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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources

NOVEMBER 21, 2024

Reported by Mr. MANCHIN, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

AN ACT

To establish Fort San Gerónimo del Boquerón in Puerto Rico as an affiliated area of the National Park 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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “~~Fort San Gerónimo~~
5 ~~Preservation Act~~”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) FORT SAN GERÓNIMO DEL BOQUERÓN.—
2 The term “Fort San Gerónimo del Boquerón” (also
3 known as “Fortín de San Gerónimo del Boquerón”)
4 means the fort and grounds listed on the National
5 Register of Historic Places and located near Old San
6 Juan, Puerto Rico.

7 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
8 the Secretary of the Interior.

9 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF AFFILIATED AREA.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Fort San Gerónimo del Boquerón
11 in Puerto Rico is established as an affiliated area of the
12 National Park System.

13 (b) DESCRIPTION OF AFFILIATED AREA.—The affli-
14 ated area shall consist of the area generally depicted on
15 the map titled “Fort San Gerónimo Proposed Affiliated
16 Area”, numbered 910/176698, and dated July 2021.

17 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—The affiliated area shall be
18 managed in accordance with—

19 (1) this Act; and

20 (2) any law generally applicable to units of the
21 National Park System.

22 (d) MANAGEMENT ENTITY.—The Institute of Puerto
23 Rican Culture shall be the management entity for the af-
24 filiated area.

1 (e) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary
2 may provide technical assistance and enter into coopera-
3 tive agreements with the management entity for the pur-
4 pose of providing financial assistance for the marketing,
5 marketing, interpretation, and preservation of the affiliated
6 area.

7 (f) LIMITED ROLE OF THE SECRETARY.—Nothing in
8 this section authorizes the Secretary to acquire property
9 at the affiliated area or to assume managerial or financial
10 responsibility for the operation, maintenance, or manage-
11 ment of the affiliated area.

12 (g) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consulta-
14 tion with the management entity, shall develop a
15 management plan for the affiliated area.

16 (2) TRANSMITTAL.—Not later than 3 years
17 after the date on which funds are first made avail-
18 able to carry out this section, the Secretary shall
19 submit the management plan developed under para-
20 graph (1) to the Committee on Natural Resources of
21 the House of Representatives and the Committee on
22 Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate.

23 (h) PRIVATE PROPERTY PROTECTION.—Nothing in
24 this Act affects the land use rights of private property
25 owners adjacent to Fort San Gerónimo del Boquerón.

1 (i) NO BUFFER ZONES.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this Act shall be
3 construed to create buffer zones outside of Fort San
4 Gerónimo del Boquerón.

5 (2) ACTIVITY OR USE OUTSIDE FORT SAN
6 GERÓNIMO DEL BOQUERÓN.—The fact that an activ-
7 ity or use can be seen, heard, or detected from with-
8 in Fort San Gerónimo del Boquerón shall not pre-
9 clude, limit, control, regulate, or determine the con-
10 duct or management of activities or uses outside of
11 Fort San Gerónimo del Boquerón.

12 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

13 *This Act may be cited as the “Fort San Gerónimo*
14 *Preservation Act”.*

15 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

16 *In this Act:*

17 (1) *AFFILIATED AREA.—The term “affiliated*
18 *area” means the affiliated area established by section*
19 *3(a).*

20 (2) *FORT SAN GERÓNIMO DEL BOQUERÓN.—The*
21 *term “Fort San Gerónimo del Boquerón” (also known*
22 *as “Fortín de San Gerónimo del Boquerón”)* means
23 *the fort and grounds listed on the National Register*
24 *of Historic Places and located near Old San Juan,*
25 *Puerto Rico.*

1 (3) *MANAGEMENT ENTITY.*—The term “manage-
2 ment entity” means the management entity for the af-
3 filiated area designated by section 3(d).

4 (4) *SECRETARY.*—The term “Secretary” means
5 the Secretary of the Interior.

6 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF AFFILIATED AREA.**

7 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Fort San Gerónimo del Boquerón
8 in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico is established as an
9 affiliated area of the National Park System.

10 (b) *DESCRIPTION OF AFFILIATED AREA.*—The affi-
11 ated area shall consist of the area generally depicted on the
12 map entitled “Fort San Gerónimo Proposed Affiliated
13 Area”, numbered 910/176698, and dated July 2021.

14 (c) *ADMINISTRATION.*—The affiliated area shall be
15 managed in accordance with—

16 (1) *this Act; and*

17 (2) *any law generally applicable to units of the*
18 *National Park System.*

19 (d) *MANAGEMENT ENTITY.*—The Institute of Puerto
20 Rican Culture shall be the management entity for the affi-
21 ated area.

22 (e) *AGREEMENTS.*—The Secretary—

23 (1) *may provide technical assistance and enter*
24 *into cooperative agreements with the management en-*
25 *tity for the purpose of providing financial assistance*

1 *for the marketing, marking, interpretation, and pres-*
2 *ervation of the affiliated area; and*

3 *(2) shall enter into an agreement with the man-*
4 *agement entity that describes the roles and respon-*
5 *sibilities for the management of the affiliated area*
6 *consistent with the policies and standards that apply*
7 *to units of the National Park System.*

8 *(f) LIMITED ROLE OF THE SECRETARY.—Nothing in*
9 *this section authorizes the Secretary—*

10 *(1) to acquire property at the affiliated area; or*

11 *(2) to assume managerial or financial responsi-*
12 *bility for the operation, maintenance, or management*
13 *of the affiliated area.*

14 *(g) PRIVATE PROPERTY PROTECTION.—Nothing in*
15 *this Act affects the land use rights of private property own-*
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