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AN ACT

To amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service opportunities for young Americans; help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational and scenic resources; train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts; and promote the value of public service.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Public Lands Service
3 Corps Act of 2010”.

4 **SEC. 2. REFERENCE.**

5 Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in
6 this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms
7 of an amendment to, or a repeal of, a section or other
8 provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to
9 a section or other provision of the Public Lands Corps
10 Act of 1993 (16 U.S.C. 1721 et seq.; title II of Public
11 Law 91–378).

12 **SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS TO THE PUBLIC LANDS CORPS ACT**
13 **OF 1993.**

14 (a) ~~NAME AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION CHANGES.—~~
15 The Act is amended—

16 (1) by striking “Public Lands Corps” each
17 place it appears and inserting “Public Lands Service
18 Corps”;

19 (2) in the title heading, by striking “**PUBLIC**
20 **LANDS CORPS**” and inserting “**PUBLIC**
21 **LANDS SERVICE CORPS**”;

22 (3) in the section 204—

23 (A) in the section heading, by striking
24 “**PUBLIC LANDS CORPS**” and inserting
25 “**PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE CORPS**”; and

1 (B) in the heading of subsection (a), by
2 striking “PUBLIC LANDS CORPS” and inserting
3 “PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE CORPS”;

4 (4) in the heading of paragraph (2) of section
5 210(a), by striking “PUBLIC LANDS CORPS” and in-
6 serting “PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE CORPS”;

7 (5) by striking “conservation center” each place
8 it appears and inserting “residential conservation
9 center”; and

10 (6) by striking “appropriate conservation
11 projects” each place it appears (except in paragraph
12 (1) of section 204(e) as so redesignated) and insert-
13 ing “appropriate natural and cultural resources con-
14 servation projects”.

15 (b) FINDINGS.—Section 202(a) of the Act is amend-
16 ed as follows:

17 (1) In paragraph (1), by striking “the natural
18 and cultural” and inserting “natural and cultural”.

19 (2) By redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as
20 paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively, and by insert-
21 ing after paragraph (1) the following:

22 “(2) Participants in conservation corps receive
23 meaningful training and their experience with such
24 corps provides preparation for careers in public serv-
25 ice.

1 “(3) Young men and women who participate in
2 the rehabilitation and restoration of our Nation’s
3 natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, rec-
4 reational, and scenic treasures will gain an increased
5 appreciation and understanding of our public lands
6 and heritage, and of the value of public service, and
7 are likely to become life-long advocates for those val-
8 ues.”.

9 (3) In paragraph (4) (as so redesignated), by
10 inserting “, cultural, historic, archaeological, rec-
11 reational, and scenic” after “Many facilities and nat-
12 ural”.

13 (4) By adding at the end the following:

14 “(6) The work of conservation corps can benefit
15 communities adjacent to public lands and facilities
16 through renewed civic engagement and participation
17 by corps participants and those they serve; improved
18 student achievement; and restoration and rehabilita-
19 tion of public assets.”.

20 (e) PURPOSE.—Section 202(b) of the Act is amended
21 to read as follows:

22 “(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are to—

23 “(1) introduce young men and women to public
24 service while furthering their understanding and ap-

1 preciation of the Nation's natural, cultural, historic,
2 archaeological, recreational, and scenic resources;

3 “(2) facilitate training and recruitment oppor-
4 tunities in which service is credited as qualifying ex-
5 perience for careers in public land management;

6 “(3) instill in a new generation of young men
7 and women from across the Nation, including those
8 from diverse backgrounds, the desire to seek careers
9 in natural and cultural resource stewardship and
10 public service by allowing them to work directly with
11 professionals in agencies responsible for the manage-
12 ment of the Nation's natural, cultural, historic, ar-
13 chaeological, recreational, and scenic resources;

14 “(4) perform, in a cost-effective manner, appro-
15 priate natural and cultural resources conservation
16 projects where such projects are not being performed
17 by existing employees;

18 “(5) assist governments and Indian tribes in
19 performing research and public education tasks asso-
20 ciated with natural and cultural resources;

21 “(6) expand educational opportunities by re-
22 warding individuals who participate in national serv-
23 ice with an increased ability to pursue higher edu-
24 cation or job training; and

1 “(7) promote public understanding and appre-
2 ciation of the individual missions and natural and
3 cultural resources conservation work of the Federal
4 agencies through training opportunities, community
5 service and outreach, and other appropriate
6 means.”.

7 (d) DEFINITIONS.—Section 203 of the Act is amend-
8 ed as follows:

9 (1) By amending paragraphs (1) and (2) to
10 read as follows:

11 “(1) APPROPRIATE NATURAL AND CULTURAL
12 RESOURCES CONSERVATION PROJECT.—The term
13 ‘appropriate natural and cultural resources conserva-
14 tion project’ means any project for the conservation,
15 restoration, construction, or rehabilitation of nat-
16 ural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational,
17 or scenic resources on public lands.

18 “(2) CORPS AND PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE
19 CORPS.—The terms ‘Corps’ and ‘Public Lands Serv-
20 ice Corps’ mean the Public Lands Service Corps es-
21 tablished under section 204 of this title.”.

22 (2) By striking paragraphs (3) and (8).

23 (3) By redesignating paragraphs (4), (5), (6),
24 (7), (9), (10), (11), (12), and (13) as paragraphs
25 (3) through (11), respectively.

1 (4) By amending paragraph (7) (as so redesign-
2 nated) to read as follows:

3 “(7) PUBLIC LANDS.—The term ‘public lands’
4 means any lands or waters (or interest therein)
5 owned or administered by the United States, includ-
6 ing those areas of coastal and ocean waters, the
7 Great Lakes and their connecting waters, and sub-
8 merged lands over which the United States exercises
9 jurisdiction, except that such term does not include
10 any Indian lands.”.

11 (5) In paragraph (8) (as so redesignated)—

12 (A) in subparagraph (B), by striking
13 “and” at the end;

14 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking the
15 period and inserting “; and”; and

16 (C) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(D) makes available for audit for each fis-
18 cal year for which the qualified youth or con-
19 servation corps receives Federal funds under
20 this Act, information pertaining to the expendi-
21 ture of the funds, any matching funds, and par-
22 ticipant demographics.”.

23 (6) In paragraph (10) (as so redesignated)—

24 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking
25 “and” at the end;

1 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the
2 period and inserting “; and”; and

3 (C) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(C) with respect to the National Marine
5 Sanctuary System, coral reefs, and other coast-
6 al, estuarine, and marine habitats, and other
7 lands and facilities administered by the Na-
8 tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration,
9 the Secretary of Commerce.”.

10 (7) By adding at the end the following:

11 “(12) RESIDENTIAL CONSERVATION GEN-
12 TERS.—The term ‘residential conservation centers’
13 means the facilities authorized under section 205.

14 “(13) CONSULTING INTERN.—The term ‘con-
15 sulting intern’ means a consulting intern selected
16 under section 206.

17 “(14) PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE CORPS PARTICI-
18 PANT.—The term ‘Public Lands Service Corps par-
19 ticipant’, ‘Corps participant’ or ‘participant of the
20 Corps’ means an individual who is enrolled in the
21 Public Lands Service Corps pursuant to section
22 204(b).”.

23 (e) PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE CORPS PROGRAM.—See
24 tion 204 of the Act is amended as follows:

25 (1) In subsection (a)—

1 (A) in the heading, by adding at the end
2 “PROGRAM”

3 (B) by striking “and the Department of
4 Agriculture a” and inserting “, the Department
5 of Agriculture, and the Department of Com-
6 merce a service and training program titled
7 the”; and

8 (C) by adding at the end the following:
9 “~~The Secretary of the Interior shall establish a~~
10 ~~department-level office to coordinate Public~~
11 ~~Lands Service Corps activities within the De-~~
12 ~~partment of the Interior. The Secretary of Agri-~~
13 ~~culture shall establish within the U.S. Forest~~
14 ~~Service an office to coordinate Public Lands~~
15 ~~Service Corps activities within that agency. The~~
16 ~~Secretary of Commerce shall establish within~~
17 ~~the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin-~~
18 ~~istration an office to coordinate Public Lands~~
19 ~~Service Corps activities within that agency. The~~
20 ~~Secretary of each department shall designate a~~
21 ~~Public Lands Service Corps coordinator for~~
22 ~~each agency within that department that ad-~~
23 ~~ministers Public Lands Service Corps activi-~~
24 ~~ties.”.~~

1 (2) By amending subsection (b) to read as fol-
2 lows:

3 “(b) PARTICIPANTS.—The Secretary may enroll in
4 the Public Lands Service Corps individuals between the
5 ages of 16 and 25, inclusive, who are either hired by an
6 agency under the Secretary’s jurisdiction to perform work
7 authorized under this Act or who are members of a quali-
8 fied youth or conservation corps with which the Secretary
9 has entered into a cooperative agreement to perform work
10 authorized under this Act. The Secretary may also enroll
11 resource assistants and consulting interns. All enrollees
12 shall be considered Public Lands Service Corps partici-
13 pants, and may be enrolled for a term of up to 24 months
14 of service, which may be served over more than two cal-
15 endar years. The individuals may be enrolled without re-
16 gard to the civil service and classification laws, rules, or
17 regulations of the United States. The Secretary may es-
18 tablish a preference for the enrollment in the Corps of in-
19 dividuals who are economically, physically, or education-
20 ally disadvantaged.”.

21 (3) In subsection (c)—

22 (A) in paragraph (1)—

23 (i) by striking “contracts and”;

24 (ii) by inserting “natural and cultural
25 resources” after “appropriate”; and

1 (iii) by striking “subsection (d)” and
2 inserting “subsection (e)”;

3 (B) by redesignating paragraph (2) as
4 paragraph (3);

5 (C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the
6 following:

7 “(2) RECRUITMENT.—The Secretary shall un-
8 dertake, or enter into cooperative agreements to pro-
9 vide, a program to attract eligible youth to the
10 Corps by publicizing Corps opportunities through
11 high schools, colleges, employment centers, electronic
12 media, and other appropriate institutions or
13 means.”; and

14 (D) by amending paragraph (3) (as so re-
15 designated) to read as follows:

16 “(3) PREFERENCE.—For purposes of entering
17 into cooperative agreements under paragraph (1),
18 the Secretary may give preference to qualified youth
19 or conservation corps located in a specific area that
20 have a substantial portion of members who are eco-
21 nomically, physically, or educationally disadvantaged
22 to carry out projects within the area.”.

23 (4) By redesignating subsections (d) through
24 (f) as subsections (e) through (g), respectively.

1 (5) By inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(d) TRAINING.—The Secretary shall establish a
4 training program based at appropriate residential con-
5 servation centers or at other suitable regional Federal or
6 other appropriate facilities or sites to provide training for
7 Corps participants. The Secretary shall—

8 “(1) ensure that the duration and comprehen-
9 siveness of the training program shall be commensu-
10 rate with the projects Corps participants are ex-
11 pected to undertake;

12 “(2) develop department-wide standards for the
13 program that include training in—

14 “(A) resource stewardship;

15 “(B) ethics for those in public service;

16 “(C) principles of national service;

17 “(D) health and safety;

18 “(E) teamwork and leadership; and

19 “(F) interpersonal communications;

20 “(3) direct each participating agency to develop
21 agency-specific training guidelines to ensure that
22 Corps participants enrolled to undertake projects for
23 that agency are appropriately informed about mat-
24 ters specific to that agency, including—

1 “(A) the history and organization of the
2 agency;

3 “(B) the agency’s core values; and

4 “(C) any agency-specific standards for the
5 management of natural, cultural, historic, ar-
6 chaeological, recreational, and scenic resources;
7 and

8 “(4) take into account training already received
9 by Corps participants enrolled from qualified youth
10 or conservation corps, including in the matters out-
11 lined in paragraph (2).”.

12 (6) In subsection (e) (as so redesignated)—

13 (A) in paragraph (1)—

14 (i) by striking “The Secretary may
15 utilize the Corps or any qualified youth or
16 conservation corps to carry out appro-
17 priate” and inserting “The Secretary may
18 use Corps participants to carry out, under
19 appropriate supervision and training, ap-
20 propriate natural and cultural resource”;
21 and

22 (ii) by striking “law on public lands.”
23 and inserting the following: “law. Such
24 projects may include, but are not limited
25 to—

1 “(A) protection, restoration, or enhance-
2 ment of ecosystem components to promote spe-
3 cies recovery, improve biological diversity, en-
4 hance productivity and carbon sequestration,
5 and enhance adaptability and resilience of pub-
6 lic lands and resources in the face of climate
7 change and other natural and human disturb-
8 ances;

9 “(B) promoting the health of forests and
10 public lands, refuges, and coastal and marine
11 areas, including—

12 “(i) protection and restoration of wa-
13 tersheds and forest, riparian, estuarine,
14 grassland, coral reef, intertidal, or other
15 habitat;

16 “(ii) reduction of wildfire risk and
17 mitigation of damage from insects, disease,
18 and disasters;

19 “(iii) erosion control;

20 “(iv) control or removal of invasive,
21 noxious, or non-native species;

22 “(v) restoration of native species; and

23 “(vi) projects under the Healthy For-
24 ests Restoration Act of 2003 (Public Law
25 108-148);

1 Projects under this subparagraph shall be con-
2 sidered priority projects;

3 “(C) collection of biological, archaeological,
4 and other scientific data, including monitoring
5 of climatological information, species popu-
6 lations and movement, habitat status, and other
7 factors;

8 “(D) assisting in historical and cultural re-
9 search, archival and curatorial work, oral his-
10 tory projects, documentary photography, and
11 activities that support the creation of public
12 works of art related to public lands; and

13 “(E) construction, repair, rehabilitation,
14 green building retrofitting, and maintenance of
15 roads, trails, campgrounds, and other facilities,
16 employee housing, cultural and historic sites
17 and structures, and facilities that further the
18 purposes of the Public Lands Service Corps.”.

19 (B) By redesignating paragraphs (2) and
20 (3) as paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively.

21 (C) By inserting after paragraph (1) the
22 following:

23 “(2) VISITOR SERVICES.—The Secretary may—

24 “(A) enter into or amend an existing coop-
25 erative agreement with a cooperating associa-

1 tion, educational institute, friends group, or
2 similar nonprofit partner organization for the
3 purpose of providing training and work experi-
4 ence to Corps participants in areas including,
5 but not limited to, sales, office work, account-
6 ing, and management provided that the work
7 experience directly relates to the protection and
8 management of the public lands; and

9 “(B) allow Corps participants to help pro-
10 mote visitor safety and enjoyment of public
11 lands, and assist in the gathering of visitor use
12 data.

13 “(3) INTERPRETATION.—The Secretary may
14 assign Corps participants to provide interpretation
15 or education services for the public under the appro-
16 priate direction and supervision of agency personnel,
17 including—

18 “(A) providing orientation and information
19 services to visitors, including services for non-
20 English speaking visitors and visitors who use
21 American Sign Language;

22 “(B) assisting agency personnel in the de-
23 livery of interpretive or educational programs,
24 including outdoor learning and classroom learn-
25 ing;

1 “(C) presenting programs on Federal lands
2 or at schools, after-school programs, and youth-
3 serving community programs that relate the
4 personal experience of the Corps participant for
5 the purpose of promoting public awareness of
6 the Corps, its role in public land management
7 agencies, and its availability to potential partici-
8 pants; and

9 “(D) creating nonpersonal interpretive
10 products, such as Web site content, Junior
11 Ranger program books, printed handouts, and
12 audiovisual programs.”.

13 (D) In paragraph (4) (as so redesignated),
14 by striking “Appropriate conservation projects”
15 and inserting “Appropriate natural and cultural
16 resources conservation projects”.

17 (7) In subsection (g) (as so redesignated), by
18 striking “appropriate conservation project” inserting
19 “appropriate natural and cultural resources con-
20 servation project”.

21 (8) By amending the text of subsection (f) (as
22 so redesignated), by inserting “involve improvements
23 to Federal property and” after “preference to those
24 projects which”.

1 (9) By amending the text of subsection (f)(2)
 2 (as so redesignated) to read as follows: “will instill
 3 in Corps participants a work ethic and a sense of
 4 public service;”.

5 (10) In subsection (g) (as so redesignated), by
 6 striking “on eligible service lands”.

7 (11) By adding at the end the following:

8 “(h) OTHER PARTICIPANTS.—The Secretary may
 9 allow volunteers from other programs administered or des-
 10 ignated by the Secretary to participate as volunteers in
 11 projects carried out under this section on such terms as
 12 the Secretary considers appropriate.”.

13 (f) RESIDENTIAL CONSERVATION CENTERS AND
 14 PROGRAM SUPPORT.—Section 205 of the Act is amended
 15 as follows:

16 (1) In the section heading, by striking “CON-
 17 SERVATION” and inserting “RESIDENTIAL CON-
 18 SERVATION”.

19 (2) In subsection (a)—

20 (A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as
 21 follows:

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may estab-
 23 lish residential conservation centers for—

24 (A) such housing, food service, medical
 25 care, transportation, and other services as the

1 Secretary deems necessary for the Public Lands
2 Service Corps; and

3 “(B) the conduct of appropriate residential
4 conservation projects under this Act.”;

5 (B) by striking paragraph (2) and redesignating
6 paragraphs (3) and (4) as paragraphs
7 (2) and (3), respectively;

8 (C) in paragraph (2) (as so redesignated)—

10 (i) in the text, by inserting “residential”
11 before “conservation centers”; and

12 (ii) in the heading, by inserting “RES-
13 IDENTIAL” before “CONSERVATION CEN-
14 TERS”; and

15 (D) in paragraph (3) (as so redesignated),
16 by striking “with a State or” and inserting “a
17 cooperative agreement with another Federal,
18 State, or”.

19 (3) In subsection (b)—

20 (A) by striking “The Secretary” and in-
21 serting the following:

22 “(1) The Secretary”; and

23 (B) by adding at the end the following:

24 “(2) The Secretary may make arrangements
25 with other Federal agencies, States, local, and tribal

1 governments, or private organizations to provide
2 temporary housing as needed and available.

3 “(3) In project areas where Corps participants
4 can reasonably be expected to reside at their own
5 homes, the Secretary may fund or provide transpor-
6 tation to and from project sites.”.

7 (4) By redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
8 section (g):

9 (5) By inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(d) FACILITIES.—The Secretary may, as an appro-
12 priate natural and cultural resources conservation project,
13 direct Corps participants to aid in the rehabilitation or
14 construction of residential conservation center facilities,
15 including housing.

16 “(e) GREEN BUILDINGS.—The Secretary may seek
17 the assistance of the Secretary of Energy in identifying
18 and using solar and other green building technologies and
19 modular housing designs that may be adapted for residen-
20 tial conservation center facilities, including—

21 “(1) designs from the Department of Energy’s
22 Solar Decathlon competition; and

23 “(2) logistical support, assistance, and training
24 from Solar Decathlon participants.

1 “(f) MENTORS.—The Secretary may recruit from
 2 programs, such as agency volunteer programs, and from
 3 agency retirees, veterans groups, military retirees, active
 4 duty personnel, and from appropriate youth-serving orga-
 5 nizations, such adults as may be suitable and qualified to
 6 provide training, mentoring, and crew-leading services to
 7 Corps participants.”.

8 (6) In subsection (g) (as so redesignated), by
 9 striking “are appropriate to carry out this title” and
 10 inserting “the Secretary determines to be necessary
 11 for the residential conservation center”.

12 (g) RESOURCE ASSISTANTS AND CONSULTING IN-
 13 TERNS.—Section 206 of the Act is amended as follows:

14 (1) In the section heading, by inserting “**AND**
 15 **CONSULTING INTERNS**” before the period.

16 (2) In subsection (a), by striking “The Sec-
 17 retary is authorized to provide individual placements
 18 of resource” and inserting the following: “The Sec-
 19 retary is authorized, to provide individual place-
 20 ments of the following:

21 “(1) Resource”.

22 (3) By inserting after subsection (a)(1) (as so
 23 designated), the following:

24 “(2) Consulting interns with any Federal land,
 25 coastal, or ocean management agency under the ju-

1 jurisdiction of the Secretary to carry out management
2 analysis activities on behalf of the agency. To be eli-
3 gible for selection as a consulting intern, an indi-
4 vidual must be a current enrollee and have com-
5 pleted at least one full year at a graduate or profes-
6 sional school that has been accredited by an accred-
7 iting body that has been recognized by the Secretary
8 of Education. The Secretary may select consulting
9 interns without regard to the civil service and classi-
10 fication laws, rules, or regulations of the United
11 States.”.

12 (4) In subsection (b)—

13 (A) by inserting “or consulting interns”
14 before “through private sources”;

15 (B) in the second sentence, before the pe-
16 riod, by inserting “; up to 15 percent may be
17 in-kind”; and

18 (C) by striking “Resource Assistants” and
19 inserting “resource assistants or consulting in-
20 terns”.

21 (5) By adding at the end the following:

22 “(e) COST SHARING REQUIREMENTS.—At the Sec-
23 retary’s discretion, the requirements for cost sharing ap-
24 plicable to participating nonprofit organizations for the ex-
25 penses of resource assistants and consulting interns under

1 subsection (b) may be reduced to not less than 10 per-
2 cent.”.

3 (h) **TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.**—The Act is amended
4 by redesignating sections 207, 208, 209, 210, and 211 as
5 sections 208, 209, 210, 211, and 212, respectively.

6 (i) **GUIDANCE.**—The Act is amended by inserting
7 after section 206 the following:

8 **“SEC. 207. GUIDANCE.**

9 “Not later than 18 months after funds are made
10 available for this purpose, the Secretaries shall issue
11 guidelines for the management of the Public Lands Serv-
12 ice Corps programs for use by regional and State direc-
13 tors, and the supervisors of individual parks, forests, dis-
14 tricts, sanctuaries, reserves, hatcheries, and refuges.”.

15 (j) **LIVING ALLOWANCES AND TERMS OF SERVICE.**—
16 Section 208 of the Act (as so redesignated) is amended—

17 (1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-
18 lows:

19 “(a) **LIVING ALLOWANCES.**—The Secretary shall pro-
20 vide each Corps participant with a living allowance in an
21 amount established by the Secretary. The Secretary
22 may—

23 “(1) apply a cost-of-living differential to such
24 allowances; and

1 ~~“(2) reimburse Corps participants for travel~~
2 ~~costs at the beginning and end of their term of serv-~~
3 ~~ice if the Secretary deems appropriate.”;~~

4 (2) by amending the text of subsection (b) to
5 read as follows: “Each Corp participant shall agree
6 to participate in the Corps for such term of service
7 as may be established by the Secretary enrolling or
8 selecting the individual.”;

9 ~~(3) in the heading of subsection (c), by adding~~
10 ~~at the end “PREFERENCE AND FUTURE EMPLOY-~~
11 ~~MENT”;~~ and

12 (4) in subsection (c)—

13 (A) by amending paragraphs (1) and (2)
14 to read as follows:

15 ~~“(1) grant to a participant of the Public Lands~~
16 ~~Service Corps credit for service time in the Corps to~~
17 ~~be used as qualifying experience toward future Fed-~~
18 ~~eral hiring;~~

19 ~~“(2) provide to a former participant of the Pub-~~
20 ~~lie Lands Service Corps nonecompetitive hiring status~~
21 ~~for a period of not more than two years after the~~
22 ~~date on which the participant’s service with the Pub-~~
23 ~~lie Lands Service Corps is complete (not counting~~
24 ~~any time spent enrolled in an academic institution or~~
25 ~~trade school); if the candidate—~~

1 “(A) has served a minimum of 960 hours
2 on an appropriate natural or cultural resource
3 conservation project that included at least 120
4 hours through the Public Lands Service Corps;
5 and

6 “(B) meets Office of Personnel Manage-
7 ment qualification standards for the position to
8 which the candidate is applying;” and

9 (B) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(3) develop a system to provide consideration
11 for participants who cannot meet the requirements
12 of paragraph (2);

13 “(4) provide to an individual who has success-
14 fully fulfilled the resource assistant program non-
15 competitive hiring status for a period of not more
16 than two years after the date on which the indi-
17 vidual has completed an undergraduate degree from
18 an accredited institution;

19 “(5) provide to an individual who has success-
20 fully fulfilled the consulting internship program non-
21 competitive hiring status for a period of not more
22 than two years after the date on which the indi-
23 vidual has completed a graduate degree from an ac-
24 credited institution; and

1 “(6) provide, or enter into cooperative agree-
 2 ments with qualified employment agencies to pro-
 3 vide, alumni services such as job and education
 4 counseling, referrals, verification of service, commu-
 5 nications, and other appropriate services to partici-
 6 pants who have completed their Corps service.”.

7 (k) NATIONAL SERVICE EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—

8 Section 209 of the Act (as so redesignated) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “If a” and all
 10 that follows through “shall be eligible” and inserting
 11 “‘If a Corps participant also serves in an approved
 12 national service position designated under subtitle C
 13 of title I of the National and Community Service Act
 14 of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12571 et seq.), the Corps partici-
 15 pant shall be eligible’”; and

16 (2) in subsection (b), by striking—

17 (A) “either participants in the Corps or re-
 18 source assistants” and inserting “participants
 19 in the Corps”; and

20 (B) “or a resource assistant”.

21 (l) NONDISPLACEMENT.—Section 210 of the Act (as
 22 so redesignated) is amended to read as follows:

23 **“SEC. 210. NONDISPLACEMENT.**

24 “‘The nondisplacement requirements of the National
 25 and Community Service Act of 1990 shall be applicable

1 to all activities carried out by the Public Lands Service
2 Corps participants.”.

3 (m) FUNDING.—Section 211 of the Act (as so reded-
4 icated) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

6 (A) by striking “appropriate conservation
7 project” each place it appears and inserting
8 “appropriate natural and cultural resources
9 conservation project”; and

10 (B) by adding at the end the following:

11 “The Secretary may reduce to no less than 10
12 percent the non-Federal costs of a project when
13 the Secretary determines that it is necessary to
14 enable participation in the Public Lands Service
15 Corps from a greater range of organizations.”;

16 and

17 (2) in subsection (b)—

18 (A) by inserting “program” after “Corps”;

19 and

20 (B) by inserting “, consulting interns” be-
21 fore “and qualified youth”.

22 (n) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
23 212 of the Act (as so redesignated) is amended—

24 (1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-
25 lows:

1 “(a) ~~IN GENERAL.~~—There is authorized to be appro-
 2 priated to carry out this title \$12,000,000 for each of fis-
 3 cal years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015, of which
 4 no less than $\frac{3}{4}$ of the sums shall be made available for
 5 healthy forests restoration priority projects under section
 6 204(c)(1)(B)(vi).”;

7 (2) by striking subsection (b); and

8 (3) by redesignating subsection (e) as sub-
 9 section (b).

10 (c) ~~LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.~~—No person or
 11 entity who is a party to a pending lawsuit against the dis-
 12 pensing Secretary is eligible to receive funds authorized
 13 or made available under this Act or amendments made
 14 by this Act.

15 (d) ~~FURTHER LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS TO~~
 16 ~~PROTECT CHILDREN.~~—No adult shall be eligible to receive
 17 funds or participate in the Public Lands Service Corps
 18 program under this Act or amendments made by this Act,
 19 if that person—

20 (1) refuses to consent to a criminal history
 21 check;

22 (2) makes a false statement in connection with
 23 such a criminal history check;

24 (3) is registered, or is required to be registered,
 25 on a State sex offender registry or the National Sex

1 Offender Registry established under the Adam
2 Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (42
3 U.S.C. ~~16901~~ et seq.); or

4 (4) has been convicted of murder, as described
5 in section ~~1111~~ of title 18, United States Code.

6 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

7 *This Act may be cited as the “Public Lands Service*
8 *Corps Act of 2010”.*

9 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO SHORT TITLE.**

10 *Section 201 of the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993*
11 *(16 U.S.C. 1701 note; 107 Stat. 848) is amended to read*
12 *as follows:*

13 **“SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE; REFERENCES.**

14 *“(a) SHORT TITLE.—This title may be cited as the*
15 *‘Public Lands Service Corps Act of 1993’.*

16 *“(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference contained in any*
17 *law, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the*
18 *United States to the ‘Public Lands Corps Act of 1993’ shall*
19 *be considered to be a reference to the ‘Public Lands Service*
20 *Corps Act of 1993’.”.*

21 **SEC. 3. REFERENCE.**

22 *A reference in this Act to “the Act” is a reference to*
23 *the Public Lands Service Corps Act of 1993 (16 U.S.C. 1721*
24 *et seq.; title II of Public Law 91–378).*

1 **SEC. 4. AMENDMENTS TO THE PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE**
2 **CORPS ACT OF 1993.**

3 (a) *NAME AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION CHANGES.*—

4 *The Act is amended—*

5 (1) *in the title heading, by striking “PUBLIC*
6 **LANDS CORPS” and inserting “PUBLIC**
7 **LANDS SERVICE CORPS”;**

8 (2) *in section 204 (16 U.S.C. 1723), in the head-*
9 *ing, by striking “PUBLIC LANDS CORPS” and in-*
10 *serting “PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE CORPS”;*

11 (3) *in section 210(a)(2) (16 U.S.C. 1729(a)(2)),*
12 *in the heading, by striking “PUBLIC LANDS”;*

13 (4) *by striking “Public Lands Corps” each place*
14 *it appears and inserting “Corps”;*

15 (5) *by striking “conservation center” each place*
16 *it appears and inserting “residential conservation*
17 *center”;*

18 (6) *by striking “conservation centers” each place*
19 *it appears and inserting “residential conservation*
20 *centers”;*

21 (7) *by striking “appropriate conservation*
22 *project” each place it appears and inserting “appro-*
23 *prate natural and cultural resources conservation*
24 *project”;* and

25 (8) *by striking “appropriate conservation*
26 *projects” each place it appears and inserting “appro-*

1 *priate natural and cultural resources conservation*
2 *projects”.*

3 (b) *FINDINGS.—Section 202(a) (16 U.S.C. 1721(a)) of*
4 *the Act, as amended by subsection (a), is amended—*

5 (1) *in paragraph (1)—*

6 (A) *by striking “Corps can benefit” and in-*
7 *serting “conservation corps can benefit”; and*

8 (B) *by striking “the natural and cultural”*
9 *and inserting “natural and cultural”;*

10 (2) *by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as*
11 *paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively;*

12 (3) *by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-*
13 *lowing:*

14 “(2) *Participants in conservation corps receive*
15 *meaningful education and training, and their experi-*
16 *ence with conservation corps provides preparation for*
17 *careers in public service.*

18 “(3) *Young men and women who participate in*
19 *the rehabilitation and restoration of the natural, cul-*
20 *tural, historic, archaeological, recreational, and scenic*
21 *treasures of the United States will gain an increased*
22 *appreciation and understanding of the public lands*
23 *and heritage of the United States, and of the value of*
24 *public service, and are likely to become life-long advo-*
25 *cates for those values.”;*

1 (4) *in paragraph (4) (as redesignated by para-*
2 *graph (2)), by inserting “, cultural, historic, archae-*
3 *ological, recreational, and scenic” after “Many facili-*
4 *ties and natural”;* and

5 (5) *by adding at the end the following:*

6 “(6) *The work of conservation corps can benefit*
7 *communities adjacent to public lands and facilities*
8 *through renewed civic engagement and participation*
9 *by corps participants and those they serve, improved*
10 *student achievement, and restoration and rehabilita-*
11 *tion of public assets.”.*

12 (c) *PURPOSE.—Section 202(b) (16 U.S.C. 1721(b)) of*
13 *the Act is amended to read as follows:*

14 “(b) *PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—*

15 “(1) *to introduce young men and women to pub-*
16 *lic service while furthering their understanding and*
17 *appreciation of the natural, cultural, historic, archae-*
18 *ological, recreational, and scenic resources of the*
19 *United States;*

20 “(2) *to facilitate training and recruitment op-*
21 *portunities in which service is credited as qualifying*
22 *experience for careers in the management of such re-*
23 *sources;*

24 “(3) *to instill in a new generation of young men*
25 *and women from across the United States, including*

1 *young men and women from diverse backgrounds, the*
2 *desire to seek careers in resource stewardship and*
3 *public service by allowing them to work directly with*
4 *professionals in agencies responsible for the manage-*
5 *ment of the natural, cultural, historic, archaeological,*
6 *recreational, and scenic resources of the United*
7 *States;*

8 *“(4) to perform, in a cost-effective manner, ap-*
9 *propriate natural and cultural resources conservation*
10 *projects where such projects are not being performed*
11 *by existing employees;*

12 *“(5) to assist State and local governments and*
13 *Indian tribes in performing research and public edu-*
14 *cation tasks associated with the conservation of nat-*
15 *ural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational,*
16 *and scenic resources;*

17 *“(6) to expand educational opportunities on*
18 *public lands and by rewarding individuals who par-*
19 *ticipate in conservation corps with an increased abil-*
20 *ity to pursue higher education and job training;*

21 *“(7) to promote public understanding and ap-*
22 *preciation of the missions and the natural and cul-*
23 *tural resources conservation work of the participating*
24 *Federal agencies through training opportunities, com-*

1 *munity service and outreach, and other appropriate*
2 *means; and*

3 “(8) *to create a grant program for Indian tribes*
4 *to establish the Indian Youth Service Corps so that*
5 *Indian youth can benefit from carrying out projects*
6 *on Indian lands that the Indian tribes and commu-*
7 *nities determine to be priorities.”.*

8 (d) *DEFINITIONS.—Section 203 (16 U.S.C. 1722) of*
9 *the Act is amended—*

10 (1) *by redesignating paragraphs (3) through (7),*
11 *(8) through (10), and (11) through (13) as para-*
12 *graphs (5) through (9), (11) through (13), and (15)*
13 *through (17), respectively;*

14 (2) *by striking paragraphs (1) and (2) and in-*
15 *serting the following:*

16 “(1) *APPROPRIATE NATURAL AND CULTURAL RE-*
17 *SOURCES CONSERVATION PROJECT.—The term ‘appro-*
18 *prate natural and cultural resources conservation*
19 *project’ means any project for the conservation, res-*
20 *toration, construction, or rehabilitation of natural,*
21 *cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational, or sce-*
22 *nic resources.*

23 “(2) *CONSULTING INTERN.—The term ‘consulting*
24 *intern’ means a consulting intern selected under sec-*
25 *tion 206(a)(2).*

1 “(3) *CORPS AND PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE*
2 *CORPS.—The terms ‘Corps’ and ‘Public Lands Service*
3 *Corps’ mean the Public Lands Service Corps estab-*
4 *lished under section 204(a).*

5 “(4) *CORPS PARTICIPANT.—The term ‘Corps par-*
6 *ticipant’ means an individual enrolled—*

7 “(A) *in the Corps or the Indian Youth Serv-*
8 *ice Corps; or*

9 “(B) *as a resource assistant or consulting*
10 *intern.’;*

11 (3) *by inserting after paragraph (9) (as redesign-*
12 *ated by paragraph (1)) the following:*

13 “(10) *INDIAN YOUTH SERVICE CORPS.—The term*
14 *‘Indian Youth Service Corps’ means a qualified youth*
15 *or conservation corps established under section 207*
16 *that—*

17 “(A) *enrolls individuals between the ages of*
18 *15 and 25, inclusive, a majority of whom are In-*
19 *dians; and*

20 “(B) *is established pursuant to a tribal res-*
21 *olution that describes the agreement between the*
22 *Indian tribe and the qualified youth or conserva-*
23 *tion corps to operate an Indian Youth Service*
24 *Corps program for the benefit of the members of*
25 *the Indian tribe.’;*

1 (4) by amending paragraph (12) (as redesignig-
2 nated by paragraph (1)) to read as follows:

3 “(12) *PUBLIC LANDS.*—The term ‘public lands’
4 means any land or water (or interest therein) owned
5 or administered by the United States, including those
6 areas of coastal and ocean waters, the Great Lakes
7 and their connecting waters, and submerged lands
8 over which the United States exercises jurisdiction,
9 except that such term does not include Indian lands.”;

10 (5) by amending paragraph (13) (as redesignig-
11 nated by paragraph (1)) as follows:

12 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

13 (i) by striking “full-time,”;

14 (ii) by inserting “on eligible service
15 lands” after “resource setting”; and

16 (iii) by striking “16” and inserting
17 “15”;

18 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and”
19 at the end;

20 (C) in subparagraph (C), by striking the
21 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

22 (D) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(D) makes available for audit for each fis-
24 cal year for which the qualified youth or con-
25 servation corps receives Federal funds under this

1 *Act, all information pertaining to the expendi-*
2 *ture of the funds, any matching funds, and par-*
3 *ticipant demographics.”;*

4 *(6) by inserting after paragraph 13 (as redesign-*
5 *ated by paragraph (1)) the following:*

6 “(14) *RESIDENTIAL CONSERVATION CENTERS.—*
7 *The term ‘residential conservation centers’ means the*
8 *facilities authorized under section 205.”;*

9 *(7) in paragraph (15) (as redesignated by para-*
10 *graph (1)), by striking “206” and inserting*
11 *“206(a)(1)”;* and

12 *(8) in paragraph (16) (as redesignated by para-*
13 *graph (1))—*

14 *(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and”*
15 *at the end;*

16 *(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the*
17 *period at the end and inserting “; and”;* and

18 *(C) by adding at the end the following:*

19 *“(C) with respect to the National Marine*
20 *Sanctuary System, coral reefs, and other coastal,*
21 *estuarine, and marine habitats, and other lands*
22 *and facilities administered by the National Oce-*
23 *anic and Atmospheric Administration, the Sec-*
24 *retary of Commerce.”.*

1 (e) *PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE CORPS PROGRAM.*—*Sec-*
 2 *tion 204 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1723), as amended by sub-*
 3 *section (a), is amended—*

4 (1) *by redesignating subsections (b) and (c) and*
 5 *subsections (d) through (f) as subsections (c) and (d)*
 6 *and subsections (f) through (h), respectively;*

7 (2) *by striking subsection (a) and inserting the*
 8 *following:*

9 “(a) *ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE*
 10 *CORPS.*—*There is established in the Department of the Inte-*
 11 *rior, the Department of Agriculture, and the Department*
 12 *of Commerce a Public Lands Service Corps.*

13 “(b) *ESTABLISHMENT OF CORPS OFFICE; COORDINA-*
 14 *TORS; LIAISON.*—

15 “(1) *ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICES.*—

16 “(A) *DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.*—*The*
 17 *Secretary of the Interior shall establish a depart-*
 18 *ment-level office to coordinate the Corps activi-*
 19 *ties within the Department of the Interior.*

20 “(B) *DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.*—*The*
 21 *Secretary of Agriculture shall establish within*
 22 *the Forest Service an office to coordinate the*
 23 *Corps activities within that agency.*

24 “(C) *DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.*—*The*
 25 *Secretary of Commerce shall establish within the*

1 *National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administra-*
2 *tion an office to coordinate the Corps activities*
3 *within that agency.*

4 “(2) *ESTABLISHMENT OF COORDINATORS.*—*The*
5 *Secretary shall designate a Public Lands Service*
6 *Corps coordinator for each agency under the jurisdic-*
7 *tion of the Secretary that administers Corps activi-*
8 *ties.*

9 “(3) *ESTABLISHMENT OF LIAISON.*—*The Sec-*
10 *retary of the Interior shall establish an Indian Youth*
11 *Service Corps liaison that will—*

12 “(A) *provide outreach to Indian tribes*
13 *about opportunities for establishing Corps and*
14 *Indian Youth Service Corps programs; and*

15 “(B) *coordinate with the Tribal Liaison of*
16 *the Corporation for National Service to identify*
17 *and establish Corps and Indian Youth Service*
18 *Corps opportunities for Indian youth.”;*

19 (3) *by amending subsection (c) (as redesignated*
20 *by paragraph (1)) to read as follows:*

21 “(c) *PARTICIPANTS.*—

22 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary may enroll in*
23 *the Corps individuals who are—*

1 “(A) hired by an agency under the jurisdic-
2 tion of the Secretary to perform work authorized
3 under this Act; or

4 “(B) members of a qualified youth or con-
5 servation corps with which the Secretary has en-
6 tered into a cooperative agreement to perform
7 work authorized under this Act.

8 “(2) *RESOURCE ASSISTANTS AND CONSULTING*
9 *INTERNS.*—The Secretary may also enroll in the
10 Corps resource assistants and consulting interns in
11 accordance with section 206(a).

12 “(3) *ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.*—To be eligi-
13 ble for enrollment as a Corps participant, an indi-
14 vidual shall—

15 “(A) be between the ages of 15 and 25, in-
16 clusive; and

17 “(B) satisfy the requirements of section
18 137(a)(5) of the National and Community Serv-
19 ice Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12591(a)(5)).

20 “(4) *TERMS.*—Each Corps participant may be
21 enrolled in the Corps for a term of up to 2 years of
22 service, which may be served over a period that ex-
23 ceeds 2 calendar years.

24 “(5) *CIVIL SERVICE.*—An individual may be en-
25 rolled as a Corps participant without regard to the

1 *civil service and classification laws, rules, or regula-*
2 *tions of the United States.*

3 “(6) *PREFERENCE.*—*The Secretary may estab-*
4 *lish a preference for the enrollment as Corps partici-*
5 *pants individuals who are economically, physically,*
6 *or educationally disadvantaged.”;*

7 (4) *in subsection (d) (as redesignated by para-*
8 *graph (1))—*

9 (A) *in paragraph (1)—*

10 (i) *by striking “contracts and”;* and

11 (ii) *by striking “subsection (d)” and*
12 *inserting “subsection (f)”;*

13 (B) *by striking paragraph (2);* and

14 (C) *by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-*
15 *lowing:*

16 “(2) *RECRUITMENT.*—*The Secretary shall carry*
17 *out, or enter into cooperative agreements to provide,*
18 *a program to attract eligible youth to the Corps by*
19 *publicizing Corps opportunities through high schools,*
20 *colleges, employment centers, electronic media, and*
21 *other appropriate institutions and means.*

22 “(3) *PREFERENCE.*—*In entering into cooperative*
23 *agreements under paragraph (1) or awarding com-*
24 *petitive grants to Indian tribes or tribally authorized*
25 *organizations under section 207, the Secretary may*

1 *give preference to qualified youth or conservation*
2 *corps that are located in specific areas where a sub-*
3 *stantial portion of members are economically, phys-*
4 *ically, or educationally disadvantaged.”;*

5 *(5) by inserting after subsection (d) (as redesign-*
6 *ated by paragraph (1)) the following:*

7 “(e) *TRAINING.—*

8 “(1) *IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish*
9 *a training program based at appropriate residential*
10 *conservation centers or at other suitable regional Fed-*
11 *eral or other appropriate facilities or sites to provide*
12 *training for Corps participants.*

13 “(2) *REQUIREMENTS.—In establishing a train-*
14 *ing program under paragraph (1), the Secretary*
15 *shall—*

16 “(A) *ensure that the duration and com-*
17 *prehensiveness of the training program shall be*
18 *commensurate with the projects Corps partici-*
19 *pants are expected to undertake;*

20 “(B) *develop department-wide standards for*
21 *the program that include training in—*

22 “(i) *resource stewardship;*

23 “(ii) *health and safety;*

24 “(iii) *ethics for individuals in public*
25 *service;*

1 “(iv) teamwork and leadership; and

2 “(v) interpersonal communications;

3 “(C) direct the participating agencies with-
4 in the Department of the Interior, the Forest
5 Service in the case of the Department of Agri-
6 culture, and the National Oceanic and Atmos-
7 pheric Administration in the case of the Depart-
8 ment of Commerce, to develop agency-specific
9 training guidelines to ensure that Corps partici-
10 pants are appropriately informed about matters
11 specific to that agency, including—

12 “(i) the history and organization of the
13 agency;

14 “(ii) the mission of the agency; and

15 “(iii) any agency-specific standards for
16 the management of natural, cultural, his-
17 toric, archaeological, recreational, and sce-
18 nic resources; and

19 “(D) take into account training already re-
20 ceived by Corps participants enrolled from quali-
21 fied youth or conservation corps.”;

22 (6) in subsection (f) (as redesignated by para-
23 graph (1))—

24 (A) in paragraph (1)—

1 (i) *in the heading, by striking “IN*
2 *GENERAL.—” and inserting “USE OF*
3 *CORPS; PROJECTS.—”;*

4 (ii) *by striking “The Secretary may*
5 *utilize the Corps or any qualified youth or*
6 *conservation corps to carry out” and insert-*
7 *ing the following:*

8 “(A) *IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may use*
9 *the Corps to carry out, with appropriate super-*
10 *vision and training,”;*

11 (iii) *by striking “on public lands” and*
12 *inserting on “on eligible service lands”; and*

13 (iv) *by adding at the end the following:*

14 “(B) *PROJECTS.—Appropriate natural and*
15 *cultural resources conservation projects carried*
16 *out under this section may include—*

17 “(i) *protecting, restoring, or enhancing*
18 *ecosystem components to promote species re-*
19 *covery, improve biological diversity, en-*
20 *hance productivity and carbon sequestra-*
21 *tion, and enhance adaptability and resil-*
22 *ience of eligible service lands and resources*
23 *to climate change and other natural and*
24 *human disturbances;*

1 “(ii) promoting the health of eligible
2 service lands, including—

3 “(I) protecting and restoring wa-
4 tersheds and forest, grassland, ripar-
5 ian, estuarine, marine, or other habi-
6 tat;

7 “(II) reducing the risk of
8 uncharacteristically severe wildfire and
9 mitigating damage from insects, dis-
10 ease, and disasters;

11 “(III) controlling erosion;

12 “(IV) controlling and removing
13 invasive, noxious, or nonnative species;
14 and

15 “(V) restoring native species;

16 “(iii) collecting biological, archae-
17 ological, and other scientific data, including
18 climatological information, species popu-
19 lations and movement, habitat status, and
20 other information;

21 “(iv) assisting in historical and cul-
22 tural research, museum curatorial work,
23 oral history projects, documentary photog-
24 raphy, and activities that support the cre-

1 *ation of public works of art related to eligi-*
2 *ble service lands; and*

3 *“(v) constructing, repairing, rehabili-*
4 *tating, and maintaining roads, trails,*
5 *campgrounds and other visitor facilities,*
6 *employee housing, cultural and historic sites*
7 *and structures, and other facilities that fur-*
8 *ther the purposes of this Act.”;*

9 *(B) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and*
10 *(3) as paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively; and*

11 *(C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-*
12 *lowing:*

13 *“(2) VISITOR SERVICES.—The Secretary may—*

14 *“(A) enter into or amend an existing coop-*
15 *erative agreement with a cooperating associa-*
16 *tion, educational institution, friends group, or*
17 *similar nonprofit partner organization for the*
18 *purpose of providing training and work experi-*
19 *ence to Corps participants in areas such as sales,*
20 *office work, accounting, and management, pro-*
21 *vided that the work experience directly relates to*
22 *the conservation and management of eligible*
23 *service lands; and*

24 *“(B) allow Corps participants to help pro-*
25 *mote visitor safety and enjoyment of eligible*

1 *service lands, and assist in the gathering of vis-*
2 *itor use data.*

3 “(3) *INTERPRETATION.*—*The Secretary may per-*
4 *mit Corps participants to provide interpretation or*
5 *education services for the public under the direct and*
6 *immediate supervision of an agency employee—*

7 “(A) *to provide orientation and information*
8 *services to visitors;*

9 “(B) *to assist agency employees in the deliv-*
10 *ery of interpretive or educational programs*
11 *where audience size, environmental conditions,*
12 *safety, or other factors make such assistance de-*
13 *sirable;*

14 “(C) *to present programs that relate the*
15 *personal experience of the Corps participants for*
16 *the purpose of promoting public awareness of the*
17 *Corps, the role of the Corps in public land man-*
18 *agement agencies, and the availability of the*
19 *Corps to potential participants; and*

20 “(D) *to create nonpersonal interpretive*
21 *products, such as website content, Junior Ranger*
22 *program books, printed handouts, and audio-*
23 *visual programs.”;*

24 (7) *in subsection (g) (as redesignated by para-*
25 *graph (1))—*

1 (A) *in the matter preceding the first para-*
2 *graph, by striking “those projects which” and in-*
3 *serting “priority projects and other projects*
4 *that”;* and

5 (B) *by striking paragraph (2) and inserting*
6 *the following:*

7 “(2) *will instill in Corps participants a work*
8 *ethic and a sense of public service;”;* and

9 (8) *by adding at the end the following:*

10 “(i) *OTHER PARTICIPANTS.—The Secretary may allow*
11 *volunteers from other programs administered or designated*
12 *by the Secretary to participate as volunteers in projects car-*
13 *ried out under this section.*

14 “(j) *CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS.—*

15 “(1) *IN GENERAL.—The requirements of section*
16 *189D(b) of the National and Community Service Act*
17 *of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12645g(b)) shall apply to each in-*
18 *dividual age 18 or older seeking—*

19 “(A) *to become a Corps participant;*

20 “(B) *to receive funds authorized under this*
21 *Act; or*

22 “(C) *to supervise or otherwise have regular*
23 *contact with Corps participants in activities au-*
24 *thorized under this Act.*

1 “(2) *ELIGIBILITY PROHIBITION.*—*If any of para-*
2 *graphs (1) through (4) of section 189D(c) of the Na-*
3 *tional and Community Service Act of 1990 (42*
4 *U.S.C. 12645g(c)(1)–(4)) apply to an individual de-*
5 *scribed in paragraph (1), that individual shall not be*
6 *eligible for the position or activity described in para-*
7 *graph (1), unless the Secretary provides an exemption*
8 *for good cause.”.*

9 *(f) RESIDENTIAL CONSERVATION CENTERS AND PRO-*
10 *GRAM SUPPORT.*—*Section 205 (16 U.S.C. 1724) of the Act*
11 *is amended—*

12 *(1) in the section heading, by striking “CON-*
13 *SERVATION” and inserting “RESIDENTIAL CON-*
14 *SERVATION”;*

15 *(2) in subsection (a)—*

16 *(A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as*
17 *follows:*

18 *“(1) IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary may establish*
19 *residential conservation centers for—*

20 *“(A) such housing, food service, medical*
21 *care, transportation, and other services as the*
22 *Secretary deems necessary for Corps partici-*
23 *pants; and*

1 “(B) the conduct of appropriate natural
2 and cultural resources conservation projects
3 under this Act.”;

4 (B) by striking paragraph (2);

5 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and
6 (4) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively;

7 (D) in paragraph (2) (as redesignated by
8 subparagraph (C)), in the heading, by striking
9 “FOR CONSERVATION CENTERS”; and

10 (E) in paragraph (3) (as redesignated by
11 subparagraph (C)), by striking “a State or local
12 government agency” and inserting “another Fed-
13 eral agency, State, local government,”;

14 (3) in subsection (b)—

15 (A) by striking “The Secretary” and insert-
16 ing the following:

17 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary”; and

18 (B) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(2) *TEMPORARY HOUSING.*—The Secretary may
20 make arrangements with another Federal agency,
21 State, local government, or private organization to
22 provide temporary housing for Corps participants as
23 needed and available.

24 “(3) *TRANSPORTATION.*—In project areas where
25 Corps participants can reasonably be expected to re-

1 *side at their own homes, the Secretary may fund or*
2 *provide transportation to and from project sites.”;*

3 (4) *by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection*
4 *(f);*

5 (5) *by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-*
6 *lowing:*

7 “(d) *FACILITIES.—The Secretary may, as an appro-*
8 *priate natural and cultural resources conservation project,*
9 *direct Corps participants to aid in the construction or reha-*
10 *bilitation of residential conservation center facilities, in-*
11 *cluding housing.*

12 “(e) *MENTORS.—The Secretary may recruit from pro-*
13 *grams, such as Federal volunteer and encore service pro-*
14 *grams, and from veterans groups, military retirees, and ac-*
15 *tive duty personnel, such adults as may be suitable and*
16 *qualified to provide training, mentoring, and crew-leading*
17 *services to Corps participants.”; and*

18 (6) *in subsection (f) (as redesignated by para-*
19 *graph (4)), by striking “that are appropriate” and*
20 *all that follows through the period and inserting “that*
21 *the Secretary determines to be necessary for a residen-*
22 *tial conservation center.”.*

23 (g) *RESOURCE ASSISTANTS AND CONSULTING IN-*
24 *TERNs.—Section 206 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1725) is amend-*
25 *ed—*

1 (1) *in the section heading, by inserting “**AND***
2 ***CONSULTING INTERNS*” before the period;**

3 (2) *by striking subsections (a) and (b) and in-*
4 *serting the following:*

5 “(a) *AUTHORIZATION.—*

6 “(1) *RESOURCE ASSISTANTS.—*

7 “(A) *IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may*
8 *provide individual placements of resource assist-*
9 *ants with any agency under the jurisdiction of*
10 *the Secretary that carries out appropriate nat-*
11 *ural and cultural resources conservation projects*
12 *to carry out research or resource protection ac-*
13 *tivities on behalf of the agency.*

14 “(B) *ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible for selec-*
15 *tion as a resource assistant, an individual shall*
16 *be at least 17 years of age.*

17 “(C) *PREFERENCE.—In selecting resource*
18 *assistants for placement under this paragraph,*
19 *the Secretary shall give a preference to individ-*
20 *uals who are enrolled in an institution of higher*
21 *education or are recent graduates from an insti-*
22 *tution of higher education, with particular atten-*
23 *tion given to ensuring full representation of*
24 *women and participants from Historically Black*

1 *Colleges and Universities, Hispanic-serving in-*
2 *stitutions, and Tribal Colleges and Universities.*

3 “(2) *CONSULTING INTERNS.*—

4 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary may*
5 *provide individual placements of consulting in-*
6 *terns with any agency under the jurisdiction of*
7 *the Secretary that carries out appropriate nat-*
8 *ural and cultural resources conservation projects*
9 *to carry out management analysis activities on*
10 *behalf of the agency.*

11 “(B) *ELIGIBILITY.*—*To be eligible for selec-*
12 *tion as a consulting intern, an individual shall*
13 *be enrolled in, and have completed at least 1 full*
14 *year at, a graduate or professional school that*
15 *has been accredited by an accrediting body recog-*
16 *nized by the Secretary of Education.*

17 “(b) *USE OF EXISTING NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.*—

18 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Whenever 1 or more non-*
19 *profit organizations can provide appropriate recruit-*
20 *ment and placement services to fulfill the require-*
21 *ments of this section, the Secretary may implement*
22 *this section through such organizations.*

23 “(2) *EXPENSES.*—*Participating organizations*
24 *shall contribute to the expenses of providing and sup-*
25 *porting the resource assistants or consulting interns*

1 *from sources of funding other than the Secretary, at*
2 *a level of not less than 25 percent of the total costs*
3 *(15 percent of which may be from in-kind sources) of*
4 *each participant in the resource assistant or con-*
5 *sulting intern program who has been recruited and*
6 *placed through that organization.*

7 “(3) *REPORTING.*—*Each participating organiza-*
8 *tion shall be required to submit an annual report*
9 *evaluating the scope, size, and quality of the program,*
10 *including the value of work contributed by the re-*
11 *source assistants and consulting interns, to the mis-*
12 *sion of the agency.”.*

13 “(h) *TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.*—*The Act is amended by*
14 *redesignating sections 207 through 211 (16 U.S.C. 1726*
15 *through 1730) as sections 209 through 213, respectively.*

16 “(i) *INDIAN YOUTH SERVICE CORPS.*—*The Act is*
17 *amended by inserting after section 206 (16 U.S.C. 1725)*
18 *the following:*

19 “**SEC. 207. INDIAN YOUTH SERVICE CORPS.**

20 “(a) *AUTHORIZATION OF COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS*
21 *AND COMPETITIVE GRANTS.*—*The Secretary is authorized*
22 *to enter into cooperative agreements with, or make competi-*
23 *tive grants to, Indian tribes and qualified youth or con-*
24 *servation corps for the establishment and administration of*
25 *Indian Youth Service Corps programs to carry out appro-*

1 *priate natural and cultural resources conservation projects*
2 *on Indian lands.*

3 “(b) *APPLICATION.*—*To be eligible to receive assistance*
4 *under this section, an Indian tribe or a qualified youth or*
5 *conservation corps shall submit to the Secretary an applica-*
6 *tion in such manner and containing such information as*
7 *the Secretary may require, including—*

8 “(1) *a description of the methods by which In-*
9 *dian youth will be recruited for and retained in the*
10 *Indian Youth Service Corps;*

11 “(2) *a description of the projects to be carried*
12 *out by the Indian Youth Service Corps;*

13 “(3) *a description of how the projects were iden-*
14 *tified; and*

15 “(4) *an explanation of the impact of, and the di-*
16 *rect community benefits provided by, the proposed*
17 *projects.”.*

18 (j) *GUIDANCE.*—*The Act is amended by inserting after*
19 *section 207 (as amended by subsection (i)) the following:*

20 **“SEC. 208. GUIDANCE.**

21 “*Not later than 18 months after funds are made avail-*
22 *able to the Secretary to carry out this Act, the Secretary*
23 *shall issue guidelines for the management of programs*
24 *under the jurisdiction of the Secretary that are authorized*
25 *under this Act.”.*

1 (k) *LIVING ALLOWANCES AND TERMS OF SERVICE.*—
2 *Section 209 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1726) (as redesignated*
3 *by subsection (h)) is amended by striking subsections (a),*
4 *(b), and (c) and inserting the following:*

5 “(a) *LIVING ALLOWANCES.*—

6 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary shall provide*
7 *each Corps participant with a living allowance in an*
8 *amount established by the Secretary.*

9 “(2) *COST-OF-LIVING DIFFERENTIAL; TRAVEL*
10 *COSTS.*—*The Secretary may—*

11 “(A) *apply a cost-of-living differential to*
12 *the living allowances established under para-*
13 *graph (1); and*

14 “(B) *if the Secretary determines reimburse-*
15 *ment to be appropriate, reimburse Corps partici-*
16 *pants for travel costs at the beginning and end*
17 *of the term of service of the Corps participants.*

18 “(b) *TERMS OF SERVICE.*—

19 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Each Corps participant*
20 *shall agree to participate for such term of service as*
21 *may be established by the Secretary.*

22 “(2) *CONSULTATIONS.*—*With respect to the In-*
23 *Indian Youth Service Corps, the term of service shall be*
24 *established in consultation with the affected Indian*
25 *tribe or tribally authorized organization.*

1 “(c) *HIRING PREFERENCE AND FUTURE EMPLOY-*
2 *MENT.—The Secretary may—*

3 “(1) *grant to a Corps participant credit for time*
4 *served as a Corps participant, which may be used to-*
5 *ward future Federal hiring;*

6 “(2) *provide to a former participant of the Corps*
7 *or the Indian Youth Service Corps noncompetitive*
8 *hiring status for a period of not more than 2 years*
9 *after the date on which the service of the candidate*
10 *in the Corps or the Indian Youth Service Corps was*
11 *complete, if the candidate—*

12 “(A) *has served a minimum of 960 hours on*
13 *an appropriate natural or cultural resources*
14 *conservation project that included at least 120*
15 *hours through the Corps or the Indian Youth*
16 *Service Corps; and*

17 “(B) *meets Office of Personnel Management*
18 *qualification standards for the position for which*
19 *the candidate is applying;*

20 “(3) *provide to a former resource assistant or*
21 *consulting intern noncompetitive hiring status for a*
22 *period of not more than 2 years after the date on*
23 *which the individual has completed an undergraduate*
24 *or graduate degree, respectively, from an accredited*
25 *institution, if the candidate—*

1 “(A) successfully fulfilled the resource assist-
2 ant or consulting intern program requirements;
3 and

4 “(B) meets Office of Personnel Management
5 qualification standards for the position for which
6 the candidate is applying; and

7 “(4) provide, or enter into contracts or coopera-
8 tive agreements with qualified employment agencies
9 to provide, alumni services such as job and education
10 counseling, referrals, verification of service, commu-
11 nications, and other appropriate services to Corps
12 participants who have completed the term of service.”.

13 (l) NATIONAL SERVICE EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—Sec-
14 tion 210 (16 U.S.C. 1727) of the Act (as redesignated by
15 subsection (h)) is amended—

16 (1) in subsection (a) (as amended by subsection
17 (a)(4)), in the first sentence—

18 (A) by striking “participant in the Corps or
19 a resource assistant” and inserting “Corps par-
20 ticipant”; and

21 (B) by striking “participant or resource as-
22 sistant” and inserting “Corps participant”; and

23 (2) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) by striking “either participants in the
2 Corps or resource assistants” and inserting
3 “Corps participants”; and

4 (B) by striking “or a resource assistant”.

5 (m) *NONDISPLACEMENT*.—Section 211 of the Act (16
6 U.S.C. 1728) (as redesignated by subsection (h)) is amended
7 by striking “activities carried out” and all that follows
8 through the period and inserting “Corps participants.”.

9 (n) *FUNDING*.—Section 212 of the Act (16 U.S.C.
10 1729) (as redesignated by subsection (h)) is amended—

11 (1) in subsection (a)—

12 (A) in paragraph (1)—

13 (i) in the second sentence, by striking
14 “non-federal sources” and inserting “sources
15 other than the Secretary”; and

16 (ii) by inserting after the second sen-
17 tence the following: “The Secretary may
18 pay up to 90 percent of the costs of a
19 project if the Secretary determines that the
20 reduction is necessary to enable participa-
21 tion from a greater range of organizations
22 or individuals.”; and

23 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “or In-
24 dian Youth Service Corps” after “Corps” each
25 place it appears;

1 (2) *by amending subsection (b) to read as fol-*
2 *lows:*

3 “(b) *FUNDS AVAILABLE UNDER NATIONAL AND COM-*
4 *MUNITY SERVICE ACT.—To carry out this Act, the Sec-*
5 *retary shall be eligible to apply for and receive assistance*
6 *under section 121(b) of the National and Community Serv-*
7 *ice Act (42 U.S.C. 12571(b)).”;* and

8 (3) *in subsection (c)—*

9 (A) *by striking “section 211” and inserting*
10 *“section 213”;* and

11 (B) *by inserting “or Indian Youth Service*
12 *Corps” after “Corps”.*

13 (o) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section*
14 *213 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1730) (as redesignated by sub-*
15 *section (h)) is amended—*

16 (1) *by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-*
17 *lows:*

18 “(a) *IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appro-*
19 *priated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this*
20 *Act.”;*

21 (2) *by striking subsection (b); and*

22 (3) *by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection*
23 *(b).*

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AN ACT

To amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service opportunities for young Americans; help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational and scenic resources; train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts; and promote the value of public service.

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