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117TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 6438

[Report No. 117-600]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the site known as “Dearfield” in the State of Colorado.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 20, 2022

Mr. BUCK (for himself and Mr. NEGUSE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

DECEMBER 7, 2022

Additional sponsor: Mr. CROW

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Reported from the Committee on Natural Resources; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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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 “Dearfield Study Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

6 In this Act:

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

9 (2) STUDY AREA.—The term “study area”
10 means the site known as “Dearfield”, in Weld Coun-
11 ty, Colorado, which was a historically black agricul-
12 tural settlement founded by Oliver Toussaint Jack-
13 son.

14 **SEC. 3. DEARFIELD SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.**

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

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

19 (1) evaluate the national significance of the
20 study area;

21 (2) determine the suitability and feasibility of
22 designating the study area as a unit of the National
23 Park System;

24 (3) consider other alternatives for preservation,
25 protection, and interpretation of the study area by

1 the Federal Government, State or local government
2 entities, or private and nonprofit organizations;

3 (4) consult with interested Federal agencies,
4 State or local governmental entities, private and
5 nonprofit organizations, or any other interested indi-
6 viduals; and

7 (5) identify cost estimates for any Federal ac-
8 quisition, development, interpretation, operation, and
9 maintenance associated with the alternatives de-
10 scribed in paragraphs (2) and (3).

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

14 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date
15 on which funds are first made available to carry out the
16 study under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to
17 the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-
18 resentatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural
19 Resources of the Senate a report that describes—

20 (1) the results of the study; and

21 (2) any conclusions and recommendations of the
22 Secretary.

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