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To require the Secretary of Agriculture to identify and develop campsites and related facilities for public use in the Ouachita National Forest, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WESTERMAN 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 “Ouachita National
5 Forest Overnight Camping Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. RESTORATION OF OVERNIGHT CAMPSITES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall—

8 (1) not later than 6 months after the date of
9 the enactment of this Act, identify areas within Al-

1 bert Pike Recreation Area that may be suitable for
2 overnight camping; and

3 (2) not later than 2 years after the date of the
4 enactment of this Act—

5 (A) review each area identified under para-
6 graph (1); and

7 (B) from the areas so identified, select and
8 establish campsites and related facilities within
9 Albert Pike Recreation Area for public use.

10 (b) REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO CAMPSITES AND
11 RELATED FACILITIES.—The Secretary shall—

12 (1) ensure that at least 54 campsites are avail-
13 able under subsection (a), of which not less than 8
14 shall have electric and water hookups; and

15 (2) ensure that each campsite and related facil-
16 ity identified or established under subsection (a) is
17 located outside of the 1 percent annual exceedance
18 probability flood elevation.

19 (c) REOPENING OF CERTAIN SITES.—Not later than
20 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
21 Secretary shall open each campsite within Albert Pike
22 Recreation Area that—

23 (1) exists on the date of the enactment of this
24 Act; and

1 (2) is located outside of the 1 percent annual
2 exceedance probability flood elevation.

3 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) ALBERT PIKE RECREATION AREA.—The
5 term “Albert Pike Recreation Area” means the Al-
6 bert Pike Recreation Area and grounds associated
7 with such area located in the Ouachita National
8 Forest, approximately six miles north of Langley,
9 Arkansas in southern Montgomery County, Arkan-
10 sas.

11 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
12 the Secretary of Agriculture.

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