

Union Calendar No. 532

113TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5003

[Report No. 113-701]

To adjust the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harriston Hill, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 26, 2014

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia (for himself, Mr. LEWIS, and Mr. WESTMORELAND) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

DECEMBER 22, 2014

Additional sponsor: Mr. PRICE of Georgia

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on June 26, 2014]

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 “Kennesaw Mountain Na-*
5 *tional Battlefield Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2014”.*

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 *The Congress finds the following:*

8 (1) *Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield*
9 *Park was authorized as a unit of the National Park*
10 *System on June 26, 1935. Prior to 1935, parts of the*
11 *park had been acquired and protected by Civil War*
12 *veterans and the War Department.*

13 (2) *Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield*
14 *Park protects Kennesaw Mountain and Kolb’s Farm,*
15 *which are battle sites along the route of General Sher-*
16 *man’s 1864 campaign to take Atlanta.*

17 (3) *Most of the park protects Confederate posi-*
18 *tions and strategy. The Wallis House is one of the few*
19 *original structures remaining from the Battle of Ken-*
20 *nesaw Mountain associated with Union positions and*
21 *strategy.*

22 (4) *The Wallis House is strategically located next*
23 *to a Union signal station at Harriston Hill.*

1 **SEC. 3. BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT; LAND ACQUISITION; AD-**
2 **MINISTRATION.**

3 (a) *BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.*—*The boundary of the*
4 *Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park is modified*
5 *to include the approximately 8 acres identified as “Wallis*
6 *House and Harriston Hill”, and generally depicted on the*
7 *map titled “Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park,*
8 *Proposed Boundary Adjustment”, numbered 325/80,020,*
9 *and dated February 2010.*

10 (b) *MAP.*—*The map referred to in subsection (a) shall*
11 *be on file and available for inspection in the appropriate*
12 *offices of the National Park Service.*

13 (c) *LAND ACQUISITION.*—*The Secretary of the Interior*
14 *is authorized to acquire, from willing owners only, land or*
15 *interests in land described in subsection (a) by donation*
16 *or exchange.*

17 (d) *ADMINISTRATION OF ACQUIRED LANDS.*—*The Sec-*
18 *retary of the Interior shall administer land and interests*
19 *in land acquired under this section as part of the Kennesaw*
20 *Mountain National Battlefield Park in accordance with ap-*
21 *plicable laws and regulations.*

22 (e) *WRITTEN CONSENT OF OWNER.*—*No non-Federal*
23 *property may be included in the Kennesaw Mountain Na-*
24 *tional Battlefield Park without the written consent of the*
25 *owner. This provision shall apply only to those portions*
26 *of the Park added under subsection (a).*

1 (f) *NO USE OF CONDEMNATION.*—*The Secretary of the*
2 *Interior may not acquire by condemnation any land or in-*
3 *terests in land under this Act or for the purposes of this*
4 *Act.*

5 (g) *NO BUFFER ZONE CREATED.*—*Nothing in this*
6 *Act, the establishment of the Kennesaw Mountain National*
7 *Battlefield Park, or the management plan for the Kennesaw*
8 *Mountain National Battlefield Park shall be construed to*
9 *create buffer zones outside of the Park. That activities or*
10 *uses can be seen, heard, or detected from areas within the*
11 *Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park shall not*
12 *preclude, limit, control, regulate or determine the conduct*
13 *or management of activities or uses outside the Park.*

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