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113TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 4182

[Report No. 113–594]

To provide that the Ozark National Scenic Riverways shall be administered in accordance with the general management plan for that unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 6, 2014

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

SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds as follows:

5 (1) The tourism industry that is driven by the
6 Ozark National Scenic Riverways is the economic
7 backbone of the surrounding area. Promoting tour-
8 ism and public access to Federal lands goes hand-
9 in-hand.

10 (2) The Ozark National Scenic Riverways
11 should be managed primarily to preserve and protect
12 the historical recreational uses of the river, including
13 canoeing, kayaking, floating, horseback riding,
14 camping, boating, fishing, trapping, hiking, gigging,
15 swimming, hunting, and other recreational activities
16 that have been performed within the park since its
17 creation.

18 **SEC. 2. ADMINISTRATION OF OZARK NATIONAL SCENIC**
19 **RIVERWAYS.**

20 Public Law 88–492 (16 U.S.C. 460m et seq.) is
21 amended as follows:

22 (1) In section 1, by inserting “preservation of
23 historical recreational activities,” after “caves,”.

24 (2) In section 5, by adding at the end the fol-
25 lowing:

1 “(c) ZONES.—Except as provided by subsection (b),
2 the Secretary may not designate management zones in the
3 Ozark National Scenic Riverways, including but not lim-
4 ited to ‘Developed’, ‘Resource-based Recreation’, ‘Nat-
5 ural’, ‘Primitive’, ‘Mixed-use River’, ‘Seasonal Mixed-Use
6 River’, and ‘Nonmotorized River’ zones.

7 “(d) HORSEBACK RIDING.—The Secretary shall
8 manage the Ozark National Scenic Riverways in a manner
9 that allows the public to engage in recreational horseback
10 riding in areas of the park traditionally used for that pur-
11 pose.

12 “(e) ACCESS TO THE RIVER.—The Secretary shall
13 manage the Ozark National Scenic Riverways in a manner
14 that—

15 “(1) allows maximum public access points to
16 the riverways within the park for traditional rec-
17 reational activities such as fishing, canoeing,
18 kayaking, boating, swimming, gigging, and floating;

19 “(2) does not require a permit for a river bap-
20 tism;

21 “(3) does not include the Ozark National Scenic
22 Riverways as part of a ‘National Blueway,’ or other
23 similar program, as described in Secretarial Order
24 No. 3321 issued by the Secretary of the Interior on

1 May 24, 2012, with respect to the establishment of
2 a National Blueways System; and

3 “(4) does not manage lands within the Ozark
4 National Scenic Riverways as though they were spe-
5 cifically designated as wilderness by Federal law ab-
6 sent such a designation.

7 “(f) USE OF MOTORIZED VESSELS.—The Sec-
8 retary—

9 “(1) shall manage the Ozark National Scenic
10 Riverways to allow the use of motorized vessels in a
11 manner that is not more restrictive than the use re-
12 strictions in effect on November 21, 2013; and

13 “(2) may manage the Ozark National Scenic
14 Riverways to allow the use of motorized vessels in a
15 manner that is less restrictive than the use restric-
16 tions in effect on November 21, 2013.

17 “(g) CONGRESSIONAL WILDERNESS DESIGNATION.—
18 No area contained within the Ozark National Scenic
19 Riverways shall be eligible for congressional wilderness
20 designation under the Wilderness Act of 1964 (Public Law
21 88–577).”.

22 (3) By amending section 6 to read as follows:

23 **“SEC. 6. ADMINISTRATION.**

24 **“The Secretary—**

1 “(1) shall manage the Ozark National Scenic
2 Riverways in a manner that is not more restrictive
3 than the provisions of the general management plan
4 for the Ozark National Scenic Riverways in effect on
5 November 21, 2013, to the extent that those provi-
6 sions are consistent with the Act and other applica-
7 ble Federal law; and

8 “(2) may manage The Ozark National Scenic
9 Riverways in a manner that is less restrictive than
10 the provisions of the general management plan for
11 the Ozark National Scenic Riverways in effect on
12 November 21, 2013, to the extent that those provi-
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