

Public Law 108–312
108th Congress

An Act

Oct. 5, 2004
[H.R. 265]

To provide for an adjustment of the boundaries of Mount Rainier National Park,
and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

Mount Rainier
National Park
Boundary
Adjustment Act
of 2004.
Washington.
16 USC 91 note.
16 USC 110d
note.

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Mount Rainier National Park
Boundary Adjustment Act of 2004”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds the following:

(1) The Carbon River watershed within Pierce County in
the State of Washington has unique qualities of ecological,
economic, and educational importance, including clean water,
productive salmon streams, important wildlife habitat, active
geologic processes, outdoor recreational opportunities, scenic
beauty, educational opportunities, and diverse economic
opportunities.

(2) Mount Rainier National Park is one of the premier
attractions in the State of Washington, providing recreational,
educational, and economic opportunities that will be enhanced
by the construction of new campgrounds and visitor contact
facilities in the Carbon River valley outside old-growth forest
habitats and above the flood plain.

(3) Coordination of management across national forest and
national park lands in this corridor will enhance the conserva-
tion of the forest ecosystem and public enjoyment of these
public lands.

(4) Protection and development of historic and recreational
facilities in the Carbon River valley, such as trails and visitor
centers, can be facilitated by the National Park Service.

16 USC 110d.

SEC. 3. MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.

(a) **BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT.**—The boundary of Mount Rainier
National Park is modified to include the area within the boundary
generally depicted on the map entitled “Mount Rainier National
Park, Carbon River Boundary Adjustment”, numbered 105/92,002B,
and dated June 2003. The Secretary of the Interior shall keep
the map on file in the appropriate offices of the National Park
Service.

(b) **LAND ACQUISITION.**—The Secretary of the Interior may
acquire, only with the consent of the owner, by donation, purchase
with donated or appropriated funds, or exchange—

(1) land or interests in land, totaling not more than 800 acres, and improvements thereon within the boundary generally depicted on the map referred to in subsection (a) for development of camping and other recreational facilities; and

(2) land or interests in land, totaling not more than one acre, and improvements thereon in the vicinity of Wilkeson, Washington, for a facility to serve visitors to public lands along the Carbon and Mowich Corridors.

(c) ADMINISTRATION OF ACQUIRED LANDS.—Lands acquired under this section shall be administered by the Secretary of the Interior as part of Mount Rainier National Park in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

SEC. 4. ASSOCIATED LANDS.

The Secretary of Agriculture shall manage that portion of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest lying adjacent to Mt. Rainier National Park, as identified on the map referred to in section 3(a), to maintain the area's natural setting in a manner consistent with its management as of June 1, 2003.

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