

Public Law 117-328, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, Section 404.

19 **SEC. 404. DESIGNATION FOR STUDY OF WILD AND SCENIC**

20 **RIVER SEGMENTS, KISSIMMEE RIVER, FLOR-**

21 **IDA.**

22 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5(a) of the Wild and Scenic*

23 *Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(a)) (as amended by section*

24 *403(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:*

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1 “(146) *KISSIMMEE RIVER, FLORIDA.*—*The re-*
2 *stored segment of the Kissimmee River, beginning ap-*
3 *proximately 16 miles downstream of Lake Kissimmee*
4 *and ending approximately 15 miles upstream of Lake*
5 *Okeechobee.*”.

6 (b) *STUDIES AND REPORTS.*—*Section 5(b) of the Wild*
7 *and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(b)) (as amended*
8 *by section 403(b)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-*
9 *lowing:*

10 “(23) *KISSIMMEE RIVER, FLORIDA.*—*Not later*
11 *than 3 years after the date on which funds are made*
12 *available to carry out this paragraph, the Secretary*
13 *of the Interior shall—*

14 “(A) *complete the study of the Kissimmee*
15 *River, Florida named in paragraph (146) of*
16 *subsection (a); and*

17 “(B) *submit to the Committee on Energy*
18 *and Natural Resources of the Senate and the*
19 *Committee on Natural Resources of the House of*
20 *Representatives a report that describes the results*
21 *of the study.*”.

22 (c) *EFFECT ON MANAGEMENT.*—*This section and the*
23 *amendments made by this section shall not interfere with*
24 *the current management of the area of the Kissimmee River*
25 *described in paragraph (146) of section 5(a) of the Wild*

1 *and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(a)), nor shall the*
2 *fact that such area is listed for study under that Act be*
3 *used as justification for more restrictive management until*
4 *Congress acts on the study recommendations.*