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H. R. 2497

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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 14, 2021

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

A BILL

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of Colorado as a unit of the National Park System,
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 “Amache National His-
5 toric Site Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

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

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

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

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established the
6 Amache National Historic Site in the State of Colorado
7 as a unit of the National Park System.

8 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the National Historic
9 Site is to preserve, protect, and interpret for the benefit
10 of present and future generations resources associated
11 with—

12 (1) the incarceration of civilians of Japanese
13 ancestry during World War II at Amache, also
14 known as the Granada Relocation Center, and the
15 military service of center incarcerated;

16 (2) public reaction in the State of Colorado to
17 the incarceration of Japanese Americans, including
18 the position of Governor Ralph Carr and the local
19 community; and

20 (3) the transition of the incarcerated and their
21 descendants following the closure of the center and
22 resettlement in the State of Colorado and other
23 States.

24 (c) MAP; BOUNDARIES.—

1 (1) MAP.—As soon as practicable after the date
2 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall pre-
3 pare a map, in consultation with the town of Gra-
4 nada, of the National Historic Site.

5 (2) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map prepared
6 under paragraph (1) shall be on file and available
7 for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the
8 National Park Service.

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

12 (d) PROPERTY ACQUISITION AUTHORITY.—

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

16 (A) donation; or

17 (B) purchase with donated or appropriated
18 funds.

19 (2) PERSONAL PROPERTY.—The Secretary may
20 acquire personal property associated with the pur-
21 poses of the site only by donation.

22 (e) CONDITIONS.—The site shall not be established
23 until the date on which the Secretary acquires sufficient
24 land within the exterior boundary of the site to constitute
25 a manageable unit.

1 (f) ADMINISTRATION.—

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

4 (A) this Act; and

5 (B) the laws generally applicable to units
6 of the National Park System.

7 (2) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

8 (A) DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION.—Not
9 later than 3 years after the date on which funds
10 are first made available to the Secretary for
11 this purpose, the Secretary shall prepare a gen-
12 eral management plan for the National Historic
13 Site in accordance with section 100502 of title
14 54, United States Code.

15 (B) INCLUSION.—The general manage-
16 ment plan prepared under subparagraph (A)
17 shall identify, as appropriate, the roles and re-
18 sponsibilities of the National Park Service and
19 any applicable management entity in admin-
20 istering and interpreting the National Historic
21 Site and areas affiliated with the National His-
22 toric Site in a manner that does not interfere
23 with existing operations and the continued use
24 of existing facilities at the National Historic
25 Site.

1 (C) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—On com-
2 pletion of the general management plan under
3 subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall submit to
4 the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
5 sources of the Senate and the Committee on
6 Natural Resources of the House of Representa-
7 tives the general management plan prepared
8 under that subparagraph.

9 (g) ADMINISTRATIVE FACILITIES.—For the purposes
10 of ensuring the preservation, protection, and proper man-
11 agement of the site and associated resources, the Sec-
12 retary may establish facilities for administration, visitor
13 services, and curation of personal property, outside the ex-
14 terior boundaries of, and in the vicinity of, the site.

15 (h) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary
16 may enter into agreements with—

17 (1) the public or private entities for the purpose
18 of establishing and operating facilities outside of the
19 exterior boundary of the site for administration, vis-
20 itor services and curation of personal property; and

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

23 (i) EFFECT ON WATER RIGHTS.—Nothing in this Act
24 affects—

1 (1) the use, allocation, ownership, or control, in
2 existence on the date of the enactment of any water,
3 water right, or any other valid existing right;

4 (2) any vested absolute or decreed conditional
5 water right in existence on the date of the enact-
6 ment;

7 (3) any interstate water compact in existence
8 on the date of the enactment; or

9 (4) State jurisdiction over any water law.

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