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To establish the Manhattan Project National Historical Park in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Los Alamos, New Mexico, and Hanford, Washington, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. HEINRICH, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To establish the Manhattan Project National Historical Park in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Los Alamos, New Mexico, and Hanford, Washington, 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Manhattan Project Na-
5 tional Historical Park Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) the Manhattan Project was an unprece-
9 dented top-secret program implemented during

1 World War II to produce an atomic bomb before
2 Nazi Germany;

3 (2) a panel of experts convened by the Presi-
4 dent's Advisory Council on Historic Preservation in
5 2001—

6 (A) stated that “the development and use
7 of the atomic bomb during World War II has
8 been called ‘the single most significant event of
9 the 20th century’ ”; and

10 (B) recommended that nationally signifi-
11 cant sites associated with the Manhattan
12 Project be formally established as a collective
13 unit and be administered for preservation, com-
14 memoration, and public interpretation in co-
15 operation with the National Park Service;

16 (3) the Manhattan Project National Historical
17 Park Study Act (Public Law 108–340; 118 Stat.
18 1362) directed the Secretary of the Interior, in con-
19 sultation with the Secretary of Energy, to conduct a
20 special resource study of the historically significant
21 sites associated with the Manhattan Project to as-
22 sess the national significance, suitability, and feasi-
23 bility of designating 1 or more sites as a unit of the
24 National Park System;

1 (4) after significant public input, the National
2 Park Service study found that “including Manhattan
3 Project-related sites in the national park system will
4 expand and enhance the protection and preservation
5 of such resources and provide for comprehensive in-
6 terpretation and public understanding of this nation-
7 ally significant story in the 20th century American
8 history”;

9 (5) the Department of the Interior, with the
10 concurrence of the Department of Energy, rec-
11 ommended the establishment of a Manhattan Project
12 National Historical Park comprised of resources
13 at—

14 (A) Oak Ridge, Tennessee;

15 (B) Los Alamos, New Mexico; and

16 (C) Hanford, in the Tri-Cities area, Wash-
17 ington;

18 (6) designation of a Manhattan Project Na-
19 tional Historical Park as a unit of the National Park
20 System would improve the preservation of, interpre-
21 tation of, and access to the nationally significant his-
22 toric resources associated with the Manhattan
23 Project for present and future generations to gain a
24 better understanding of the Manhattan Project, in-

1 including the significant, far-reaching, and complex
2 legacy of the Manhattan Project; and

3 (7) the permanent historical preservation of the
4 B Reactor at Hanford as part of the Manhattan Na-
5 tional Historical Park would provide significant sav-
6 ings to the Federal Government relative to placing
7 the reactor into interim safe storage and subse-
8 quently dismantling the reactor—

9 (A) as determined as part of the Record of
10 Decision entitled “Decommissioning of Eight
11 Surplus Production 3 Reactors at the Hanford
12 Site, Richland, WA”; and

13 (B) as included within milestone M-093-00
14 of the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and
15 Consent Order.

16 **SEC. 3. PURPOSES.**

17 The purposes of this Act are—

18 (1) to preserve and protect for the benefit and
19 education of present and future generations the na-
20 tionally significant historic resources associated with
21 the Manhattan Project;

22 (2) to improve public understanding of the
23 Manhattan Project and the legacy of the Manhattan
24 Project through interpretation of the historic re-
25 sources associated with the Manhattan Project;

1 (3) to enhance public access to the Historical
2 Park, consistent with protection of public safety, na-
3 tional security, and other aspects of the mission of
4 the Department of Energy; and

5 (4) to assist the Department of Energy, Histor-
6 ical Park communities, historical societies, and other
7 interested organizations and individuals in efforts to
8 preserve and protect the historically significant re-
9 sources associated with the Manhattan Project.

10 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

11 In this Act:

12 (1) HISTORICAL PARK.—The term “Historical
13 Park” means the Manhattan Project National His-
14 torical Park established under section 5.

15 (2) MANHATTAN PROJECT.—The term “Man-
16 hattan Project” means the Federal program to de-
17 velop an atomic bomb ending on December 31,
18 1946.

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

21 **SEC. 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF MANHATTAN PROJECT NA-**
22 **TIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.**

23 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year after
24 the date of enactment of this Act, there shall be estab-

1 lished as a unit of the National Park System the Manhat-
2 tan Project National Historical Park.

3 (b) ELIGIBLE AREAS.—The Historical Park may be
4 comprised of 1 or more of the following areas or portions
5 of the areas, as generally depicted on the map entitled
6 “Manhattan Project National Historical Park Sites”,
7 numbered 540/108,834-C, and dated September 2012:

8 (1) OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE.—Facilities, land,
9 or interests in land that are—

10 (A) at Buildings 9204–3 and 9731 at the
11 Y–12 National Security Complex;

12 (B) at the X–10 Graphite Reactor at the
13 Oak Ridge National Laboratory;

14 (C) at the K–25 Building site at the East
15 Tennessee Technology Park;

16 (D) at the former Guest House located at
17 210 East Madison Road; and

18 (E) at other sites within the boundary of
19 the city of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, that are not
20 depicted on the map described in this sub-
21 section, but are determined by the Secretary to
22 be suitable and appropriate for inclusion.

23 (2) LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO.—Facilities,
24 land, or interests in land that are—

1 (A) in the Los Alamos Scientific Labora-
2 tory National Historic Landmark District or
3 any addition to the Landmark District proposed
4 in the National Historic Landmark Nomina-
5 tion—Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory
6 (LASL) NHL District (Working Draft of NHL
7 Revision), Los Alamos National Laboratory
8 document LA-UR 12-00387 (January 26,
9 2012);

10 (B) at the former East Cafeteria located at
11 1670 Nectar Street; and

12 (C) at the former dormitory located at
13 1725 17th Street.

14 (3) HANFORD, WASHINGTON.—Facilities, land,
15 or interests in land that are—

16 (A) in the B Reactor National Historic
17 Landmark;

18 (B) at the Hanford High School in the
19 town of Hanford and Hanford Construction
20 Camp Historic District;

21 (C) at the White Bluffs Bank building in
22 the White Bluffs Historic District;

23 (D) at the warehouse in the Bruggemann's
24 Agricultural Complex;

1 (E) at the Hanford Irrigation District
2 Pump House; and

3 (F) at the T Plant (221-T Process Build-
4 ing).

5 (c) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map described in
6 subsection (b) shall be kept on file and available for public
7 inspection in the appropriate offices of the National Park
8 Service and the Department of Energy.

9 **SEC. 6. AGREEMENT.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
11 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary and the Sec-
12 retary of Energy (acting through the Oak Ridge, Rich-
13 land, and Los Alamos site offices) shall enter into an
14 agreement governing the respective roles of the Secretary
15 and the Secretary of Energy in administering the facili-
16 ties, land, or interests in land under the administrative
17 jurisdiction of the Department of Energy that is to be in-
18 cluded in the Historical Park, including provisions for
19 public access, management, interpretation, and historic
20 preservation.

21 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SECRETARY.—Any
22 agreement under subsection (a) shall provide that the Sec-
23 retary shall—

24 (1) have decisionmaking authority for the con-
25 tent of historic interpretation of the Manhattan

1 Project for purposes of administering the Historical
2 Park; and

3 (2) ensure that the agreement provides an ap-
4 propriate role for the National Park Service in pre-
5 serving the historic resources covered by the agree-
6 ment.

7 (c) RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SECRETARY OF EN-
8 ERGY.—Any agreement under subsection (a) shall provide
9 that the Secretary of Energy—

10 (1) shall ensure that the agreement appro-
11 priately protects public safety, national security, and
12 other aspects of the ongoing mission of the Depart-
13 ment of Energy at the Los Alamos National Labora-
14 tory, Hanford Site, and Oak Ridge Reservation;

15 (2) may consult with and provide historical in-
16 formation to the Secretary concerning the Manhat-
17 tan Project; and

18 (3) shall retain responsibility, in accordance
19 with applicable law, for any environmental remedi-
20 ation and structural safety that may be necessary in
21 or around the facilities, land, or interests in land
22 governed by the agreement.

23 (d) AMENDMENTS.—The agreement under subsection
24 (a) may be amended, including to add to the Historical
25 Park facilities, land, or interests in land described in sec-

1 tion 5(b) that are under the jurisdiction of the Secretary
2 of Energy.

3 **SEC. 7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall consult with
5 interested State, county, and local officials, organizations,
6 and interested members of the public—

7 (1) before executing any agreement under sec-
8 tion 6; and

9 (2) in the development of the general manage-
10 ment plan under section 8(b).

11 (b) NOTICE OF DETERMINATION.—Not later than 30
12 days after the date on which an agreement under section
13 6 is executed, the Secretary shall publish in the Federal
14 Register notice of the establishment of the Historical
15 Park, including an official boundary map.

16 (c) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The official boundary
17 map published under subsection (b) shall be on file and
18 available for public inspection in the appropriate offices
19 of the National Park Service.

20 (d) ADDITIONS.—Any land, interest in land, or facil-
21 ity within the eligible areas described in section 5(b) that
22 is acquired by the Secretary or included in an amendment
23 to the agreement under section 6(d) shall be added to the
24 Historical Park.

1 **SEC. 8. ADMINISTRATION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall administer
3 the Historical Park in accordance with—

4 (1) this Act; and

5 (2) the laws generally applicable to units of the
6 National Park System, including—

7 (A) the National Park System Organic Act
8 (16 U.S.C. 1 et seq.); and

9 (B) the Act of August 21, 1935 (16 U.S.C.
10 461 et seq.).

11 (b) GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.—Not later than
12 3 years after the date on which funds are made available
13 to carry out this section, the Secretary, in consultation
14 with the Secretary of Energy, shall complete a general
15 management plan for the Historical Park in accordance
16 with—

17 (1) section 12(b) of Public Law 91–383 (com-
18 monly known as the “National Park Service General
19 Authorities Act”) (16 U.S.C. 1a–7(b)); and

20 (2) the agreement established under section 6.

21 (c) INTERPRETIVE TOURS.—The Secretary may, sub-
22 ject to applicable law, provide interpretive tours of histori-
23 cally significant Manhattan Project sites and resources in
24 the States of Tennessee, New Mexico, and Washington
25 that are located outside the boundary of the Historical
26 Park.

1 (d) LAND ACQUISITION.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may only ac-
3 quire land and interests in land within the eligible
4 areas described in section 5(b) by—

5 (A) transfer of administrative jurisdiction
6 from the Department of Energy by agreement
7 between the Secretary and the Secretary of En-
8 ergy; or

9 (B) purchase from willing sellers, donation,
10 or exchange.

11 (2) FACILITIES.—The Secretary may acquire
12 land or interests in land in the vicinity of Historical
13 Park for visitor and administrative facilities.

14 (e) DONATIONS; COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—

15 (1) FEDERAL FACILITIES.—

16 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may
17 enter into 1 or more agreements with the head
18 of a Federal agency to provide public access to,
19 and management, interpretation, and historic
20 preservation of, historically significant Manhat-
21 tan Project resources under the jurisdiction or
22 control of the Federal agency.

23 (B) DONATIONS; COOPERATIVE AGREE-
24 MENTS.—The Secretary may accept donations
25 from, and enter into cooperative agreements

1 with, State governments, units of local govern-
2 ment, tribal governments, organizations, or in-
3 dividuals to further the purpose of an inter-
4 agency agreement entered into under subpara-
5 graph (A).

6 (2) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary
7 may provide technical assistance to State, local, or
8 tribal governments, organizations, or individuals for
9 the management, interpretation, and historic preser-
10 vation of historically significant Manhattan Project
11 resources not included within the Historical Park.

12 (3) DONATIONS TO DEPARTMENT OF EN-
13 ERGY.—For the purposes of this Act, or for the pur-
14 pose of preserving or providing access to historically
15 significant resources relating to the Manhattan
16 Project, the Secretary of Energy may accept, hold,
17 administer, and use gifts, bequests, and devises (in-
18 cluding labor and services).