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S. 1284

To establish the Amache National Historic Site in the State of Colorado
as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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 “Amache National His-
5 toric Site Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE.—The term “Na-
2 tional Historic Site” means the Amache National
3 Historic Site established by section 3(a).

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

7 (3) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
8 of Colorado.

9 **SEC. 3. AMACHE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE.**

10 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Effective on the date on
11 which the Secretary determines that sufficient land within
12 the exterior boundary of the National Historic Site has
13 been acquired to constitute a manageable unit, there is
14 established the Amache National Historic Site in the State
15 as a unit of the National Park System.

16 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the National Historic
17 Site is to preserve, protect, and interpret for the benefit
18 of present and future generations resources associated
19 with—

20 (1) the incarceration of civilians of Japanese
21 ancestry during World War II at Amache, also
22 known as the “Granada Relocation Center”, and the
23 military service of incarcerated at the Granada Relo-
24 cation Center;

1 (2) public reaction in the State to the incarceration
2 of Japanese Americans, including the position
3 of Governor Ralph Carr and the local community;
4 and

5 (3) the transition of the incarcerated and their
6 descendants following the closure of the Granada
7 Relocation Center and their resettlement in the
8 State and other States.

9 (c) MAP; BOUNDARIES.—

10 (1) MAP.—As soon as practicable after the date
11 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in consulta-
12 tion with the town of Granada, Colorado, shall pre-
13 pare a map of the National Historic Site.

14 (2) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map prepared
15 under paragraph (1) shall be on file and available
16 for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the
17 National Park Service.

18 (3) BOUNDARIES.—The boundaries of the Na-
19 tional Historic Site shall be the boundaries generally
20 depicted on the map prepared under paragraph (1).

21 (d) PROPERTY ACQUISITION AUTHORITY.—

22 (1) REAL PROPERTY.—The Secretary may ac-
23 quire any land or interests in land located within the
24 exterior boundary of the National Historic Site by—

25 (A) donation; or

1 (B) purchase with donated or appropriated
2 funds.

3 (2) PERSONAL PROPERTY.—The Secretary may
4 acquire personal property associated with the pur-
5 poses of the National Historic Site only by donation.

6 (e) ADMINISTRATION.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall admin-
8 ister the National Historic Site in accordance with—

9 (A) this Act; and

10 (B) the laws generally applicable to units
11 of the National Park System.

12 (2) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

13 (A) DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION.—Not
14 later than 3 years after the date on which funds
15 are first made available to the Secretary for the
16 preparation of a general management plan for
17 the National Historic Site, the Secretary shall
18 prepare a general management plan for the Na-
19 tional Historic Site in accordance with section
20 100502 of title 54, United States Code.

21 (B) INCLUSION.—The general manage-
22 ment plan prepared under subparagraph (A)
23 shall identify, as appropriate, the roles and re-
24 sponsibilities of the National Park Service and
25 any applicable management entity in admin-

1 istering and interpreting the National Historic
2 Site and any areas affiliated with the National
3 Historic Site in a manner that does not inter-
4 fere with existing operations and the continued
5 use of existing facilities at the National Historic
6 Site.

7 (C) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—On com-
8 pletion of the general management plan under
9 subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall submit to
10 the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
11 sources of the Senate and the Committee on
12 Natural Resources of the House of Representa-
13 tives the general management plan prepared
14 under that subparagraph.

15 (f) ADMINISTRATIVE FACILITIES.—For the purpose
16 of ensuring the preservation, protection, and proper man-
17 agement of the National Historic Site and associated re-
18 sources, the Secretary may establish facilities for adminis-
19 tration, visitor services, and curation of personal property
20 outside the exterior boundaries of, and in the vicinity of,
21 the National Historic Site.

22 (g) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary
23 may enter into agreements with—

24 (1) public or private entities for the purpose of
25 establishing and operating facilities outside of the

1 exterior boundary of the National Historic Site for
2 administration, visitor services, and curation of per-
3 sonal property; and

4 (2) other public or private entities for the pur-
5 poses of carrying out this Act.

6 (h) EFFECT ON WATER RIGHTS.—Nothing in this
7 Act affects—

8 (1) the use, allocation, ownership, or control, in
9 existence on the date of enactment of this Act, of
10 any water, water right, or any other valid existing
11 right;

12 (2) any vested absolute or decreed conditional
13 water right in existence on the date of enactment of
14 this Act;

15 (3) any interstate water compact in existence
16 on the date of enactment of this Act; or

17 (4) State water law.

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