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# H. R. 914

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 16, 1993

Mr. ROGERS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Natural Resources

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## 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4        This Act may be cited as the “Red River Designation  
5        Act of 1993”.

6        **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7        Congress finds that—

1 (1) the natural, scenic, and recreational quali-  
2 ties of the Red River in Kentucky are unique and ir-  
3 replaceable resources; and

4 (2) the majority of the Red River corridor is  
5 within the Red River National Geologic area, which  
6 contains sedimentary rock formations unique to  
7 Kentucky and the United States, and should there-  
8 fore be preserved for public enjoyment.

9 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF RIVER.**

10 Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16  
11 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
12 lowing new paragraph:

13 “( ) (A) RED RIVER, KENTUCKY.—The 19.4-mile seg-  
14 ment of the Red River extending from the Highway 746  
15 Bridge to the School House Branch, to be administered  
16 by the Secretary of Agriculture in the following classes:

17 “(i) The 9.1-mile segment known as the ‘Upper  
18 Gorge’ from the Highway 746 Bridge to Swift Camp  
19 Creek, as a wild river. This segment is identified as  
20 having the same boundary as the Kentucky Wild  
21 River.

22 “(ii) The 10.3-mile segment known as the  
23 ‘Lower Gorge’ from Swift Camp Creek to the School  
24 House Branch, as a recreational river. The boundary  
25 of this segment is a line that is 300 feet north and

1 parallel to the north edge of roads 23, 77, and 715,  
2 except for the section between Greasy Branch and  
3 Bell Branch where the boundary is the south edge  
4 of Route 715. On the southern side, the boundary  
5 is a line that is 800 feet, and parallel to the south-  
6 ern edge of the river.

7 “(B)(i) Notwithstanding the 100 acre limitation con-  
8 tained in section 6(a), upon receipt from the owner of an  
9 offer to sell any lands or interest in lands within the  
10 boundaries of any segment designated by this paragraph,  
11 the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to acquire such  
12 lands or interest in lands.

13 “(ii) The Secretary of Agriculture may not acquire  
14 by condemnation privately owned land or interest in land  
15 within the authorized boundaries of any segment des-  
16 igned by this paragraph unless the Secretary finds that  
17 the use of the land has changed substantially after the  
18 effective date of a development plan for that segment pre-  
19 pared pursuant to section 3(b) of this Act.

20 “(C) There are authorized to be appropriated such  
21 sums as are necessary to carry out this paragraph.”.

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