

109TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 383

AN ACT

To designate the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Route,
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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Ice Age Floods Na-
3 tional Geologic Route Designation Act of 2006”.

4 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

5 The purpose of this Act is to designate the Ice Age
6 Floods National Geologic Route in the States of Montana,
7 Idaho, Washington, and Oregon, enabling the public to
8 view, experience, and learn about the Ice Age Floods’ fea-
9 tures and story through the collaborative efforts of public
10 and private entities.

11 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

12 As used in this Act:

13 (1) ROUTE.—The term “Route” means the Ice
14 Age Floods National Geologic Route designated in
15 section 4.

16 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
17 the Secretary of the Interior.

18 (3) FLOODS.—The term “Ice Age Floods” or
19 “floods” means the cataclysmic floods that occurred
20 in what is now the northwestern United States dur-
21 ing the last Ice Age primarily from massive, rapid
22 and recurring drainage of Glacial Lake Missoula.

23 **SEC. 4. DESIGNATION OF THE ICE AGE FLOODS NATIONAL**
24 **NATIONAL GEOLOGIC ROUTE.**

25 (a) DESIGNATION.—In order to provide for the public
26 appreciation, education, understanding, and enjoyment,

1 through a coordinated interpretive program of certain na-
2 tionally significant natural and cultural sites associated
3 with Ice Age Floods that are accessible generally by public
4 roads, the Secretary, acting through the Director of the
5 National Park Service, with the concurrence of the agency
6 having jurisdiction over such roads, is authorized to des-
7 ignate, by publication of a map or other description there-
8 of in the Federal Register, a vehicular tour route along
9 existing public roads linking such natural and cultural
10 sites. Such route shall be known as the “Ice Age Floods
11 National Geologic Route”.

12 (b) LOCATION.—The location of the Route shall gen-
13 erally follow public roads and highways from the vicinity
14 of Missoula in western Montana, across northern Idaho,
15 through eastern and southern sections of Washington, and
16 across northern Oregon in the vicinity of the Willamette
17 Valley and the Columbia River to the Pacific Ocean, as
18 generally depicted on the map titled “Ice Age Floods Na-
19 tional Geologic Trial”, numbered P43/80,000, and dated
20 June 2004.

21 (c) MAPS.—

22 (1) REVISIONS.—The Secretary may revise the
23 map by publication in the Federal Register of a no-
24 tice of availability of a new map, as needed, in co-

1 operation with Federal, State, local, or tribal govern-
2 ments, and other public or private entities.

3 (2) AVAILABILITY.—Any map referred to in
4 paragraph (1) shall be on file and available for pub-
5 lic inspection in the appropriate offices of the Na-
6 tional Park Service.

7 (d) DESCRIPTION OF SITES; PLAN; INTERPRETIVE
8 PROGRAM.—

9 (1) DESCRIPTION OF SITES; PLAN.—Not later
10 than 3 years after the date that funds become avail-
11 able for this Act, the Secretary shall prepare a de-
12 scription of sites along the Route and general plan
13 which shall include the location and description of
14 each of the following:

15 (A) Unique geographic or geologic features
16 and significant landforms.

17 (B) Important cultural resources.

18 (2) INTERPRETIVE PROGRAM.—The general
19 plan shall include proposals for a comprehensive in-
20 terpretive program of the Route.

21 (3) TRANSMISSION TO CONGRESS.—The Sec-
22 retary shall transmit the description of sites and
23 general plan to the Committee on Resources of the
24 United States House of Representative and the

1 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the
2 United States Senate.

3 (4) CONSULTATION.—The description of sites
4 and plan shall be prepared in consultation with other
5 Federal agencies, the State of Montana, the State
6 Idaho, the State of Washington, and the State of
7 Oregon, units of local governments, tribal govern-
8 ments, interested private citizens, and nonprofit or-
9 ganizations, and the Ice Age Floods Institute.

10 **SEC. 5. ADMINISTRATION.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the
12 Director of the National Park Service, shall administer a
13 program to interpret the Route in accordance with this
14 Act.

15 (b) PUBLIC EDUCATION.—With respect to sites
16 linked by segments of the Route which are administered
17 by other Federal, State, tribal, and local nonprofit or pri-
18 vate entities, the Secretary is authorized to provide tech-
19 nical assistance in the development of interpretive devices
20 and materials pursuant to cooperative agreements with
21 such entities. The Secretary, in cooperation with Federal,
22 State, tribal, or local governments or nonprofit or private
23 entities, shall prepare and distribute information for the
24 public appreciation of sites along the Route.

1 (c) **MARKERS.**—The Secretary shall ensure that the
2 Route is marked with appropriate markers to guide the
3 public. With the concurrence and assistance of the State,
4 tribal, or local entity having jurisdiction over the roads
5 designated as part of the Route, the Secretary may erect
6 thereon signs and other informational devices displaying
7 the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Route marker. The
8 Secretary is authorized to accept the donation of suitable
9 signs and other informational devices for placement at ap-
10 propriate locations.

11 (d) **PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS.**—Nothing in this
12 Act shall be construed to require any private property
13 owner to allow public access (including Federal, State or
14 local government access) to such private property or to
15 modify any provision of Federal, State or local law with
16 regard to public access to or use of private lands.

17 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

18 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
19 retary \$250,000 for each fiscal year to carry out this Act.

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2006.

Attest:

Clerk.

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