

## **Opening Statement**

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**Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation, and Public Lands**

**H.R. 1963**

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Good morning and welcome to the hearing today. The Subcommittee will come to order. Today, the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation, and Public Lands will hear testimony on H.R. 1963. H.R. 2238, introduced by Congressman Harold Rogers, was originally scheduled for consideration today, but has been rescheduled for Thursday, October 18.

H.R. 1963, introduced by Congressman Jerry Costello of Illinois, would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of including the route taken by George Rogers Clark during the Revolutionary War as an addition into the National Trails System.

The mission of William Rogers Clark and his men in 1779 led to Britain ceding what is now Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and the eastern portion of Michigan. William Rogers Clark was the elder brother of William Clark of Lewis and Clark fame.

I want to thank Congressmen Costello for introducing this bill and look forward to today's testimony. At this time, I would like to ask unanimous consent that Congressman Costello be permitted to sit on the dais following his statement.

I'd like to thank all of our witnesses for being here today to testify on this bill, and now turn the time over to the Ranking Member, Ms. Christensen.

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