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# H. R. 1397

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 7, 2017

Mrs. COMSTOCK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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Reported from the Committee on Natural Resources

## **A BILL**

To authorize, direct, facilitate, and expedite the transfer of administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal land, 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. INTERAGENCY TRANSFER OF LAND ALONG**  
4 **GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL PARKWAY.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map en-  
7 titled “George Washington Memorial Parkway—  
8 Claude Moore Farm Proposed Boundary Adjust-  
9 ment”, numbered 850\_\_130815, and dated Feb-  
10 ruary 2016.

11 (2) RESEARCH CENTER.—The term “Research  
12 Center” means the Turner-Fairbank Highway Re-  
13 search Center of the Federal Highway Administra-  
14 tion.

15 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
16 the Secretary of the Interior.

17 (b) ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION TRANSFER.—

18 (1) TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION.—

19 (A) GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL  
20 PARKWAY LAND.—Administrative jurisdiction  
21 over the approximately 0.342 acres of Federal  
22 land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary  
23 within the boundary of the George Washington  
24 Memorial Parkway, as generally depicted as

1           “B” on the Map, is transferred from the Sec-  
2           retary to the Secretary of Transportation.

3                   (B) RESEARCH CENTER LAND.—Adminis-  
4           tration jurisdiction over the approximately  
5           0.479 acres of Federal land within the bound-  
6           ary of the Research Center land under the ju-  
7           risdiction of the Secretary of Transportation  
8           adjacent to the boundary of the George Wash-  
9           ington Memorial Parkway, as generally depicted  
10          as “A” on the Map, is transferred from the  
11          Secretary of Transportation to the Secretary.

12                   (2) USE RESTRICTION.—The Secretary shall re-  
13          strict the use of 0.139 acres of Federal land within  
14          the boundary of the George Washington Memorial  
15          Parkway immediately adjacent to part of the perim-  
16          eter fence of the Research Center, generally depicted  
17          as “C” on the Map, by prohibiting the storage, con-  
18          struction, or installation of any item that may inter-  
19          fere with the access of the Research Center to the  
20          restricted land for security and maintenance pur-  
21          poses.

22                   (3) REIMBURSEMENT OR CONSIDERATION.—  
23          The transfers of administrative jurisdiction under  
24          this subsection shall not be subject to reimburse-  
25          ment or consideration.

1 (4) COMPLIANCE WITH AGREEMENT.—

2 (A) AGREEMENT.—The National Park  
3 Service and the Federal Highway Administra-  
4 tion shall comply with all terms and conditions  
5 of the agreement entered into by the parties on  
6 September 11, 2002, regarding the transfer of  
7 administrative jurisdiction, management, and  
8 maintenance of the land described in the agree-  
9 ment.

10 (B) ACCESS TO RESTRICTED LAND.—Sub-  
11 ject to the terms of the agreement described in  
12 subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall allow the  
13 Research Center—

14 (i) to access the Federal land de-  
15 scribed in paragraph (1)(B) for purposes  
16 of transportation to and from the Research  
17 Center; and

18 (ii) to access the Federal land de-  
19 scribed in paragraphs (1)(B) and (2) for  
20 purposes of maintenance in accordance  
21 with National Park Service standards, in-  
22 cluding grass mowing, weed control, tree  
23 maintenance, fence maintenance, and  
24 maintenance of the visual appearance of  
25 the Federal land.

1 (c) MANAGEMENT OF TRANSFERRED LAND.—

2 (1) INTERIOR LAND.—The Federal land trans-  
3 ferred to the Secretary under subsection (b)(1)(B)  
4 shall be—

5 (A) included in the boundary of the George  
6 Washington Memorial Parkway; and

7 (B) administered by the Secretary as part  
8 of the George Washington Memorial Parkway,  
9 subject to applicable laws (including regula-  
10 tions).

11 (2) TRANSPORTATION LAND.—The Federal  
12 land transferred to the Secretary of Transportation  
13 under subsection (b)(1)(A) shall be—

14 (A) included in the boundary of the Re-  
15 search Center land; and

16 (B) removed from the boundary of the  
17 George Washington Memorial Parkway.

18 (3) RESTRICTED-USE LAND.—The Federal land  
19 that the Secretary has designated for restricted use  
20 under subsection (b)(2) shall be maintained by the  
21 Research Center.

22 (d) MAP ON FILE.—The Map shall be available for  
23 public inspection in the appropriate offices of the National  
24 Park Service.