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H. R. 4029

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 10, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Missouri introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds as follows:

5 (1) The Ozark National Scenic Riverways was
6 created under the auspices of protecting public ac-
7 cess to the area indefinitely.

1 (2) The National Park Service has begun to
2 prevent members of the public from accessing the
3 lands that compose the park.

4 (3) The State of Missouri is able to maintain
5 the park and ensure that it continues in substan-
6 tially the same fashion as it has while maintaining
7 public access.

8 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF OZARK NATIONAL SCENIC**
9 **RIVERWAYS.**

10 The Act entitled “An Act to provide for the establish-
11 ment of the Ozark National Scenic Riverways in the State
12 of Missouri, and for other purposes”, approved August 27,
13 1964 (16 U.S.C. 460m, et seq.), is amended by adding
14 at the end the following:

15 “SEC. 9. Not later than one year after the date of
16 the enactment of this section, the Secretary shall convey
17 to the State of Missouri, for no consideration, all right,
18 title, and interest of the United States in and to all Fed-
19 eral land, facilities, and any other assets associated with
20 the Ozark National Scenic Riverways, subject to the fol-
21 lowing conditions:

22 “(1) The Federal Government shall pay all of
23 the costs of the conveyance under this section.

1 “(2) A covenant or restriction shall be in the
2 deed to the land and facilities conveyed under this
3 section requiring—

4 “(A) that the State of Missouri shall main-
5 tain and operate the land, facilities, and assets
6 conveyed under this section, at the cost to the
7 State, in substantially the same fashion as such
8 land, facilities, and assets were being main-
9 tained by the Department of the Interior on the
10 day before the date of the enactment of this
11 section;

12 “(B) that if the State of Missouri attempts
13 to sell, in whole or in part, the land, facilities,
14 or assets conveyed under this section, such the
15 land, facilities, and assets shall revert to the
16 United States, at the discretion of the Sec-
17 retary, at no cost to the United States;

18 “(C) that if the land and facilities con-
19 veyed under this section are no longer used as
20 described in subparagraph (A), the land and fa-
21 cilities shall revert to the United States, at the
22 discretion of the Secretary, at no cost to the
23 United States; and

24 “(D) any other terms and conditions that
25 the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

1 “SEC. 10. The first section and sections 2 through
2 8 of this Act shall not apply during any period during
3 which title to the land associated with the Ozark National
4 Scenic Riverways is not held by the United States.”.

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