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# S. 1241

To amend Public Law 106–206 to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to require annual permits and assess annual fees for commercial filming activities on Federal land for film crews of 5 persons or fewer.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 11, 2009

Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. TESTER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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

3       **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

4       The purpose of this Act is to provide commercial film  
5       crews of 5 persons or fewer access to film in areas des-  
6       ignated for public use during public hours on Federal  
7       lands and waterways.

1 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL PERMIT AND FEE FOR FILM CREWS OF 5**  
2 **PERSONS OR FEWER.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section (1)(a) of Public Law 106–  
4 206 (16 U.S.C. 4601–6d) is amended by—

5 (1) redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), and (3)  
6 as subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), respectively;

7 (2) striking “The Secretary of the Interior” and  
8 inserting “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by  
9 paragraph (3), the Secretary of the Interior”;

10 (3) inserting “(2) OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.—”  
11 before “The Secretary may include other factors”;  
12 and

13 (4) adding at the end the following new para-  
14 graph:

15 “(3) SPECIAL RULES FOR FILM CREWS OF 5  
16 PERSONS OR FEWER.—

17 “(A) For any film crew of 5 persons or  
18 fewer, the Secretary shall require a permit and  
19 assess an annual fee of \$200 for commercial  
20 filming activities or similar projects on Federal  
21 lands and waterways administered by the Sec-  
22 retary. The permit shall be valid for commercial  
23 filming activities or similar projects that occur  
24 in areas designated for public use during public  
25 hours on all Federal lands and waterways ad-  
26 ministered by the Secretary for a 12-month pe-

1           riod beginning on the date of issuance of the  
2           permit.

3           “(B) For persons holding a permit de-  
4           scribed in this paragraph, the Secretary shall  
5           not assess, during the effective period of the  
6           permit, any additional fee for commercial film-  
7           ing activities and similar projects that occur in  
8           areas designated for public use during public  
9           hours on Federal lands and waterways adminis-  
10          tered by the Secretary.

11          “(C) In this paragraph, the term ‘film  
12          crew’ includes all persons present on Federal  
13          land under the Secretary’s jurisdiction who are  
14          associated with the production of a certain film.

15          “(D) The Secretary shall not prohibit, as  
16          a mechanized apparatus or under any other  
17          purposes, use of cameras or related equipment  
18          used for the purpose of commercial filming ac-  
19          tivities or similar projects in accordance with  
20          this paragraph on Federal lands and waterways  
21          administered by the Secretary.”.

22          (b) RECOVERY OF COSTS.—Section (1)(b) of Public  
23          Law 106–206 (16 U.S.C. 460l–6d) is amended by—

24                  (1) striking “collect any costs” and inserting  
25                  “recover any costs”; and

- 1 (2) striking “similar project” and inserting
- 2 “similar projects”.

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