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To establish Pinnacles National Park in the State of California as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 13, 2011

Mr. FARR (for himself and Mr. DENHAM) 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 “Pinnacles National
5 Park Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) Pinnacles National Monument was estab-
9 lished by Presidential Proclamation 796 on January
10 16, 1908, for the purposes of protecting its rock for-

1 mations, and expanded by Presidential Proclamation
2 1660 of May 7, 1923; Presidential Proclamation
3 1704 of July 2, 1924; Presidential Proclamation
4 1948 of April 13, 1931; Presidential Proclamation
5 2050 of July 11, 1933; Presidential Proclamation
6 2528 of December 5, 1941; Public Law 94–567; and
7 Presidential Proclamation 7266 of January 11,
8 2000.

9 (2) While the extraordinary geology of Pin-
10 nacles National Monument has attracted and en-
11 thralled visitors for well over a century, the ex-
12 panded Monument now serves a critical role in pro-
13 tecting other important natural and cultural re-
14 sources and ecological processes. This expanded role
15 merits recognition through legislation.

16 (3) Pinnacles National Monument provides the
17 best remaining refuge for floral and fauna species
18 representative of the central California coast and
19 Pacific coast range, including 32 species holding spe-
20 cial Federal or State status, not only because of its
21 multiple ecological niches but also because of its
22 long-term protected status with 14,500 acres of Con-
23 gressionally designated wilderness.

24 (4) Pinnacles National Monument encompasses
25 a unique blend of California heritage from pre-

1 historic and historic Native Americans to the arrival
2 of the Spanish, followed by 18th and 19th century
3 settlers, including miners, cowboys, vaqueros, ranch-
4 ers, farmers, and homesteaders.

5 (5) Pinnacles National Monument is the only
6 National Park System site within the ancestral home
7 range of the California Condor. The reintroduction
8 of the condor to its traditional range in California
9 is important to the survival of the species, and as a
10 result, the scientific community with centers at the
11 Los Angeles Zoo and San Diego Zoo in California
12 and Buenos Aires Zoo in Argentina looks to Pin-
13 nacles National Monument as a leader in California
14 Condor recovery, and as an international partner for
15 condor recovery in South America.

16 (6) The preservation, enhancement, economic
17 and tourism potential and management of the cen-
18 tral California coast and Pacific coast range's impor-
19 tant natural and cultural resources requires coopera-
20 tion and partnerships among local property owners,
21 Federal, State, and local government entities and
22 the private sector.

1 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF PINNACLES NATIONAL PARK.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE.—There is here-
3 by established Pinnacles National Park in the State of
4 California for the purposes of—

5 (1) preserving and interpreting for the benefit
6 of future generations the chaparral, grasslands, blue
7 oak woodlands, and majestic valley oak savanna eco-
8 systems of the area, the area’s geomorphology, ri-
9 parian watersheds, unique flora and fauna, and the
10 ancestral and cultural history of native Americans,
11 settlers and explorers; and

12 (2) interpreting the recovery program for the
13 California Condor and the international significance
14 of the program.

15 (b) BOUNDARIES.—The boundaries of Pinnacles Na-
16 tional Park are as generally depicted on the map entitled
17 “Pinnacles National Park Proposed Designation Change”,
18 numbered 114/111,724, and dated December 2011. The
19 map shall be on file and available for public inspection
20 in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service.

21 (c) ABOLISHMENT OF CURRENT PINNACLES NA-
22 TIONAL MONUMENT.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—In light of the establishment
24 of Pinnacles National Park, Pinnacles National
25 Monument is hereby abolished and the lands and in-
26 terests therein are incorporated within and made

1 part of Pinnacles National Park. Any funds avail-
2 able for purposes of the monument shall be available
3 for purposes of the park.

4 (2) REFERENCES.—Any references in law
5 (other than in this Act), regulation, document,
6 record, map or other paper of the United States to
7 Pinnacles National Monument shall be considered a
8 reference to Pinnacles National Park.

9 (d) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary of the Interior
10 shall administer Pinnacles National Park in accordance
11 with this Act and laws generally applicable to units of the
12 National Park System, including the National Park Serv-
13 ice Organic Act (16 U.S.C. 1, 2–4).

14 (e) LAND ACQUISITION.—The Secretary of the Inte-
15 rior may acquire land or interests in land within the
16 boundaries of Pinnacles National Park by donation, trans-
17 fer, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, or ex-
18 change.

19 **SEC. 4. REDESIGNATION OF PINNACLES WILDERNESS AS**
20 **HAIN WILDERNESS AND EXPANSION OF WIL-**
21 **DERNESS.**

22 (a) REDESIGNATION.—Subsection (i) of the first sec-
23 tion of Public Law 94–567 (90 Stat. 2693; 16 U.S.C.
24 1132 note) is amended by striking “Pinnacles Wilderness”
25 and inserting “Hain Wilderness”. Any reference in a law,

1 map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the
2 United States to the Pinnacles Wilderness shall be deemed
3 to be a reference to the Hain Wilderness.

4 (b) EXPANSION.—Certain lands comprising approxi-
5 mately 2,905 acres, as generally depicted on a map enti-
6 tled “Proposed Wilderness Additions to the Proposed Pin-
7 nacles National Park”, numbered 114/106, 106, and
8 dated November 2010, are hereby designated as wilder-
9 ness and, therefore, as a component of the National Wil-
10 derness Preservation System and are hereby incorporated
11 in and shall be deemed to be a part of the Hain Wilder-
12 ness, as redesignated by subsection (a).

13 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

14 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
15 as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this
16 Act.

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