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Reported by Ms. MURKOWSKI, with an amendment

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AN ACT

To provide for the establishment of a national memorial
and national monument to commemorate those killed
by the collapse of the Saint Francis Dam on March
12, 1928, 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 “Saint Francis Dam
5 Disaster National Memorial Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) On March 12, 1928, the Saint Francis Dam
4 located in the northern portion of Los Angeles Coun-
5 ty, California, breached, resulting in a devastating
6 flood that caused the death of approximately 425 in-
7 dividuals.

8 (2) The residents of Santa Clarita Valley, San
9 Francisquito Canyon, Castaic Junction, Santa Clara
10 River Valley, Piru, Fillmore, Bardsdale, Saticoy, and
11 Santa Paula were directly impacted and suffered
12 greatly from the worst flood in the history of the
13 State of California.

14 (3) The disaster resulted in a tremendous loss
15 of human life, property, and the livelihood of local
16 residents, and was surpassed in the level of destruc-
17 tion in the 20th century only by the great San Fran-
18 cisco earthquake of 1906.

19 (4) The collapse of the dam may represent
20 America's worst civil engineering failure in the 20th
21 century.

22 (5) The site of the disaster is subject to the
23 theft of historic artifacts, graffiti, and other van-
24 dalism.

25 (6) It is right to pay homage to the citizens
26 who were killed, injured, or dislocated due to the

1 flood, and to educate the public about this important
 2 historical event.

3 ~~(7)~~ It is appropriate that the site of the Saint
 4 Francis Dam and surrounding areas be specially
 5 designated and protected to commemorate this trag-
 6 ic event.

7 **SEC. 3. SAINT FRANCIS DAM DISASTER NATIONAL MEMO-**
 8 **RIAL.**

9 ~~(a)~~ ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary is authorized
 10 to establish a memorial at the Saint Francis Dam site in
 11 the County of Los Angeles, California, for the purpose of
 12 honoring the victims of the Saint Francis Dam disaster
 13 of March 12, 1928.

14 ~~(b)~~ REQUIREMENTS.—The Memorial shall be—

15 ~~(1)~~ known as the Saint Francis Dam Disaster
 16 National Memorial; and

17 ~~(2)~~ managed by the Forest Service.

18 ~~(c)~~ DONATIONS.—The Secretary is authorized to ac-
 19 cept, hold, administer, invest, and spend any gift, devise,
 20 or bequest of real or personal property made to the Sec-
 21 retary for purposes of developing, designing, constructing,
 22 and managing the Memorial.

1 **SEC. 4. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MEMORIAL.**

2 ~~(a) IN GENERAL.~~—Not later than 3 years after the
3 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall sub-
4 mit to Congress recommendations regarding—

5 ~~(1) the planning, design, construction, and~~
6 ~~long-term management of the Memorial;~~

7 ~~(2) the proposed boundaries of the Memorial;~~

8 ~~(3) a visitor center and educational facilities at~~
9 ~~the Memorial; and~~

10 ~~(4) ensuring public access to the Memorial.~~

11 ~~(b) CONSULTATION.~~—In preparing the recommenda-
12 tions required under subsection ~~(a)~~, the Secretary shall
13 consult with—

14 ~~(1) appropriate Federal agencies;~~

15 ~~(2) State, tribal, and local governments, includ-~~
16 ~~ing the Santa Clarita City Council; and~~

17 ~~(3) the public.~~

18 **SEC. 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF SAINT FRANCIS DAM DISASTER**
19 **NATIONAL MONUMENT.**

20 ~~(a) ESTABLISHMENT.~~—There is established as a na-
21 tional monument in the State, certain National Forest
22 System land administered by the Secretary in the County
23 of Los Angeles comprising approximately 440 acres, as
24 generally depicted on the map entitled “Proposed Saint
25 Francis Dam Disaster National Monument”, created on

1 June 14, 2016, to be known as the Saint Francis Dam
2 Disaster National Monument.

3 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Monument is to
4 conserve and enhance for the benefit and enjoyment of the
5 public the cultural, archaeological, historical, watershed,
6 educational, and recreational resources and values of the
7 Monument.

8 **SEC. 6. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY WITH RESPECT TO**
9 **MONUMENT.**

10 (a) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 4 years after
12 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
13 shall develop a management plan for the Monument.

14 (2) CONSULTATION.—The management plan
15 shall be developed in consultation with—

16 (A) appropriate Federal agencies;

17 (B) State, tribal, and local governments;

18 and

19 (C) the public.

20 (3) CONSIDERATIONS.—In developing and im-
21 plementing the management plan, the Secretary
22 shall, with respect to methods of protecting and pro-
23 viding access to the Monument, consider the rec-
24 ommendations of the Saint Francis Disaster Na-
25 tional Memorial Foundation, the Santa Clarita Val-

1 ley Historical Society, and the Community Hiking
2 Club of Santa Clarita.

3 (b) ~~MANAGEMENT.~~—The Secretary shall manage the
4 Monument—

5 (1) in a manner that conserves and enhances
6 the cultural and historic resources of the Monument;
7 and

8 (2) in accordance with—

9 (A) the Forest and Rangeland Renewable
10 Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C.
11 1600 et seq.) and the laws generally applicable
12 to the National Forest System;

13 (B) this Act; and

14 (C) any other applicable laws.

15 (c) ~~USES.~~—

16 (1) ~~USE OF MOTORIZED VEHICLES.~~—The use of
17 motorized vehicles within the Monument may be per-
18 mitted only—

19 (A) on roads designated for use by motor-
20 ized vehicles in the management plan required
21 under subsection (a);

22 (B) for administrative purposes; or

23 (C) for emergency responses.

1 (2) ~~GRAZING.~~—The Secretary shall permit
 2 grazing within the Monument, where established be-
 3 fore the date of the enactment of this Act—

4 (A) subject to all applicable laws (including
 5 regulations and Executive orders); and

6 (B) consistent with the purpose described
 7 in section 5(b).

8 **SEC. 7. CLARIFICATION ON FUNDING.**

9 No additional funds are authorized to carry out the
 10 requirements of this Act. Such requirements shall be car-
 11 ried out using amounts otherwise authorized.

12 **SEC. 8. DEFINITIONS.**

13 In this Act:

14 (1) ~~MEMORIAL.~~—The term “Memorial” means
 15 the Saint Frances Dam Disaster National Memorial
 16 authorized under section 3(a).

17 (2) ~~MONUMENT.~~—The term “Monument”
 18 means the Saint Francis Dam Disaster National
 19 Monument established under section 5(a).

20 (3) ~~STATE.~~—The term “State” means the State
 21 of California.

1 (4) ~~SECRETARY.~~—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of Agriculture.

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21 memorial at the Saint Francis Dam site in the county of
22 Los Angeles, California, for the purpose of honoring the vic-
23 tims of the Saint Francis Dam disaster of March 12, 1928.

24 (b) *REQUIREMENTS.*—The Memorial shall be—

1 (1) known as the “Saint Francis Dam Disaster
2 *National Memorial*”; and

3 (2) managed by the Forest Service.

4 (c) *DONATIONS*.—The Secretary may accept, hold, ad-
5 minister, invest, and spend any gift, devise, or bequest of
6 real or personal property made to the Secretary for pur-
7 poses of developing, designing, constructing, and managing
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14 term management of the Memorial;

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17 the Memorial; and

18 (4) ensuring public access to the Memorial.

19 (b) *CONSULTATION*.—In preparing the recommenda-
20 tions required under subsection (a), the Secretary shall con-
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 6 *Los Angeles, California, comprising approximately 353*
 7 *acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled “Proposed*
 8 *Saint Francis Dam Disaster National Monument” and*
 9 *dated September 12, 2018, to be known as the “Saint*
 10 *Francis Dam Disaster National Monument”.*

11 (b) *PURPOSE.*—*The purpose of the Monument is to*
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 13 *public the cultural, archaeological, historical, watershed,*
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8 date of enactment of this Act—

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10 regulations and Executive orders); and

11 (B) consistent with the purpose described in
12 section 5(b).

13 **SEC. 7. CLARIFICATION ON FUNDING.**

14 (a) *USE OF EXISTING FUNDS.*—This Act shall be car-
15 ried out using amounts otherwise made available to the Sec-
16 retary.

17 (b) *NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS.*—No additional funds are
18 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act.

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