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# H. R. 2497

To establish the Amache National Historic Site in the State of Colorado  
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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 14, 2021

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

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## A BILL

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of Colorado as a unit of the National Park 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 “Amache National His-  
5       toric Site Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7       In this Act:

8               (1) NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE.—The term “Na-  
9       tional Historic Site” means the Amache National  
10       Historic Site established by section 3(a).

1           (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
2           the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-  
3           rector of the National Park Service.

4 **SEC. 3. AMACHE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE.**

5           (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established the  
6 Amache National Historic Site in the State of Colorado  
7 as a unit of the National Park System.

8           (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the National Historic  
9 Site is to preserve, protect, and interpret for the benefit  
10 of present and future generations resources associated  
11 with—

12           (1) the incarceration of civilians of Japanese  
13 ancestry during World War II at Amache, also  
14 known as the Granada Relocation Center, and the  
15 military service of center incarcerated;

16           (2) public reaction in the State of Colorado to  
17 the incarceration of Japanese Americans, including  
18 the position of Governor Ralph Carr and the local  
19 community; and

20           (3) the transition of the incarcerated and their  
21 descendants following the closure of the center and  
22 resettlement in the State of Colorado and other  
23 States.

24           (c) MAP; BOUNDARIES.—

1           (1) MAP.—As soon as practicable after the date  
2           of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall pre-  
3           pare a map, in consultation with the town of Gra-  
4           nada, of the National Historic Site.

5           (2) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map prepared  
6           under paragraph (1) shall be on file and available  
7           for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the  
8           National Park Service.

9           (3) BOUNDARIES.—The boundaries of the Na-  
10          tional Historic Site shall be the boundaries generally  
11          depicted on the map prepared under paragraph (1).

12          (d) PROPERTY ACQUISITION AUTHORITY.—

13               (1) REAL PROPERTY.—The Secretary may ac-  
14               quire any land or interests in land located within the  
15               exterior boundary of the National Historic Site by—

16                       (A) donation; or

17                       (B) purchase with donated or appropriated  
18               funds.

19               (2) PERSONAL PROPERTY.—The Secretary may  
20               acquire personal property associated with the pur-  
21               poses of the site only by donation.

22          (e) CONDITIONS.—The site shall not be established  
23          until the date on which the Secretary acquires sufficient  
24          land within the exterior boundary of the site to constitute  
25          a manageable unit.

1 (f) ADMINISTRATION.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall admin-  
3 ister the National Historic Site in accordance with—

4 (A) this Act; and

5 (B) the laws generally applicable to units  
6 of the National Park System.

7 (2) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

8 (A) DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION.—Not  
9 later than 3 years after the date on which funds  
10 are first made available to the Secretary for  
11 this purpose, the Secretary shall prepare a gen-  
12 eral management plan for the National Historic  
13 Site in accordance with section 100502 of title  
14 54, United States Code.

15 (B) INCLUSION.—The general manage-  
16 ment plan prepared under subparagraph (A)  
17 shall identify, as appropriate, the roles and re-  
18 sponsibilities of the National Park Service and  
19 any applicable management entity in admin-  
20 istering and interpreting the National Historic  
21 Site and areas affiliated with the National His-  
22 toric Site in a manner that does not interfere  
23 with existing operations and the continued use  
24 of existing facilities at the National Historic  
25 Site.

1 (C) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—On com-  
2 pletion of the general management plan under  
3 subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall submit to  
4 the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-  
5 sources of the Senate and the Committee on  
6 Natural Resources of the House of Representa-  
7 tives the general management plan prepared  
8 under that subparagraph.

9 (g) ADMINISTRATIVE FACILITIES.—For the purposes  
10 of ensuring the preservation, protection, and proper man-  
11 agement of the site and associated resources, the Sec-  
12 retary may establish facilities for administration, visitor  
13 services, and curation of personal property, outside the ex-  
14 terior boundaries of, and in the vicinity of, the site.

15 (h) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary  
16 may enter into agreements with—

17 (1) the public or private entities for the purpose  
18 of establishing and operating facilities outside of the  
19 exterior boundary of the site for administration, vis-  
20 itor services and curation of personal property; and

21 (2) other public or private entities for the pur-  
22 poses of carrying out this Act.

23 (i) EFFECT ON WATER RIGHTS.—Nothing in this Act  
24 affects—

1           (1) the use, allocation, ownership, or control, in  
2           existence on the date of the enactment of any water,  
3           water right, or any other valid existing right;

4           (2) any vested absolute or decreed conditional  
5           water right in existence on the date of the enact-  
6           ment;

7           (3) any interstate water compact in existence  
8           on the date of the enactment; or

9           (4) State jurisdiction over any water law.

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