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H. R. 4358

[Report No. 117-]

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Little Manatee River as a component of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 6, 2021

Mr. BUCHANAN (for himself and Mr. SOTO) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

FEBRUARY --, 2022

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on July 6, 2021]

A BILL

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Little Manatee River as a component of the Wild and Scenic Rivers 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Little Manatee Wild*
5 *and Scenic River Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION FOR STUDY OF WILD AND SCENIC**

7 **RIVER SEGMENTS, LITTLE MANATEE RIVER,**
8 **FLORIDA.**

9 *Section 5(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16*
10 *U.S.C. 1276(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-*
11 *lowing:*

12 “(____) *LITTLE MANATEE RIVER, FLORIDA.—*

13 *The approximately 50-mile segment beginning at the*
14 *source in southeastern Hillsborough County, Florida,*
15 *downstream to the point at which the river enters*
16 *Tampa Bay, including appropriate tributaries, but*
17 *shall not include—*

18 *“(A) those portions lying within Manatee*
19 *County, Florida, and being more particularly*
20 *described as Parcel ID 247800059, Parcel ID*
21 *248200008 and Parcel ID 248100000; and*

22 *“(B) South Fork.”.*

1 **SEC. 3. STUDY AND REPORT.**

2 *Section 5(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16*
3 *U.S.C. 1276(b)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-*
4 *lowing:*

5 “(____) *LITTLE MANATEE RIVER, FLORIDA.—Not*
6 *later than 3 years after the date on which funds are*
7 *made available to carry out this paragraph, the Sec-*
8 *retary of the Interior shall—*

9 *“(A) complete the study of the Little Man-*
10 *atee River, Florida named in subsection (a)(__);*
11 *and*

12 *“(B) submit to the Committee on Natural*
13 *Resources of the House of Representatives and*
14 *the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources*
15 *of the Senate a report that describes the results*
16 *of the study.”.*

17 **SEC. 4. EFFECT ON MANAGEMENT.**

18 *This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall*
19 *not interfere with the current management of the area of*
20 *the Little Manatee River described in section 5(a)(__) of*
21 *the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, nor shall the fact that such*
22 *area is listed for study under the Wild and Scenic Rivers*
23 *Act (16 U.S.C. 1271 et seq.) be used as justification for more*
24 *restrictive management until Congress acts on the study*
25 *recommendations.*