

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1059

To adjust the boundary of Big Bend National Park in the State of Texas,
and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 29, 2023

Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. LUJÁN) introduced the following bill; which
was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources

A BILL

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State of Texas, 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 “Big Bend National
5 Park Boundary Adjustment Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-
9 titled “Big Bend National Park, Proposed Boundary

1 Adjustment”, numbered 155/167,296, and dated
2 November 2022.

3 (2) PARK.—The term “Park” means the Big
4 Bend National Park established under the Act of
5 June 20, 1935 (49 Stat. 393, chapter 283; 16
6 U.S.C. 156).

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

9 **SEC. 3. BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY ADJUST-**
10 **MENT.**

11 (a) LAND ACQUISITION.—The Secretary may acquire
12 approximately 6,100 acres of land or interests in land gen-
13 erally depicted on the map as “Tracts to Include in
14 Boundary” by donation, purchase from willing sellers, or
15 exchange.

16 (b) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map shall be on file
17 and available for public inspection in the appropriate of-
18 fices of the National Park Service.

19 (c) BOUNDARY REVISION AND ADMINISTRATION.—
20 On acquisition of any land or interests in land under sub-
21 section (a), the Secretary shall—

22 (1) revise the boundary of the Park to include
23 the acquired land or interests in land; and

1 (2) administer the acquired land or interests in
2 land as part of the Park in accordance with applica-
3 ble laws (including regulations).

4 (d) EMINENT DOMAIN OR CONDEMNATION.—In car-
5 rying out this Act, the Secretary may not use eminent do-
6 main or condemnation.

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