

117TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 4404

AN ACT

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Kissimmee River in the State of Florida as a component of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System, 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 “Kissimmee River Wild
3 and Scenic River Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION FOR STUDY OF WILD AND SCENIC**
5 **RIVER SEGMENTS, KISSIMMEE RIVER, FLOR-**
6 **IDA.**

7 Section 5(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16
8 U.S.C. 1276(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(____) KISSIMMEE RIVER, FLORIDA.—The re-
11 stored segment of the Kissimmee River, beginning
12 approximately 16 miles downstream of Lake Kis-
13 simmee and ending approximately 15 miles up-
14 stream of Lake Okeechobee.”.

15 **SEC. 3. STUDIES AND REPORTS.**

16 Section 5(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16
17 U.S.C. 1276(b)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
18 lowing:

19 “(____) KISSIMMEE RIVER, FLORIDA.—Not
20 later than 3 years after the date on which funds are
21 made available to carry out this paragraph, the Sec-
22 retary of the Interior shall—

23 “(A) complete the study of the Kissimmee
24 River, Florida named in paragraph (____) of sub-
25 section (a); and

1 “(B) submit to the Committee on Natural
2 Resources of the House of Representatives and
3 the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
4 sources of the Senate a report that describes
5 the results of the study.”.

6 **SEC. 4. EFFECT ON MANAGEMENT.**

7 This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall
8 not interfere with the current management of the area of
9 the Kissimmee River described in section 5(a)(___) of the
10 Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, nor shall the fact that such
11 area is listed for study under the Wild and Scenic Rivers
12 Act (16 U.S.C. 1271 et seq.) be used as justification for
13 more restrictive management until Congress acts on the
14 study recommendations.

 Passed the House of Representatives July 19, 2022.

 Attest:

Clerk.

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