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To redesignate Ocmulgee National Monument in the State of Georgia and
revise its boundary, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BISHOP of Georgia (for himself and Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia) intro-
duced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural
Resources

A BILL

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of Georgia and revise its boundary, 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 “Ocmulgee Mounds Na-
5 tional Historical Park Boundary Revision Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-
9 titled “Ocmulgee National Monument Proposed

1 Boundary Adjustment, numbered 363/125996”, and
2 dated January 2017.

3 (2) HISTORICAL PARK.—The term “Historical
4 Park” means the Ocmulgee Mounds National His-
5 torical Park in the State of Georgia, as redesignated
6 in section 3.

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

9 **SEC. 3. OCMULGEE MOUNDS NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.**

10 (a) REDESIGNATION.—Ocmulgee National Monu-
11 ment, established pursuant to the Act of June 14, 1934
12 (48 Stat. 958), shall be known and designated as
13 “Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park”.

14 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
15 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United
16 States to “Ocmulgee National Monument”, other than in
17 this Act, shall be deemed to be a reference to “Ocmulgee
18 Mounds National Historical Park”.

19 **SEC. 4. BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—The boundary of the Historical
21 Park is revised to include approximately 2,100 acres, as
22 generally depicted on the map.

23 (b) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map shall be on file
24 and available for public inspection in the appropriate of-

1 fices of the National Park Service, the Department of the
2 Interior.

3 **SEC. 5. LAND ACQUISITION; NO BUFFER ZONES.**

4 (a) LAND ACQUISITION.—The Secretary is author-
5 ized to acquire land and interests in land within the
6 boundaries of the Historical Park by donation or exchange
7 only (and in the case of an exchange, no payment may
8 be made by the Secretary to any landowner). The Sec-
9 retary may not acquire by condemnation any land or inter-
10 est in land within the boundaries of the Historical Park.
11 No private property or non-Federal public property shall
12 be included within the boundaries of the Historical Park
13 without the written consent of the owner of such property.

14 (b) NO BUFFER ZONES.—Nothing in this Act, the
15 establishment of the Historical Park, or the management
16 of the Historical Park shall be construed to create buffer
17 zones outside of the Historical Park. That an activity or
18 use can be seen or heard from within the Historical Park
19 shall not preclude the conduct of that activity or use out-
20 side the Historical Park.

21 **SEC. 6. ADMINISTRATION.**

22 The Secretary shall administer any land acquired
23 under section 5 as part of the Historical Park in accord-
24 ance with applicable laws and regulations.

1 **SEC. 7. OCMULGEE RIVER CORRIDOR SPECIAL RESOURCE**
2 **STUDY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct a
4 special resource study of the Ocmulgee River corridor be-
5 tween the cities of Macon, Georgia, and Hawkinsville,
6 Georgia, to determine—

7 (1) the national significance of the study area;

8 (2) the suitability and feasibility of adding
9 lands in the study area to the National Park Sys-
10 tem; and

11 (3) the methods and means for the protection
12 and interpretation of the study area by the National
13 Park Service, other Federal, State, local government
14 entities, affiliated federally recognized Indian tribes,
15 or private or nonprofit organizations.

16 (b) CRITERIA.—The Secretary shall conduct the
17 study authorized by this Act in accordance with section
18 100507 of title 54, United States Code.

19 (c) RESULTS OF STUDY.—Not later than 3 years
20 after the date on which funds are made available to carry
21 out this section, the Secretary shall submit to the Com-
22 mittee on Natural Resources of the House of Representa-
23 tives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
24 sources of the Senate—

25 (1) the results of the study; and

- 1 (2) any findings, conclusions, and recommenda-
- 2 tions of the Secretary.

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