu-
22 cational, scenic, and recreational values of the Point
23 Arena-Stornetta Public Lands, while allowing certain rec-
24 reational and research activities to continue.

1 **SEC. 3. EXPANSION OF CALIFORNIA COASTAL NATIONAL**
2 **MONUMENT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The boundary of the California
4 Coastal National Monument, established by Presidential
5 Proclamation 7264, is expanded to include the Federal
6 land shown on the map. These lands shall be managed
7 under the provisions of Presidential Proclamation 7264.

8 (b) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

9 (1) As soon as practicable after the date of the
10 enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall file with
11 the Committee on Natural Resources of the House
12 of Representatives and the Committee on Energy
13 and Natural Resources of the Senate a map and
14 boundary description of lands added to the Monu-
15 ment by this Act.

16 (2) FORCE AND EFFECT.—The map and bound-
17 ary description filed under subsection (1) shall have
18 the same force and effect as if included in this sec-
19 tion, except that the Secretary may correct any
20 minor errors in the maps and boundary descriptions.

21 (3) AVAILABILITY OF MAP AND BOUNDARY DE-
22SCRIPTION.—The map and boundary description
23 filed under subsection (1) shall be on file and avail-
24 able for public inspection in appropriate offices of
25 the Bureau of Land Management.

1 **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall manage these
3 lands as a part of the California Coastal National Monu-
4 ment established under the provisions of Presidential
5 Proclamation 7264.

6 (b) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—Not later than 2 years
7 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
8 shall finalize an amendment to the Monument manage-
9 ment for the long-term protection and management of the
10 lands added to the Monument by this Act. The plan
11 amendment shall be developed with full public participa-
12 tion and shall describe the appropriate uses and manage-
13 ment of the lands consistent with this Act.

14 (c) MOTORIZED AND MECHANIZED TRANSPORT.—
15 Except as needed for emergency or authorized administra-
16 tive purposes, the use of motorized and mechanized vehi-
17 cles in the monument shall be permitted only on roads
18 and trails designated for their use.

19 (d) INCORPORATION OF LANDS AND INTERESTS.—

20 (1) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may acquire
21 non-Federal land or interests in land within or adja-
22 cent to the lands added to the Monument by this
23 Act only through exchange, donation, or purchase
24 from a willing seller.

25 (2) MANAGEMENT.—Any lands or interests in
26 land within or adjacent to the lands added to the

1 Monument by this Act acquired by the United States
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act shall be
3 added to and administered as part of the Monument.

4 (e) OVERFLIGHTS.—Nothing in this Act shall be con-
5 strued to—

6 (1) restrict or preclude overflights, including
7 low-level overflights, military, commercial, and gen-
8 eral aviation overflights that can be seen or heard
9 within to the lands added to the Monument by this
10 Act;

11 (2) restrict or preclude the designation or cre-
12 ation of new units of special use airspace or the es-
13 tablishment of military flight training routes over to
14 the lands added to the Monument by this Act; or

15 (3) modify regulations governing low-level over-
16 flights above the adjacent Gulf of the Farallones Na-
17 tional Marine Sanctuary.

18 (f) LAW ENFORCEMENT.—Nothing in this act effects
19 the Department of Homeland Security law enforcement
20 authorities.

21 (g) NATIVE AMERICAN USES.—Nothing in this act
22 enlarges or diminishes the rights of any Indian tribe or
23 Indian religious community.

24 (h) BUFFER ZONES.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The expansion of the Monu-
2 ment is not intended to lead to the creation of pro-
3 tective perimeters or buffer zones around the lands
4 included in the Monument by this Act.

5 (2) ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THE MONUMENT.—
6 The fact that activities outside the Monument can
7 be seen or heard within the lands added to the
8 Monument by this Act shall not, of itself, preclude
9 such activities or uses up to the boundary of the
10 Monument.

11 (i) NATIONAL LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION SYS-
12 TEM.—The Secretary shall manage the Monument as part
13 of the National Landscape Conservation System.

○