

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2580

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 1, 2025

Mr. SOTO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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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 “Kissimmee River Wild
5 and Scenic River Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF WILD AND SCENIC RIVER SEG-**
2 **MENT, KISSIMMEE RIVER, FLORIDA.**

3 Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16
4 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 “(233) KISSIMMEE RIVER, FLORIDA.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The restored segment
8 of the Kissimmee River, beginning approxi-
9 mately 16 miles downstream of Lake Kis-
10 simmee and ending approximately 15 miles up-
11 stream of Lake Okeechobee, to be administered
12 by the Secretary of the Interior as a rec-
13 reational river.

14 “(B) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid ex-
15 isting rights, the Federal land within the
16 boundaries of the river segments designated by
17 subparagraph (A) is withdrawn from all forms
18 of—

19 “(i) entry, appropriation, or disposal
20 under the public land laws;

21 “(ii) location, entry, and patent under
22 the mining laws; and

23 “(iii) disposition under all laws relat-
24 ing to mineral and geothermal leasing or
25 mineral materials.”.