

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2021-005

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3 REQUESTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AGENCIES AND
4 GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS REQUESTING THAT THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
5 STATE AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE
6 LOST 40 AND THE FEASIBILITY OF THE STATE ASSUMING MANAGEMENT OF
7 THE LOST 40 TO CREATE A STATE PARK.
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9 WHEREAS, the Lost 40 is a forty-acre tract of forest in southeastern
10 Calhoun County located along a tributary of Moro Creek known as Wolf Branch;
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13 WHEREAS, the Lost 40 is known for its large, mature trees, with some
14 trees estimated to be more than two hundred (200) years old and standing more
15 than one hundred fifty (150') feet tall; and
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17 WHEREAS, the Lost 40 is described generally as a mixed bottomland
18 hardwood-loblolly pine forest, with a variety of forest and soil types
19 present on the tract of land; and
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21 WHEREAS, nearly one hundred fifty (150) different species of plants,
22 including thirty-eight (38) different varieties of trees, have been
23 documented as being present on the tract by the Arkansas Natural Heritage
24 Commission; and
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26 WHEREAS, the Lost 40 is currently owned by PotlatchDeltic Corporation
27 and is protected by a forty-year cooperative management agreement signed in
28 1996 by PotlatchDeltic Corporation and the Arkansas Natural Heritage
29 Commission; and
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31 WHEREAS, access to the Lost 40 is currently very limited; and
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33 WHEREAS, the Lost 40 is believed to be among some of the last remaining
34 untouched forests in this state, which makes the Lost 40 a unique area that
35 could provide individuals with a rare opportunity to study information on an

1 original forest structure in the region and to appreciate the natural beauty
2 for which this state is known,

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4 NOW THEREFORE,

5 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENTAL
6 AFFAIRS OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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8 THAT the Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs
9 conduct a study of the Lost 40, including a review of the cooperative
10 agreement between PotlatchDeltic Corporation and the Arkansas Natural
11 Heritage Commission, and of the feasibility of the state assuming management
12 of the Lost 40 in order to turn the Lost 40 into a state park for public use.

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14 Respectfully submitted,

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18 Senator Trent Garner

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