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To establish the Sangre de Cristo National Historical Park, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. UDALL of Colorado introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

To establish the Sangre de Cristo National Historical Park, and for other purposes.

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 “Sangre de Cristo Na-
5 tional Historical Park Establishment Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

7 The purpose of this Act is to establish the Sangre
8 de Cristo National Historical Park—

9 (1) to help preserve, protect, and interpret the
10 nationally significant historical and cultural re-

1 sources of the Sangre de Cristo Mountain Range-
2 San Luis Valley region of southern Colorado for the
3 benefit and inspiration of future generations;

4 (2) to support the preservation, protection, and
5 interpretation of the urban, rural, and agricultural
6 landscape features of the region;

7 (3) to educate the public about—

8 (A) nationally significant sites and districts
9 that convey the history of the northern migra-
10 tions and the other migrations of diverse peo-
11 ples that settled in the Sangre de Cristo Moun-
12 tain Range-San Luis Valley region;

13 (B) the exploration and development of the
14 region under Spanish rule from 1598 through
15 1821;

16 (C) the history of communities under
17 Mexican rule between 1821 and 1848, the date
18 of the conclusion of the Mexican American War;

19 (D) the post-1848 settlement history of the
20 area under United States jurisdiction, and the
21 creation of the State of Colorado; and

22 (E) the rich and distinctive folklore, reli-
23 gions, and languages of the cultures in the area
24 today; and

1 (4) to support and enhance the network of part-
2 ners, including the State and local governments, pri-
3 vate entities, and nonprofit entities, that will engage
4 in the protection, improvement, management, and
5 operation of key resources and facilities in the Park
6 and throughout the National Heritage Area.

7 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

8 In this Act:

9 (1) NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—The term
10 “National Heritage Area” means the Sangre de
11 Cristo National Heritage Area established by section
12 8001 of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act
13 of 2009 (16 U.S.C. 461 note; Public Law 111–11).

14 (2) PARK.—The term “Park” means the
15 Sangre de Cristo National Historical Park estab-
16 lished under section 4.

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

20 (4) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
21 of Colorado.

22 **SEC. 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF SANGRE DE CRISTO NATIONAL**
23 **HISTORICAL PARK.**

24 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to valid and existing
25 rights, there is established in the State a unit of the Na-

1 tional Park System to be known as the “Sangre de Cristo
2 National Historical Park”.

3 (b) BOUNDARIES.—Subject to valid existing rights,
4 the Park shall be comprised of the following cultural and
5 historical sites and byways within the Sangre de Cristo
6 Mountain Range-San Luis Valley region of southern Colo-
7 rado:

8 (1) The Sangre de Cristo Heritage Center, San
9 Luis, Costilla County.

10 (2) The Sociedad Proteccion Mutua de
11 Trabajadores Unidos building, Antonito, Conejos
12 County.

13 (3) The Fort Garland Museum, Fort Garland,
14 Costilla County.

15 (4) The Denver & Rio Grande Antonito Depot,
16 Antonito, Conejos County.

17 (5) The Los Caminos Antiguos Scenic and His-
18 toric Byway.

19 (6) Dario Gallegos House, San Luis, Costilla
20 County.

21 (7) Trujillo Homesteads, Alamosa County.

22 (8) Pike’s Stockade, Conejos County.

23 (9) The portions of the Old Spanish National
24 Historic Trail located in the areas of Alamosa,

1 Conejos, Costilla, Rio Grande, and Saguache coun-
2 ties where the trail crosses federally owned land.

3 (c) ADDITIONAL SITES.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—An additional site may not
5 be added to the Park unless—

6 (A) the Secretary determines, based on
7 further research and planning, that the site
8 meets the applicable criteria for national signifi-
9 cance, suitability, and feasibility; and

10 (B) notification of the proposed addition of
11 the site has been submitted to—

12 (i) the Committee on Energy and
13 Natural Resources of the Senate; and

14 (ii) the Committee on Natural Re-
15 sources of the House of Representatives.

16 (2) STUDY.—The Secretary shall conduct a
17 study to determine the feasibility of including in the
18 Park additional cultural and historical sites located
19 in the following counties:

20 (A) Huerfano County.

21 (B) Las Animas County.

22 (d) ACQUISITION OF LAND.—The Secretary may—

23 (1) acquire land or interests in land within the
24 boundaries of the Park by—

25 (A) donation;

1 (B) purchase from willing sellers with do-
2 nated or appropriated funds; or

3 (C) exchange; and

4 (2) enter into cooperative management agree-
5 ments in accordance with section 3(*l*) of the Na-
6 tional Park System General Authorities Act (16
7 U.S.C. 1a-2(*l*)).

8 (e) ACQUISITION OF WATER RIGHTS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may acquire
10 water rights by—

11 (A) donation; or

12 (B) purchase from willing sellers.

13 (2) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may not ac-
14 quire water rights by means other than the means
15 described in paragraph (1).

16 (f) ADMINISTRATION.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall admin-
18 ister the Park in accordance with—

19 (A) this Act; and

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

22 (i) the National Park Service Organic
23 Act (16 U.S.C. 1 et seq.); and

24 (ii) the Act of August 21, 1935 (16
25 U.S.C. 461 et seq.).

1 (2) GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

2 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years
3 after the date on which funds are made avail-
4 able to carry out this Act, the Secretary shall
5 prepare a general management plan for the
6 Park—

7 (i) in consultation with applicable
8 State and local governments, owners of
9 property within the boundaries of the
10 Park, and other interested parties; and

11 (ii) in accordance with section 12(b)
12 of the National Park System General Au-
13 thorities Act (16 U.S.C. 1a–7(b)).

14 (B) REQUIREMENTS.—To the maximum
15 extent practicable, the plan prepared under sub-
16 paragraph (A) shall—

17 (i) consider ways to use existing vis-
18 itor facilities and recreational opportunities
19 developed in the National Heritage Area;
20 and

21 (ii) develop programs and manage-
22 ment actions cooperatively with the Na-
23 tional Heritage Area.

24 (g) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—To further the purposes of
2 this Act and notwithstanding chapter 63 of title 31,
3 United States Code, the Secretary may provide
4 grants and technical assistance to, and may enter
5 into cooperative agreements with, the State, political
6 subdivisions of the State, nonprofit organizations,
7 and private property owners—

8 (A) to provide technical assistance, inter-
9 pretation, public access, and other visitor serv-
10 ices in the Park; and

11 (B) subject to the availability of appropria-
12 tions, to provide not more than 50 percent of
13 the cost of any natural, historic, or cultural re-
14 source protection project in the Park and the
15 National Heritage Area that is consistent with
16 the general management plan prepared under
17 subsection (f).

18 (2) MATCHING REQUIREMENT.—As a condition
19 of the receipt of funds under paragraph (1), the Sec-
20 retary shall require that any Federal funds made
21 available under a grant or cooperative agreement en-
22 tered into under that paragraph are matched on a
23 1-to-1 basis by non-Federal funds.

24 (3) REIMBURSEMENT.—Any payment made by
25 the Secretary under paragraph (1)(B) shall be sub-

1 ject to an agreement that the conversion, use, or dis-
2 posal of the project for purposes that are incon-
3 sistent with the purposes of this Act, as determined
4 by the Secretary, shall result in a right of the
5 United States to reimbursement of the greater of—

6 (A) the amount provided by the Secretary
7 to the project under paragraph (1)(B); or

8 (B) an amount equal to the increased
9 value of the project that is attributable to the
10 funds, as determined by the Secretary at the
11 time of the conversion, use, or disposal.

12 (h) **MANAGEMENT OF OLD SPANISH TRAIL.**—Not-
13 withstanding any other provision of this Act, the head of
14 the Federal agency with jurisdiction over a portion of the
15 Old Spanish Trail included within the boundaries of the
16 Park under subsection (b)(9), as determined under the ap-
17 plicable management plan for the Old Spanish Trail, shall
18 continue to manage that portion of the Old Spanish Trail.

19 (i) **LIMITATION.**—Nothing in this Act expands or di-
20 minishes any right of access to any private land within
21 the boundaries of the Park.

22 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

23 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
24 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

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