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H. R. 1397

To authorize, direct, facilitate, and expedite the transfer of administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal land, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. COMSTOCK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. INTERAGENCY TRANSFER OF LAND ALONG**
4 **GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL PARKWAY.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) MAP.—The term “Map” means the map en-
7 titled “George Washington Memorial Parkway—
8 Claude Moore Farm Proposed Boundary Adjust-

1 ment”, numbered 850__130815, and dated Feb-
2 ruary 2016.

3 (2) RESEARCH CENTER.—The term “Research
4 Center” means the Turner-Fairbank Highway Re-
5 search Center of the Federal Highway Administra-
6 tion.

7 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
8 the Secretary of the Interior.

9 (b) ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION TRANSFER.—

10 (1) TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION.—

11 (A) GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL
12 PARKWAY LAND.—Administrative jurisdiction
13 over the approximately 0.342 acres of Federal
14 land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary
15 within the boundary of the George Washington
16 Memorial Parkway, as generally depicted as
17 “B” on the Map, is transferred from the Sec-
18 retary to the Secretary of Transportation.

19 (B) RESEARCH CENTER LAND.—Adminis-
20 tration jurisdiction over the approximately
21 0.479 acres of Federal land within the bound-
22 ary of the Research Center land under the ju-
23 risdiction of the Secretary of Transportation
24 adjacent to the boundary of the George Wash-
25 ington Memorial Parkway, as generally depicted

1 as “A” on the Map, is transferred from the
2 Secretary of Transportation to the Secretary.

3 (2) USE RESTRICTION.—The Secretary shall re-
4 strict the use of 0.139 acres of Federal land within
5 the boundary of the George Washington Memorial
6 Parkway immediately adjacent to part of the perim-
7 eter fence of the Research Center, generally depicted
8 as “C” on the Map, by prohibiting the storage, con-
9 struction, or installation of any item that may inter-
10 fere with the access of the Research Center to the
11 restricted land for security and maintenance pur-
12 poses.

13 (3) REIMBURSEMENT OR CONSIDERATION.—
14 The transfers of administrative jurisdiction under
15 this subsection shall not be subject to reimburse-
16 ment or consideration.

17 (4) COMPLIANCE WITH AGREEMENT.—

18 (A) AGREEMENT.—The National Park
19 Service and the Federal Highway Administra-
20 tion shall comply with all terms and conditions
21 of the agreement entered into by the parties on
22 September 11, 2002, regarding the transfer of
23 administrative jurisdiction, management, and
24 maintenance of the land described in the agree-
25 ment.

1 (B) ACCESS TO RESTRICTED LAND.—Sub-
2 ject to the terms of the agreement described in
3 subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall allow the
4 Research Center—

5 (i) to access the Federal land de-
6 scribed in paragraph (1)(B) for purposes
7 of transportation to and from the Research
8 Center; and

9 (ii) to access the Federal land de-
10 scribed in paragraphs (1)(B) and (2) for
11 purposes of maintenance in accordance
12 with National Park Service standards, in-
13 cluding grass mowing, weed control, tree
14 maintenance, fence maintenance, and
15 maintenance of the visual appearance of
16 the Federal land.

17 (c) MANAGEMENT OF TRANSFERRED LAND.—

18 (1) INTERIOR LAND.—The Federal land trans-
19 ferred to the Secretary under subsection (b)(1)(B)
20 shall be—

21 (A) included in the boundary of the George
22 Washington Memorial Parkway; and

23 (B) administered by the Secretary as part
24 of the George Washington Memorial Parkway,

1 subject to applicable laws (including regula-
2 tions).

3 (2) TRANSPORTATION LAND.—The Federal
4 land transferred to the Secretary of Transportation
5 under subsection (b)(1)(A) shall be—

6 (A) included in the boundary of the Re-
7 search Center land; and

8 (B) removed from the boundary of the
9 George Washington Memorial Parkway.

10 (3) RESTRICTED-USE LAND.—The Federal land
11 that the Secretary has designated for restricted use
12 under subsection (b)(2) shall be maintained by the
13 Research Center.

14 (d) MAP ON FILE.—The Map shall be available for
15 public inspection in the appropriate offices of the National
16 Park Service.

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