

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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To establish the Camp Nelson Heritage National Monument in the State of Kentucky as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. McCONNELL 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 “Camp Nelson Heritage
5 National Monument Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map en-
9 titled “Camp Nelson Heritage National Monument

1 Nicholasville, Kentucky”, numbered 532/144,148,
 2 and dated April 2018.

3 (2) MONUMENT.—The term “Monument”
 4 means the Camp Nelson Heritage National Monu-
 5 ment established by section 3(a)(1).

6 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
 7 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-
 8 rector of the National Park Service.

9 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF CAMP NELSON HERITAGE NA-**
 10 **TIONAL MONUMENT.**

11 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
 13 there is established as a unit of the National Park
 14 System the Camp Nelson Heritage National Monu-
 15 ment in the State of Kentucky to preserve, protect,
 16 and interpret, for the benefit of present and future
 17 generations, the nationally significant historic re-
 18 sources of Camp Nelson and the role of Camp Nel-
 19 son in the Civil War, Reconstruction, and African
 20 American history and civil rights.

21 (2) CONDITIONS.—The Monument shall not be
 22 established until after the date on which the Sec-
 23 retary—

24 (A) has entered into a written agreement
 25 with the owner of any private or non-Federal

1 land within the boundary of the Monument, as
2 depicted on the Map, providing that the prop-
3 erty shall be donated to the United States for
4 inclusion in the Monument to be managed con-
5 sistently with the purposes of the Monument;
6 and

7 (B) has determined that sufficient land or
8 interests in land have been acquired within the
9 boundary of the Monument to constitute a man-
10 ageable unit.

11 (b) BOUNDARY.—The boundary of the Monument
12 shall be the boundary generally depicted on the Map.

13 (c) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The Map shall be on file
14 and available for public inspection in the appropriate of-
15 fices of the National Park Service.

16 (d) ACQUISITION AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may
17 only acquire any land or interest in land located within
18 the boundary of the Monument by—

- 19 (1) donation;
20 (2) purchase with donated funds; or
21 (3) exchange.

22 (e) ADMINISTRATION.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall admin-
24 ister the Monument in accordance with—

25 (A) this Act; and

1 (B) the laws generally applicable to units
2 of the National Park System, including—

3 (i) section 100101(a), chapter 1003,
4 and sections 100751(a), 100752, 100753,
5 and 102101 of title 54, United States
6 Code; and

7 (ii) chapter 3201 of title 54, United
8 States Code.

9 (2) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

10 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years
11 after the date on which funds are first made
12 available to the Secretary to prepare a general
13 management plan for the Monument, the Sec-
14 retary shall prepare a general management plan
15 for the Monument in accordance with section
16 100502 of title 54, United States Code.

17 (B) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—On com-
18 pletion of the general management plan, the
19 Secretary shall submit to the Committee on
20 Natural Resources of the House of Representa-
21 tives and the Committee on Energy and Nat-
22 ural Resources of the Senate the general man-
23 agement plan.

24 (f) NO BUFFER ZONES.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this Act, the es-
2 tablishment of the Monument, or the management of
3 the Monument creates a buffer zone outside of the
4 Monument.

5 (2) ACTIVITY OR USE OUTSIDE MONUMENT.—
6 The fact that an activity or use can be seen, heard,
7 or detected from within the Monument shall not pre-
8 clude the conduct of the activity or use outside of
9 the Monument.