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To establish the White Sands National Park in the State of New Mexico
as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HEINRICH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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of New Mexico as a unit of the National Park 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF WHITE SANDS NATIONAL**
4 **PARK.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) MONUMENT.—The term “Monument”
7 means the White Sands National Monument, New
8 Mexico, established by Presidential Proclamation
9 No. 2025 (54 U.S.C. 320301 note), dated January
10 18, 1933, and administered by the Secretary.

1 (2) PARK.—The term “Park” means the White
2 Sands National Park established by subsection (b).

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

5 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—To protect, preserve, and re-
6 store its scenic, scientific, educational, natural, geological,
7 historical, cultural, archaeological, paleontological,
8 hydrological, fish, wildlife, and recreational values and to
9 enhance visitor experiences, there is established in the
10 State of New Mexico the White Sands National Park as
11 a unit of the National Park System.

12 (c) ABOLISHMENT OF WHITE SANDS NATIONAL
13 MONUMENT.—

14 (1) ABOLISHMENT.—Due to the establishment
15 of the Park, the Monument is abolished.

16 (2) INCORPORATION.—The land and interests
17 in land that comprise the Monument are incor-
18 porated in, and shall be considered to be part of, the
19 Park.

20 (d) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
21 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United
22 States to the “White Sands National Monument” shall be
23 considered to be a reference to the “White Sands National
24 Park”.

1 (e) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Any funds available
2 for the Monument shall be available for the Park.

3 (f) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary shall admin-
4 ister the Park in accordance with—

5 (1) this section; and

6 (2) the laws generally applicable to units of the
7 National Park System, including section 100101(a),
8 chapter 1003, sections 100751(a), 100752, 100753,
9 and 102101, and chapter 3201 of title 54, United
10 States Code.

11 (g) WORLD HERITAGE LIST NOMINATION.—

12 (1) COUNTY CONCURRENCE.—The Secretary
13 shall not submit a nomination for the Park to be in-
14 cluded on the World Heritage List of the United
15 Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organi-
16 zation unless each county in which the Park is lo-
17 cated concurs in the nomination.

18 (2) ARMY NOTIFICATION.—Before submitting a
19 nomination for the Park to be included on the World
20 Heritage List of the United Nations Educational,
21 Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Secretary
22 shall notify the Secretary of the Army of the intent
23 of the Secretary to nominate the Park.

24 (h) EFFECT.—Nothing in this section affects—

1 (1) valid existing rights (including water
2 rights);

3 (2) permits or contracts issued by the Monu-
4 ment;

5 (3) existing agreements, including agreements
6 with the Department of Defense;

7 (4) the jurisdiction of the Department of De-
8 fense regarding the restricted airspace above the
9 Park; or

10 (5) the airshed classification of the Park under
11 the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.).

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