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118TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 3241

To establish the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians and Jefferson College as affiliated areas of the Natchez Historical Park, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 7, 2023

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH (for herself and Mr. WICKER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

NOVEMBER 21, 2024

Reported by Mr. MANCHIN, with an amendment

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## 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 “Grand Village of the  
5        Natchez Indians and Jefferson College Affiliated Areas  
6        Establishment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) **AFFILIATED AREA.**—The term “affiliated  
4 area” means an affiliated area of the Park estab-  
5 lished by section 3(a)(1).

6 (2) **MANAGEMENT ENTITY.**—The term “man-  
7 agement entity” means the management entity for  
8 the affiliated areas designated by section 3(d).

9 (3) **PARK.**—The term “Park” means the  
10 Natchez National Historical Park.

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

13 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF AFFILIATED AREAS.**

14 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—

15 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—On a determination by the  
16 Secretary that the sites described in paragraph (2)  
17 meet the criteria for designation as an affiliated  
18 area, the sites are established as affiliated areas of  
19 the Park to preserve, protect, and interpret for the  
20 benefit of present and future generations resources  
21 associated with the sites.

22 (2) **DESCRIPTION OF SITES.**—The sites referred  
23 to in paragraph (1) are—

24 (A) the Grand Village of the Natchez Indi-  
25 ans, which is a National Historic Landmark

1 and is listed on the National Register of His-  
2 toric Places; and

3 (B) Jefferson College, which is listed on  
4 the National Register of Historic Places.

5 (b) MAP.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after  
7 the date of establishment of the affiliated areas, the  
8 Secretary shall prepare a map depicting the bound-  
9 aries of the affiliated areas.

10 (2) AVAILABILITY.—The map prepared under  
11 paragraph (1) shall be on file and available for pub-  
12 lic inspection in the appropriate offices of the Na-  
13 tional Park Service.

14 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—The affiliated areas 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 Mississippi Depart-  
20 ment of Archives and History shall be the management  
21 entity for the affiliated areas.

22 (e) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary  
23 may provide technical assistance to, and enter into cooper-  
24 ative agreements with, the management entity for the pur-  
25 pose of providing financial assistance for the marketing;

1 marking, interpretation, and preservation of the affiliated  
2 areas.

3 (f) LIMITED ROLE OF THE SECRETARY.—Nothing in  
4 this Act authorizes the Secretary—

5 (1) to acquire property at the affiliated areas;  
6 or

7 (2) to assume financial responsibility for the  
8 operation, maintenance, or management of the affili-  
9 ated areas.

10 (g) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consulta-  
12 tion with the management entity, shall develop a  
13 general management plan for the affiliated areas in  
14 accordance with section 100502 of title 54, United  
15 States Code.

16 (2) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 3 years after  
17 the date of establishment of the affiliated areas, the  
18 Secretary shall submit the management plan devel-  
19 oped under paragraph (1) to—

20 (A) the Committee on Energy and Natural  
21 Resources of the Senate; and

22 (B) the Committee on Natural Resources  
23 of the House of Representatives.

1 **SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GRAND VILLAGE OF**  
 2 **THE NATCHEZ INDIANS AS AN AFFILIATED**  
 3 **AREA OF THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM.**

4 (a) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

5 (1) *AFFILIATED AREA.—The term “affiliated*  
 6 *area” means—*

7 (A) *the Grand Village of the Natchez Indi-*  
 8 *ans in Natchez, Mississippi, established as an af-*  
 9 *filiated area of the National Park System by*  
 10 *subsection (b)(1); and*

11 (B) *Historic Jefferson College in Natchez,*  
 12 *Mississippi, established as an affiliated area of*  
 13 *the National Park System under subsection*  
 14 *(b)(2).*

15 (2) *MANAGEMENT ENTITY.—The term “manage-*  
 16 *ment entity” means the management entity for the af-*  
 17 *filiated areas designated by subsection (d).*

18 (3) *MAP.—The term “Map” means the map enti-*  
 19 *tled “Affiliated Areas, Adams County, Mississippi*  
 20 *Proposed Boundaries”, numbered 964/194,653, and*  
 21 *dated August 2024.*

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

24 (b) *ESTABLISHMENT.—*

25 (1) *GRAND VILLAGE OF THE NATCHEZ INDI-*  
 26 *ANS.—To promote public appreciation of the signifi-*

1        *cant historic contributions of the Natchez Indians, the*  
 2        *Grand Village of the Natchez Indians in Natchez,*  
 3        *Mississippi, as generally depicted on the Map, is es-*  
 4        *tablished as an affiliated area of the National Park*  
 5        *System.*

6            (2) *HISTORIC JEFFERSON COLLEGE.*—*On the*  
 7        *date on which the Secretary determines that Historic*  
 8        *Jefferson College in Natchez, Mississippi, as generally*  
 9        *depicted on the Map, meets National Park Service*  
 10       *criteria for designation as an affiliated area, Historic*  
 11       *Jefferson College, shall be established as an affiliated*  
 12       *area of the National Park System.*

13           (3) *MAP.*—

14            (A) *IN GENERAL.*—*As soon as practicable*  
 15        *after the establishment of an affiliated area in*  
 16        *accordance with this section, the Secretary shall*  
 17        *prepare a map depicting the boundaries of the*  
 18        *applicable affiliated area.*

19            (B) *AVAILABILITY.*—*The map prepared*  
 20        *under subparagraph (A) shall be on file and*  
 21        *available for public inspection in the appro-*  
 22        *priate offices of the National Park Service.*

23           (c) *ADMINISTRATION.*—*The affiliated areas shall be*  
 24        *managed in a manner consistent with—*

25            (1) *this section; and*

1           (2) *the laws generally applicable to units of the*  
2           *National Park System.*

3           (d) *MANAGEMENT ENTITY.—The Mississippi Depart-*  
4           *ment of Archives and History shall be the management enti-*  
5           *ty for the affiliated areas.*

6           (e) *AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary—*

7           (1) *may provide technical assistance to, and*  
8           *enter into cooperative agreements with, the manage-*  
9           *ment entity for the purpose of providing financial as-*  
10          *stance for the marketing, marking, interpretation,*  
11          *and preservation of the affiliated areas; and*

12          (2) *shall enter into an agreement with the man-*  
13          *agement entity that delineates the roles and respon-*  
14          *sibilities for the management of the affiliated areas*  
15          *consistent with the policies and standards that apply*  
16          *to units of the National Park System.*

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

19                 (1) *to acquire property at the affiliated areas; or*

20                 (2) *to assume financial responsibility for the op-*  
21                 *eration, maintenance, or management of the affiliated*  
22                 *areas.*

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