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H. R. 621

To amend the Act of January 26, 1915, establishing Rocky Mountain National Park, to provide for the protection of certain lands in Rocky Mountain National Park and along North St. Vrain Creek and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 20, 1995

Mr. SKAGGS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on 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. NORTH ST. VRAIN CREEK AND ADJACENT**
4 **LANDS.**

5 The Act of January 26, 1915, establishing Rocky
6 Mountain National Park (38 Stat. 798; 16 U.S.C. 191
7 and following), is amended by adding the following new
8 section at the end thereof:

1 **“SEC. 5. NORTH ST. VRAIN CREEK AND ADJACENT LANDS.**

2 “Neither the Secretary of the Interior nor any other
3 Federal agency or officer may approve or issue any permit
4 for, or provide any assistance for, the construction of any
5 new dam, reservoir, or impoundment on any segment of
6 North St. Vrain Creek or its tributaries within the bound-
7 aries of Rocky Mountain National Park or on the main
8 stem of North St. Vrain Creek downstream to the point
9 at which the creek crosses the elevation 6,550 feet above
10 mean sea level. Nothing in this subsection shall be con-
11 strued to prevent the issuance of any permit for the con-
12 struction of a new water gaging station on North St. Vrain
13 Creek at the point of its confluence with Coulson Gulch.”.

14 **SEC. 2. ENCOURAGEMENT OF EXCHANGES.**

15 (a) **LANDS INSIDE ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL**
16 **PARK.**—Promptly following enactment of this Act, the
17 Secretary of the Interior shall seek to acquire by donation
18 or exchange those lands within the boundaries of Rocky
19 Mountain National Park owned by the city of Longmont,
20 Colorado, that are referred to in section 111(d) of the Act
21 commonly referred to as the “Colorado Wilderness Act of
22 1980” (Public Law 96–560; 94 Stat. 3272; 16 U.S.C.
23 192b–9(d)).

24 (b) **OTHER LANDS.**—The Secretary of Agriculture
25 shall immediately and actively pursue negotiations with
26 the city of Longmont, Colorado, concerning the city’s pro-

1 posed exchange of lands owned by the city and located
2 in and near Coulson Gulch for other lands owned by the
3 United States. The Secretary shall report to Congress 2
4 calendar years after the date of enactment of this Act,
5 and every 2 years thereafter on the progress of such nego-
6 tiations until negotiations are complete.

