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H. R. 2950

To amend section 200303 of title 54, United States Code, to ensure that amounts are made available for projects to provide recreational public access, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PEARCE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Natural Resources

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Making Public Lands
5 Public Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AVAILABILITY OF LAND AND WATER CONSERVA-**
2 **TION FUND FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC ACCESS**
3 **PROJECTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 200303 of title 54, United
5 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

6 **“§ 200303. Availability of funds for certain priority**
7 **projects**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other pro-
9 vision of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior and the
10 Secretary of Agriculture shall ensure that, of the amounts
11 appropriated for the fund for each fiscal year, not less
12 than the greater of 3 percent of the amounts or
13 \$20,000,000 shall be made available for projects identified
14 on the priority list developed under subsection (b).

15 “(b) PRIORITY LIST.—The Secretary of the Interior
16 and the Secretary of Agriculture, in consultation with the
17 head of each affected Federal agency, shall annually de-
18 velop a priority list for projects related to Federal land
19 under the jurisdiction of the applicable Secretary.

20 “(c) CRITERIA.—Projects identified on the priority
21 list developed under subsection (b) shall—

22 “(1) maintain or increase public access to exist-
23 ing Federal public land for hunting, fishing, or rec-
24 reational shooting through acquisition of rights-of-
25 way or acquisition of land (or any interest in land)

1 through equal value land exchanges from willing
2 owners; or

3 “(2) enhance, maintain, or restore access on ex-
4 isting roads, trails, or rights-of-way.”.

5 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

6 (1) LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND
7 ACT.—Chapter 2003 of title 54, United States Code,
8 is amended—

9 (A) in the first sentence of section 200308,
10 by striking “by section 200303 of this title”;
11 and

12 (B) in the third sentence of section
13 200309, by striking “by section 200303 of this
14 title”.

15 (2) FEDERAL LAND TRANSACTION FACILITA-
16 TION ACT.—Section 206(f)(2) of the Federal Land
17 Transaction Facilitation Act (43 U.S.C. 2305(f)(2))
18 is amended by striking “section 3 of the Land and
19 Water Conservation Fund Act (16 U.S.C. 4601–6)”
20 and inserting “chapter 2003 of title 54, United
21 States Code”.

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