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To redesignate Ocmulgee National Monument in the State of Georgia and revise its boundary, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. PERDUE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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 “Ocmulgee Mounds Na-
5 tional Historical Park Boundary Revision Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) HISTORICAL PARK.—The term “Historical
9 Park” means the Ocmulgee Mounds National His-

1 torical Park in the State of Georgia, as redesignated
2 by section 3(a)(1).

3 (2) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-
4 titled “Ocmulgee National Monument Proposed
5 Boundary Adjustment”, numbered 363/125996, and
6 dated January 2016.

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

9 (4) STUDY AREA.—The term “study area”
10 means the Ocmulgee River corridor between the cit-
11 ies of Macon, Georgia, and Hawkinsville, Georgia.

12 **SEC. 3. OCMULGEE MOUNDS NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.**

13 (a) REDESIGNATION.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Ocmulgee National
15 Monument, established pursuant to the Act of June
16 14, 1934 (48 Stat. 958, chapter 519), shall be
17 known and designated as the “Ocmulgee Mounds
18 National Historical Park”.

19 (2) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law,
20 map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of
21 the United States to the “Ocmulgee National Monu-
22 ment” shall be deemed to be a reference to the
23 “Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park”.

24 (b) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The boundary of the Histor-
2 ical Park is revised to include approximately 2,100
3 acres of land, as generally depicted on the map.

4 (2) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map shall be
5 on file and available for public inspection in the ap-
6 propriate offices of the National Park Service.

7 (c) LAND ACQUISITION.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may acquire
9 land and interests in land within the boundaries of
10 the Historical Park by donation, purchase from a
11 willing seller with donated or appropriated funds, or
12 exchange.

13 (2) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may not ac-
14 quire by condemnation any land or interest in land
15 within the boundaries of the Historical Park.

16 (d) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary shall admin-
17 ister any land acquired under subsection (c) as part of
18 the Historical Park in accordance with applicable laws (in-
19 cluding regulations).

20 **SEC. 4. OCMULGEE RIVER CORRIDOR SPECIAL RESOURCE**
21 **STUDY.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct a
23 special resource study of the study area.

24 (b) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under sub-
25 section (a), the Secretary shall—

1 (1) evaluate the national significance of the
2 study area;

3 (2) determine the suitability and feasibility of
4 designating the study area as a unit of the National
5 Park System;

6 (3) consider other alternatives for preservation,
7 protection, and interpretation of the study area by
8 the Federal Government, State or local government
9 entities, or private and nonprofit organizations;

10 (4) consult with interested Federal agencies,
11 State or local governmental entities, private and
12 nonprofit organizations, or any other interested indi-
13 viduals; and

14 (5) identify cost estimates for any Federal ac-
15 quisition, development, interpretation, operation, and
16 maintenance associated with the alternatives.

17 (c) APPLICABLE LAW.—The study required under
18 subsection (a) shall be conducted in accordance with sec-
19 tion 100507 of title 54, United States Code.

20 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date
21 on which funds are first made available to carry out the
22 study under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to
23 the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-
24 resentatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural
25 Resources of the Senate a report that describes—

- 1 (1) the results of the study; and
- 2 (2) any conclusions and recommendations of the
- 3 Secretary.