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H. R. 4182

To provide that the Ozark National Scenic Riverways shall be administered in accordance with the general management plan for that unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 6, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Missouri introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds as follows:

5 (1) The tourism industry that is driven by the
6 Ozark National Scenic Riverways is the economic
7 backbone of the surrounding area. Promoting tour-

1 ism and public access to Federal lands goes hand-
2 in-hand.

3 (2) The Ozark National Scenic Riverways
4 should be managed primarily to preserve and protect
5 the historical recreational uses of the river, including
6 canoeing, kayaking, floating, horseback riding,
7 camping, boating, fishing, trapping, hiking, gigging,
8 swimming, hunting, and other recreational activities
9 that have been performed within the park since its
10 creation.

11 **SEC. 2. ADMINISTRATION OF OZARK NATIONAL SCENIC**
12 **RIVERWAYS.**

13 Public Law 88–492 (16 U.S.C. 460m et seq.) is
14 amended as follows:

15 (1) In section 1, by inserting “preservation of
16 historical recreational activities,” after “caves,”.

17 (2) In section 5, by adding at the end the fol-
18 lowing:

19 “(c) ZONES.—Except as provided by subsection (b),
20 the Secretary may not designate management zones in the
21 Ozark National Scenic Riverways, including but not lim-
22 ited to ‘Developed’, ‘Resource-based Recreation’, ‘Nat-
23 ural’, ‘Primitive’, ‘Mixed-use River’, ‘Seasonal Mixed-Use
24 River’, and ‘Nonmotorized River’ zones.

1 “(d) HORSEBACK RIDING.—The Secretary shall
2 manage the Ozark National Scenic Riverways in a manner
3 that allows the public to engage in recreational horseback
4 riding in areas of the park traditionally used for that pur-
5 pose.

6 “(e) ACCESS TO THE RIVER.—The Secretary shall
7 manage the Ozark National Scenic Riverways in a manner
8 that—

9 “(1) allows maximum public access points to
10 the riverways within the park for traditional rec-
11 reational activities such as fishing, canoeing,
12 kayaking, boating, swimming, gigging, and floating;

13 “(2) does not require a permit for a river bap-
14 tism;

15 “(3) does not include the Ozark National Scenic
16 Riverways as part of a ‘National Blueway,’ or other
17 similar program, as described in Secretarial Order
18 No. 3321 issued by the Secretary of the Interior on
19 May 24, 2012, with respect to the establishment of
20 a National Blueways System; and

21 “(4) does not manage lands within the Ozark
22 National Scenic Riverways as though they were spe-
23 cifically designated as wilderness by Federal law ab-
24 sent such a designation.

1 “(f) USE OF MOTORIZED VESSELS.—The Sec-
2 retary—

3 “(1) shall manage the Ozark National Scenic
4 Riverways to allow the use of motorized vessels in a
5 manner that is not more restrictive than the use re-
6 strictions in effect on November 21, 2013; and

7 “(2) may manage the Ozark National Scenic
8 Riverways to allow the use of motorized vessels in a
9 manner that is less restrictive than the use restric-
10 tions in effect on November 21, 2013.

11 “(g) CONGRESSIONAL WILDERNESS DESIGNATION.—
12 No area contained within the Ozark National Scenic
13 Riverways shall be eligible for congressional wilderness
14 designation under the Wilderness Act of 1964 (Public Law
15 88–577).”.

16 (3) By amending section 6 to read as follows:

17 **“SEC. 6. ADMINISTRATION.**

18 “The Secretary—

19 “(1) shall manage the Ozark National Scenic
20 Riverways in a manner that is not more restrictive
21 than the provisions of the general management plan
22 for the Ozark National Scenic Riverways in effect on
23 November 21, 2013, to the extent that those provi-
24 sions are consistent with the Act and other applica-
25 ble Federal law; and

1 “(2) may manage The Ozark National Scenic
2 Riverways in a manner that is less restrictive than
3 the provisions of the general management plan for
4 the Ozark National Scenic Riverways in effect on
5 November 21, 2013, to the extent that those provi-
6 sions are consistent with the Act and other applica-
7 ble Federal law.”.

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