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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H. R. 7077 which establishes the Cuyaboga Valley National Recreation Area in Ohio, and authorizes appropriations of not more than \$34,500,000 and \$500,000 for land acquisition and development, respectively.

H. R. 7077 establishes the Cuyaboga Valley National Recreation Area comprising approximately 20,000 acres between Akron and Cleveland, Ohio. The area will be administered as a unit of the National Park System by the Secretary of the Interior in a manner which would preserve its scenic, natural, and historic setting while providing for the recreational and educational needs of the visiting public. The Secretary will acquire lands by donation, purchase, exchange or transfer, although public lands may be acquired by donation only and all acquisition must be "substantially complete" within 6 years of enactment.

The Cuyaboga River Valley is a floodplain area backed by heavily wooded valley walls and ravines. The valley reflects a variety of plants and wildlife, and it still retains its rural character.

A statement by the President is being made separately.

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