

Range of Light National Monument Private Property & Access



Homeowners and property owners have concerns about the Range of Light National Monument. Will I be able to access my land and home? What about leased cabins? What about purchasing and selling land and property?

To put it simply, private property stays private, unless the owner wants to sell or donate it.

This language is contained in [the introduced bill](#) and is shown in the italicized text below.

Cabin Leases stay exactly the same.

(j) Existing Cabin Leases.—Nothing in this Act shall preclude the renewal or continuation of valid leases for cabins, homesites or similar structures on federally owned lands in the national monument in effect on date this law is enacted.

Private Property access stays exactly the same.

(l) Private Property Access.—In instances where roads have been closed to the public and those roads lead to private property, the private property owners shall retain the right to access their lands via the closed road.

Private property stays private unless the seller wants to sell or donate it voluntarily. No Eminent Domain.

(2) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary may not use the authority provided in this Act to accept non-Federal land that has been acquired, after the date of the enactment of this Act, through use of eminent domain.

If the owner wants to sell their land to the federal government, they can. But the purchase can only be made from a willing seller.

(a) Acquisition Authorized; Methods.—Non-Federal held land or interests in land within the boundaries of the national monument may be acquired for management as part of the national monument only by—

(1) donation; or

(2) purchase from a willing seller.

(b) Valuation Of Private Property.—The United States shall offer the fair market value for any interests or partial interests in land acquired under this section unless donated.