AMENDMENT NO. _______ Calendar No. _______

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.


S. 2555

To designate the New River Gorge National River in the State of West Virginia as the “New River Gorge National Park and Preserve”, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on ________________ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended to be proposed by ________________

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the “New River Gorge National Park and Preserve Designation Act”.

6 SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF NEW RIVER GORGE NATIONAL PARK AND NEW RIVER GORGE NATIONAL PRESERVE, WEST VIRGINIA.

9 (a) Redesignation.—The New River Gorge National River established under section 1101 of the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C.
460m–15) shall be known and designated as the “New River Gorge National Park and Preserve”, consisting of—

(1) the New River Gorge National Park; and
(2) the New River Gorge National Preserve.

(b) **NEW RIVER GORGE NATIONAL PARK.**—The boundaries of the New River Gorge National Park referred to in subsection (a)(1) shall be the boundaries depicted as “Proposed National Park Area” on the map entitled “New River Gorge National Park and Preserve Proposed Boundary”, numbered 637/163,199A, and dated September 2020.

(c) **NEW RIVER GORGE NATIONAL PRESERVE; BOUNDARY.**—The boundaries of the New River Gorge National Preserve referred to in subsection (a)(2) shall be the boundaries depicted as “Proposed National Preserve Area” on the map entitled “New River Gorge National Park and Preserve Proposed Boundary”, numbered 637/163,199A, and dated September 2020.

**SEC. 3. ADMINISTRATION.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The New River Gorge National Park and Preserve shall be administered by the Secretary of the Interior (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) in accordance with—

(1) this Act;
(2) the laws generally applicable to units of the National Park System, including—

(A) section 100101(a), chapter 1003, and sections 100751(a), 100752, 100753, and 102101 of title 54, United States Code; and

(B) chapter 3201 of title 54, United States Code; and


(b) HUNTING AND FISHING.—

(1) HUNTING.—Hunting within the New River Gorge National Preserve shall be administered by the Secretary—

(A) in the same manner as hunting was administered on the day before the date of enactment of this Act in those portions of the New River Gorge National River designated as the New River Gorge National Preserve by section 2(e); and

(B) in accordance with—
(i) section 1106 of the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 460m–20); and
(ii) other applicable laws.

(2) FISHING.—Fishing within the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve shall be administered by the Secretary—
   
   (A) in the same manner as fishing was administered within the New River National River on the day before the date of enactment of this Act; and
   
   (B) in accordance with—
   
   (i) section 1106 of the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 460m–20); and
   
   (ii) other applicable laws.

(3) PRIVATE LAND.—Nothing in this Act prohibits hunting, fishing, or trapping on private land in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws.

(c) LAND ACQUISITION.—

   (1) ADDITIONAL LAND FOR NATIONAL PRESERVE.—

   (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may acquire land or any interest in land identified as

(B) BOUNDARY MODIFICATION.—On acquisition of any land or interest in land under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall—

(i) modify the boundary of the New River Gorge National Preserve to reflect the acquisition; and

(ii) administer the land or interest in land in accordance with the laws applicable to the New River Gorge National Preserve.

(2) VISITOR PARKING.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may acquire not more than 100 acres of land in the vicinity of the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve by purchase from a willing seller, donation, or exchange to provide for—

(i) visitor parking; and

(ii) improved public access to the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve.
(B) ADMINISTRATION.—On acquisition of the land under subparagraph (A), the acquired land shall be administered as part of the New River Gorge National Park or the New River Gorge National Preserve, as appropriate.

(d) COMMERCIAL RECREATIONAL WATERCRAFT SERVICES.—Commercial recreational watercraft services within the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve shall be administered by the Secretary in accordance with section 402 of the West Virginia National Interest River Conservation Act of 1987 (16 U.S.C. 460m–15 note; Public Law 100–534).

(e) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the New River Gorge National River shall be considered to be a reference to the “New River Gorge National Park” or the “New River Gorge National Preserve”, as appropriate.

SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

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