

Public Law 108-340
108th Congress

An Act

Oct. 18, 2004
[S. 1687]

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the preservation and interpretation of the historic sites of the Manhattan Project for potential inclusion in the National Park System.

Manhattan
Project National
Historical Park
Study Act.
State listing.

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Manhattan Project National Historical Park Study Act”.

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(2) **STUDY.**—The term “study” means the study authorized by section 3(a).

(3) **STUDY AREA.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The term “study area” means the historically significant sites associated with the Manhattan Project.

(B) **INCLUSIONS.**—The term “study area” includes—

(i) Los Alamos National Laboratory and townsite in the State of New Mexico;

(ii) the Hanford Site in the State of Washington; and

(iii) Oak Ridge Reservation in the State of Tennessee.

SEC. 3. SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY.

(a) **STUDY.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy, shall conduct a special resource study of the study area to assess the national significance, suitability, and feasibility of designating 1 or more sites within the study area as a unit of the National Park System in accordance with section 8(c) of Public Law 91-383 (16 U.S.C. 1a-5(c)).

(2) **ADMINISTRATION.**—In conducting the study, the Secretary shall—

(A) consult with interested Federal, State, tribal, and local officials, representatives of organizations, and members of the public;

(B) evaluate, in coordination with the Secretary of Energy, the compatibility of designating 1 or more sites within the study area as a unit of the National Park

System with maintaining the security, productivity, and management goals of the Department of Energy and public health and safety; and

(C) consider research in existence on the date of enactment of this Act by the Department of Energy on the historical significance and feasibility of preserving and interpreting the various sites and structures in the study area.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date on which funds are made available to carry out the study, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report that describes the findings of the study and the conclusions and recommendations of the Secretary.

SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this Act.

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