

111TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 455

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers in the State of Vermont for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 9, 2009

Mr. WELCH 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 “Missisquoi and Trout
5 Rivers Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION FOR STUDY.**

2 Section 5(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16
3 U.S.C. 1276(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “() MISSISQUOI AND TROUT RIVERS,
6 VERMONT.—The approximately 25-mile segment of
7 the upper Missisquoi from its headwaters in Lowell
8 to the Canadian border in North Troy; the approxi-
9 mately 25-mile segment from the Canadian border
10 in East Richford to Enosburg Falls; and approxi-
11 mately 20 miles of the Trout River from its head-
12 waters to its confluence with the Missisquoi River.”.

13 **SEC. 3. STUDY AND REPORT.**

14 Section 5(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16
15 U.S.C. 1276(b)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
16 lowing:

17 “() MISSISQUOI AND TROUT RIVERS,
18 VERMONT.—Not later than 3 years after funds are
19 made available to carry out this paragraph, the Sec-
20 retary of the Interior shall—

21 “(A) analyze any potential impacts on the
22 possession or use of a weapon, trap, or net, in-
23 cluding a concealed weapon, on the Missisquoi
24 and Trout Rivers, Vermont, described in sub-
25 section (a)() or on lands adjacent to that
26 area;

1 “(B) include in the study completed under
2 this paragraph an assessment of any effect a
3 wild and scenic designation in the study area is
4 likely to have on energy production, trans-
5 mission, or conveyance;

6 “(C) analyze the potential impact of the
7 designation on private lands within the
8 Missisquoi and Trout Rivers, Vermont, de-
9 scribed in subsection (a)(____) or adjacent to
10 that area;

11 “(D) complete the study of the Missisquoi
12 and Trout Rivers, Vermont, described in sub-
13 section (a)(____); and

14 “(E) submit a report describing the results
15 of that study to the appropriate committees of
16 Congress.”.

17 **SEC. 4. FUNDING.**

18 Nothing in this Act or the amendments made by this
19 Act shall be construed as authorizing appropriations to
20 designate or otherwise create a new component of the Na-
21 tional Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

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