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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to state reserves; creating s. 258.166,
3 F.S.; establishing the Rodman Reservoir State Reserve;
4 directing the Division of Recreation and Parks of the
5 Department of Environmental Protection to develop
6 multipurpose recreational opportunities and provide
7 supervision of the area; allowing public hunting;
8 authorizing the Division of State Lands to acquire
9 adjacent or contiguous property; requiring the Division of
10 State Lands to notify persons with easements in the area;
11 requiring a report; providing an effective date.

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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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15 Section 1. Section 258.166, Florida Statutes, is created
16 to read:

17 258.166 Rodman Reservoir State Reserve designated.--There
18 is designated and established a state reserve to be known as
19 Rodman Reservoir State Reserve, in Marion and Putnam Counties,
20 which shall include all state-owned lands within the floodplain
21 of the Oklawaha River and those hereafter acquired by the state
22 from Eureka Dam in Marion County to Buckman Lock in Putnam
23 County. Those lands are deemed and held to be a state reserve,
24 under the supervision of the Division of Recreation and Parks of
25 the Department of Environmental Protection. The division is
26 charged with the duty of providing for the development of
27 multipurpose recreational opportunities at this reserve and the
28 care, upkeep, maintenance, and beautification of the Rodman
29 Reservoir State Reserve, including all those dams, locks, and



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30 other structures transferred by the Federal Government to the
31 state. Any action that would substantially alter the reserve as
32 it existed on January 1, 2003, must be approved by law.

33 (1) Public hunting is allowed in the state reserve as
34 authorized by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

35 (2) The Division of State Lands of the Department of
36 Environmental Protection may acquire in the name of the Board of
37 Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund any additional
38 property adjacent or contiguous to the Rodman Reservoir State
39 Reserve from private owners or from the United States Government
40 for improved management and recreational opportunities.

41 (3) The Division of State Lands shall identify, contact,
42 and inform all property owners who hold easements located within
43 the taking line of the Rodman Reservoir of the designation of
44 this area as a state reserve.

45 (4) By January 1, 2004, the Division of State Lands shall
46 submit a report to the Executive Office of the Governor, the
47 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
48 Representatives which:

49 (a) Identifies the entities that hold easements within the
50 taking line of the reservoir.

51 (b) Indicates whether the holder of an easement is willing
52 to sell the easement.

53 (c) Estimates the cost of acquiring the easements.

54 (d) Identifies any additional issues resulting from this
55 designation.

56 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.