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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 26, 2017

Mr. BISHOP of Utah introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, Transportation and Infrastructure, Energy and Commerce, and Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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Additional sponsors: Mr. POLIS, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. BEYER, Mrs. LOVE, Mr. ROSS, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. COFFMAN, Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana, Mr. KING of Iowa, Ms. SINEMA, and Ms. NORTON

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Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Energy and Commerce discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on July 26, 2017]

A BILL

To promote innovative approaches to outdoor recreation on Federal land and to open up opportunities for collaboration with non-Federal partners, and for other purposes.

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) *SHORT TITLE.*—*This Act may be cited as the*
 5 *“Recreation Not Red Tape Act”.*

6 (b) *TABLE OF CONTENTS.*—*The table of contents of this*
 7 *Act is as follows:*

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Definitions.

Sec. 3. Sense of Congress regarding outdoor recreation.

TITLE I—MODERNIZING RECREATION PERMITTING

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Sec. 110. Cost recovery reform.

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pass.*

TITLE II—ACCESSING THE OUTDOORS

Sec. 201. Access for servicemembers and veterans.

TITLE III—MAKING RECREATION A PRIORITY

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Sec. 302. Recreation performance metrics.

Sec. 303. Recreation mission.

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TITLE IV—MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC LAND

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Sec. 411. Interagency trail management.

TITLE V—21ST CENTURY CONSERVATION SERVICE CORPS

- Sec. 501. Short title.*
Sec. 502. Purposes.
Sec. 503. Definitions.
Sec. 504. 21st Century Conservation Service Corps.
Sec. 505. 21st Century Conservation Service Corps conservation centers and program support.
Sec. 506. Resource assistants.
Sec. 507. Eligibility for noncompetitive hiring status.
Sec. 508. National service educational awards.
Sec. 509. Nondisplacement.
Sec. 510. Funding.
Sec. 511. Indian Youth 21st Century Conservation Service Corps; Rule of construction.
Sec. 512. Direct hire authority.
Sec. 513. National and community service programs.
Sec. 514. Youth conservation corps.

TITLE VI—EVERY KID OUTDOORS

- Sec. 601. Short title.*
Sec. 602. Definitions.
Sec. 603. Every kid outdoors program.

1 SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

2 *In this Act:*

3 (1) FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY.—*The*
4 term “Federal land management agency” has the
5 meaning given the term in section 802 of the Federal
6 Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C.
7 6801).

8 (2) FEDERAL RECREATIONAL LANDS AND
9 WATER.—*The term “Federal recreational lands and*
**10 water” has the meaning given the term “Federal rec-
11 reational lands and waters” in section 802 of the
12 Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16
13 U.S.C. 6801).**

1 (3) *SECRETARIES.*—*Except as otherwise pro-*
2 *vided in this Act, the term “Secretaries” means—*

3 (A) *the Secretary of the Interior; and*

4 (B) *the Secretary of Agriculture*

5 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING OUTDOOR**
6 **RECREATION.**

7 *It is the sense of Congress that—*

8 (1) *outdoor recreation and the outdoor industry*
9 *that outdoor recreation supports are vital to the*
10 *United States;*

11 (2) *access to outdoor recreation on land and*
12 *waters of the United States is important to the health*
13 *and wellness of all people of the United States, espe-*
14 *cially young people;*

15 (3) *in addition to the overall economic benefit of*
16 *outdoor recreation, the economic benefits of outdoor*
17 *recreation on Federal lands create significant eco-*
18 *nomical and employment benefits to rural economies;*

19 (4) *Congress supports the creation of outdoor*
20 *recreation sector leadership positions within the eco-*
21 *nomical development offices of States or in the office of*
22 *the Governor, as well as coordination with recreation*
23 *and tourism organizations within the State to guide*
24 *the growth of this sector, as evidenced by recent exam-*
25 *ples in the States of Colorado, Utah, and Washington;*

1 (5) *State and local recreation and tourism offices*
2 *play a pivotal role in—*

3 (A) *coordinating State outdoor recreation*
4 *policies, management, and promotion among*
5 *Federal, State, and local agencies and entities;*

6 (B) *disseminating information, increasing*
7 *awareness, and growing demand for outdoor*
8 *recreation experiences among visitors across the*
9 *United States and throughout the world;*

10 (C) *improving funding for, access to, and*
11 *participation in outdoor recreation; and*

12 (D) *promoting economic development in the*
13 *State by coordinating with stakeholders, improv-*
14 *ing recreational opportunities, and recruiting*
15 *outdoor recreation businesses;*

16 (6) *Congress supports the coordination and col-*
17 *laboration of the Federal and State land and water*
18 *management agencies in the delivery of visitor serv-*
19 *ices and management of outdoor recreation for the*
20 *United States; and*

21 (7) *Congress recognizes—*

22 (A) *the growing role that recreation has on*
23 *public land and water;*

24 (B) *the need to provide adequate staffing*
25 *within Federal land management agencies to fa-*

1 *ilitate sustainable and accessible outdoor recre-*
2 *ation opportunities; and*

3 *(C) the important role that volunteers and*
4 *volunteer partnerships play in maintaining pub-*
5 *lic land.*

6 ***TITLE I—MODERNIZING***
7 ***RECREATION PERMITTING***

8 ***SEC. 101. DEFINITION.***

9 *In this title the term “Secretary” means—*

10 *(1) the Secretary of the Interior, with respect to*
11 *a Federal land management agency (other than the*
12 *Forest Service); and*

13 *(2) the Secretary of Agriculture, with respect to*
14 *the Forest Service.*

15 ***SEC. 102. SPECIAL RECREATION PERMIT AND FEE.***

16 *Subsection (h) of section 803 of the Federal Lands*
17 *Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C. 6802) is amended*
18 *to read as follows:*

19 ***“(h) SPECIAL RECREATION PERMIT AND FEE.—***

20 ***“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may—***

21 ***“(A) issue a special recreation permit for***
22 ***Federal recreational lands and waters; and***

23 ***“(B) charge a special recreation permit fee***
24 ***in connection with the issuance of the permit.***

1 “(2) *SPECIAL RECREATION PERMITS.*—*The Sec-*
2 *retary may issue special recreation permits in the fol-*
3 *lowing circumstances:*

4 “(A) *For specialized individual and group*
5 *use of Federal facilities and Federal recreational*
6 *lands and waters, such as, but not limited to, use*
7 *of special areas or areas where use is allocated,*
8 *motorized recreational vehicle use, and group ac-*
9 *tivities or events.*

10 “(B) *To recreation service providers who*
11 *conduct outfitting, guiding, and other recreation*
12 *services on Federal recreational lands and waters*
13 *managed by the Forest Service, Bureau of Land*
14 *Management, Bureau of Reclamation, or the*
15 *United States Fish and Wildlife Service.*

16 “(C) *To recreation service providers who*
17 *conduct recreation or competitive events, which*
18 *may involve incidental sales on Federal rec-*
19 *reational lands and waters managed by the For-*
20 *est Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bu-*
21 *reau of Reclamation, or the United States Fish*
22 *and Wildlife Service.*

23 “(3) *REDUCTION IN FEDERAL COSTS.*—

24 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*To reduce Federal costs*
25 *in administering this subsection, if the Secretary*

1 *determines that the activity to be authorized by*
2 *a special recreation permit under paragraph (2)*
3 *is the same as or similar to an activity analyzed*
4 *in a previous environmental impact statement or*
5 *environmental assessment, then, to the extent en-*
6 *vironmental analysis is necessary, the Secretary*
7 *shall adopt or incorporate material from the pre-*
8 *vious analysis to the maximum extent allowable*
9 *under the National Environmental Policy Act of*
10 *1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).*

11 “(B) *DEFINITION.—For the purposes of this*
12 *paragraph, the term ‘similar’ means—*

13 “(i) *substantially similar in type, na-*
14 *ture, and scope; and*

15 “(ii) *will not result in significant new*
16 *impacts.*

17 “(4) *RELATION TO FEES FOR USE OF HIGHWAYS*
18 *OR ROADS.—An entity that pays a special recreation*
19 *permit fee shall not be subject to a road cost-sharing*
20 *fee or a fee for the use of highways or roads that are*
21 *open to private, noncommercial use within the bound-*
22 *aries of any Federal recreational lands or waters, as*
23 *authorized under section 6 of Public Law 88-657 (16*
24 *U.S.C. 537).”.*

1 **SEC. 103. PERMIT ACROSS MULTIPLE JURISDICTIONS.**

2 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*In the case of an activity requiring*
3 *permits pursuant to subsection (h) of section 803 of the Fed-*
4 *eral Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C. 6802)*
5 *for use of lands managed by both the Forest Service and*
6 *the Bureau of Land Management—*

7 (1) *the Secretaries may issue a joint permit*
8 *based upon a single application to both agencies when*
9 *issuance of a joint permit based upon a single appli-*
10 *cation will lower processing and other administration*
11 *costs for the permittee, provided that the permit ap-*
12 *plicant shall have the option to apply for separate*
13 *permits rather than a joint permit; and*

14 (2) *the permit application required under para-*
15 *graph (1) shall be—*

16 (A) *the application required by the lead*
17 *agency; and*

18 (B) *submitted to the lead agency.*

19 (b) *REQUIREMENTS OF THE LEAD AGENCY.*—*The lead*
20 *agency for a permit under subsection (a) shall—*

21 (1) *coordinate with the associated agencies, con-*
22 *sistent with the authority of the Secretaries under sec-*
23 *tion 330 of the Department of the Interior and Re-*
24 *lated Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001 (43 U.S.C.*
25 *1703), to develop and issue the single, joint permit*
26 *that covers the entirety of the trip;*

1 (2) *in processing the joint permit application,*
2 *incorporate the findings, interests, and needs of the*
3 *associated agencies, provided that such coordination*
4 *shall not be subject to cost recovery; and*

5 (3) *complete the permitting process within a rea-*
6 *sonable time after receiving the permit application.*

7 (c) *EFFECT ON REGULATIONS.—Nothing in this sec-*
8 *tion shall alter, expand, or limit the applicability of any*
9 *Federal law (including regulations) to lands administered*
10 *by the relevant Secretaries.*

11 (d) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

12 (1) *ASSOCIATED AGENCY.—The term “associated*
13 *agency” means an agency that manages the land on*
14 *which the trip of the special recreation permit appli-*
15 *cant will enter after leaving the land managed by the*
16 *lead agency.*

17 (2) *LEAD AGENCY.—The term “lead agency”*
18 *means the agency that manages the land on which the*
19 *trip of the special recreation permit applicant will*
20 *begin.*

21 **SEC. 104. GUIDELINES AND PERMIT FEE CALCULATION.**

22 (a) *GUIDELINES AND EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN REVE-*
23 *NUES.—The Secretary shall—*

24 (1) *publish guidelines in the Federal Register for*
25 *establishing recreation permit fees; and*

1 (2) *provide appropriate deductions from gross*
2 *revenues used as the basis for the fees established*
3 *under paragraph (1) for—*

4 (A) *revenue from goods, services, and activi-*
5 *ties provided by a recreation service provider*
6 *outside Federal recreational lands and waters,*
7 *such as costs for transportation, lodging, and*
8 *other services before or after a trip; and*

9 (B) *fees to be paid by permit holder under*
10 *applicable law to provide services on other Fed-*
11 *eral lands, if separate permits are issued to that*
12 *permit holder for a single event or trip.*

13 (b) *FEE CONDITIONS.—The fee charged by the Sec-*
14 *retary for a permit issued under section 803(h) of the Fed-*
15 *eral Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C.*
16 *6802(h)) shall not exceed 3 percent of the recreational serv-*
17 *ice provider’s annual gross revenue for activities authorized*
18 *by the permit on Federal lands, plus applicable revenue ad-*
19 *ditions, minus applicable revenue exclusions or a similar*
20 *flat per person fee.*

21 (c) *DISCLOSURE OF FEES.—A holder of a special*
22 *recreation permit may inform its customers of the various*
23 *fees charged by the Secretary under section 803(h) of the*
24 *Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C.*
25 *6802(h)).*

1 **SEC. 105. USE OF PERMIT FEES FOR PERMIT ADMINISTRA-**
2 **TION.**

3 (a) *DEPOSITS.*—Subject to subsection (b), revenues
4 from special recreation permits issued to recreation service
5 providers under subparagraphs (B) and (C) of section
6 803(h)(2) of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement
7 Act (16 U.S.C. 6802(h)(2)) shall be held in special accounts
8 established for each specific unit or area for which such rev-
9 enues are collected, and shall remain available for expendi-
10 ture, without further appropriation, until expended.

11 (b) *USE OF PERMIT FEES.*—Revenues from special
12 recreation permits issued to recreation service providers
13 under subparagraphs (B) and (C) of section 803(h)(2) of
14 the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C.
15 6802(h)(2)) shall be used only—

16 (1) to partially offset the Secretary's direct cost
17 of administering the permits;

18 (2) to improve and streamline the permitting
19 process; and

20 (3) for related recreation infrastructure and
21 other recreation purposes specifically to support recre-
22 ation activities at the specific site or unit where use
23 is authorized under the permit, after obtaining input
24 from any related permittees; provided, however, that
25 the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.
26 1 et seq.) shall not apply to any advisory committee

1 *or other group established to carry out this para-*
2 *graph.*

3 (c) *LIMITATION ON USE OF FEES.—The Secretary*
4 *may not use any permit fees for biological monitoring on*
5 *Federal recreational lands and waters under the Endan-*
6 *gered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) for listed*
7 *or candidate species.*

8 **SEC. 106. ADJUSTMENT TO PERMIT USE.**

9 (a) *IN GENERAL.—To the extent that the Secretary*
10 *utilizes permit use reviews, in reviewing and adjusting allo-*
11 *cations of use for permits for special uses of Federal rec-*
12 *reational lands and waters managed by the Forest Service,*
13 *and in renewing such permits, the Secretary of Agriculture*
14 *shall allocate to a permit holder a level of use that is no*
15 *less than the highest amount of actual annual use over the*
16 *reviewed period plus 25 percent, capped at the amount of*
17 *use allocated when the permit was issued. If additional ca-*
18 *capacity is available, the Secretary may at any time, assign*
19 *such remaining use to qualified service providers, including*
20 *to any qualified permit holder whose allocation would oth-*
21 *erwise be capped at the amount of use allocated when the*
22 *permit was issued.*

23 (b) *WAIVER.—Use reviews under subsection (a) may*
24 *be waived for periods in which circumstances that prevented*
25 *use of assigned capacity, such as weather, fire, natural dis-*

1 *asters, wildlife displacement, business interruptions, insuf-*
2 *ficient availability of hunting and fishing licenses, or when*
3 *allocations on permits include significant shoulder seasons.*
4 *The Secretary may approve non-use without reducing the*
5 *number of service days assigned to the permit in such cir-*
6 *cumstances at the request of the permit holder. Approved*
7 *non-use may be temporarily assigned to other qualified per-*
8 *mit holders when conditions warrant.*

9 **SEC. 107. AUTHORIZATION OF TEMPORARY PERMITS FOR**
10 **NEW USES FOR THE FOREST SERVICE AND**
11 **BLM.**

12 *Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment*
13 *of this Act, the Secretaries shall each establish and imple-*
14 *ment a program to authorize temporary permits for new*
15 *recreational uses of Federal recreational lands and waters*
16 *managed by the Forest Service or the Bureau of Land Man-*
17 *agement, respectively, and to provide for the conversions of*
18 *such temporary permits to long-term permits after 2 years*
19 *of satisfactory operation where appropriate. The issuance*
20 *and conversion of such permits shall be subject to subsection*
21 *(h)(3) of section 803 of the Federal Lands Recreation En-*
22 *hancement Act (16 U.S.C. 6802).*

23 **SEC. 108. INDEMNIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.**

24 *(a) INDEMNIFICATION.—A permit holder that is pro-*
25 *hibited by a State from providing indemnification to the*

1 *Federal Government shall be considered to be in compliance*
2 *with indemnification requirements of the Department of the*
3 *Interior and the Department of Agriculture if the permit*
4 *holder carries the required minimum amount of liability*
5 *insurance coverage or is self-insured for the same minimum*
6 *amount.*

7 **(b) EXCULPATORY AGREEMENTS.**—*The Secretary shall*
8 *not implement, administer or enforce any regulation or pol-*
9 *icy prohibiting the use of exculpatory agreements between*
10 *recreation service providers and their customers for services*
11 *provided under a special recreation permit.*

12 **SEC. 109. STREAMLINING OF PERMITTING PROCESS.**

13 **(a) REGULATIONS.**—*Not later than 180 days after the*
14 *date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agri-*
15 *culture shall revise part 251, subpart B, of title 36 Code*
16 *of Federal Regulations, and the Secretary of the Interior*
17 *shall revise subpart 2932, of title 43, Code of Federal Regu-*
18 *lations, to streamline the processes for the issuance and re-*
19 *newal of outfitter and guide special use permits. Such*
20 *amended regulations shall—*

21 **(1)** *shorten application processing times and*
22 *minimize application and administration costs; and*

23 **(2)** *provide for the use of programmatic environ-*
24 *mental assessments and categorical exclusions for en-*
25 *vironmental reviews under the National Environ-*

1 *mental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) for*
2 *the issuance or renewal of outfitter and guide and*
3 *similar recreation special use permits, to the max-*
4 *imum extent allowable under applicable law, includ-*
5 *ing, but not limited to, the adoption or incorporation*
6 *of previously completed analyses under paragraph*
7 *(3)(A) of subsection (h) of section 803 of the Federal*
8 *Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C. 6802)*
9 *for activities that are substantially the same as an ac-*
10 *tivity analyzed in previous environmental impact*
11 *statement or environmental assessment conducted*
12 *under similar circumstances.*

13 *(b) ONLINE APPLICATIONS.—To the maximum extent*
14 *practicable, where feasible and efficient, the Secretary shall*
15 *make special recreation permit applications available to be*
16 *filled out and submitted online.*

17 **SEC. 110. COST RECOVERY REFORM.**

18 *(a) REGULATORY PROCESS.—Not later than 180 days*
19 *after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Ag-*
20 *riculture shall revise section 251.58 of title 36, Code of Fed-*
21 *eral Regulations, and the Secretary of the Interior shall re-*
22 *visе section 2932.31(e) and (f) of title 43, Code of Federal*
23 *Regulations, to reduce costs and minimize the burden of cost*
24 *recovery on small businesses and adverse impacts of cost*
25 *recovery on jobs in the outfitting and guiding industry and*

1 *on rural economies provided, however, that nothing in the*
2 *revised regulations shall further limit the Secretary's au-*
3 *thority to issue or renew recreation special use permits.*

4 *(b) DE MINIMIS EXEMPTION.—*

5 *(1) COST RECOVERY LIMITATION.—Any regula-*
6 *tions issued by the Secretary of the Interior or the*
7 *Secretary of Agriculture to establish fees to recover*
8 *processing costs for recreation special use applications*
9 *and monitoring costs for recreation special use au-*
10 *thorizations shall include an exemption providing*
11 *that at least the first 50 hours of work necessary in*
12 *any one year to process or monitor such an applica-*
13 *tion shall not be subject to cost recovery. The applica-*
14 *tion of a 50-hour credit per permit shall also apply*
15 *to any monitoring fees on a per annum basis during*
16 *the term of each permit.*

17 *(2) APPLICATION OF EXEMPTION.—An exemption*
18 *under paragraph (1) shall apply to the processing of*
19 *each recreation special use permit application and*
20 *monitoring of each recreation special use authoriza-*
21 *tion for which cost recovery is required, including*
22 *any application or authorization requiring more than*
23 *50 hours (or such other greater number of hours speci-*
24 *fied for exemption) to process or monitor. In the event*
25 *that the amount of work required to process such an*

1 *application or monitor such an authorization exceeds*
2 *the specified exemption, the amount of work for which*
3 *cost recovery is required shall be reduced by the*
4 *amount of the exemption.*

5 (3) *MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS.—In situations in-*
6 *volving multiple recreation special use applications*
7 *for similar services in the same unit or area that re-*
8 *quire more than 50 hours (or such other greater num-*
9 *ber of hours specified for exemption) in the aggregate*
10 *to process, the Secretary shall, regardless of whether*
11 *the applications are solicited or unsolicited and*
12 *whether there is competitive interest—*

13 (A) *determine the share of the aggregate*
14 *amount to be allocated to each application, on*
15 *an equal or prorated basis, as appropriate; and*

16 (B) *for each application, apply a separate*
17 *exemption of up to 50 hours (or such other great-*
18 *er number of hours specified for exemption) to*
19 *the share allocated to such application.*

20 (4) *COST REDUCTION.—The agency processing a*
21 *recreation special use application shall utilize exist-*
22 *ing studies and analysis to the greatest extent prac-*
23 *ticable to reduce the amount of work and cost nec-*
24 *essary to process the application.*

1 (5) *LIMITATION.*—*The Secretary of the Interior*
2 *and the Secretary of Agriculture may not recover as*
3 *processing costs for recreation special use applications*
4 *and monitoring costs for recreation special use au-*
5 *thorizations any costs for consultations conducted*
6 *under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of*
7 *1973 (16 U.S.C. 1536) or for biological monitoring on*
8 *Federal recreational lands and waters under such Act*
9 *for listed, proposed, or candidate species.*

10 (6) *WAIVER OF COST RECOVERY.*—*The Secretary*
11 *of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture may*
12 *waive the recovery of costs for processing recreation*
13 *special use permit applications and renewals, on a*
14 *categorical or case-by-case basis as appropriate, if the*
15 *Secretary determines that—*

16 (A) *such costs would impose a significant*
17 *economic burden on any small business or cat-*
18 *egory of small businesses;*

19 (B) *such cost recovery could threaten the*
20 *ability of an applicant or permittee to provide,*
21 *in a particular area, a particular outdoor rec-*
22 *reational activity that is consistent with the pub-*
23 *lic interest and with applicable resource manage-*
24 *ment plans; or*

1 (C) prevailing economic conditions are un-
2 favorable, such as during economic recessions, or
3 when drought, fire, or other natural disasters
4 have depressed economic activity in the area of
5 operation.

6 **SEC. 111. EXTENSION OF FOREST SERVICE RECREATION**
7 **PRIORITY USE PERMITS.**

8 Where the holder of a special use permit for outfitting
9 and guiding that authorizes priority use has submitted a
10 request for renewal of such permit in accordance with ap-
11 plicable laws and regulations, the Secretary of Agriculture
12 shall have the authority to grant the holder one or more
13 extensions of the existing permit for additional terms not
14 to exceed 5 years in the aggregate, as necessary to allow
15 the Secretary of Agriculture to complete the renewal process
16 and to avoid the interruption of services under such permit.
17 Before granting an extension under this section, the Sec-
18 retary of Agriculture shall take all reasonable and appro-
19 priate steps to complete the renewal process before the expi-
20 ration of the special use permit.

21 **SEC. 112. AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL AND STATE RECRE-**
22 **ATION PASSES.**

23 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—The Federal Lands Recreation En-
24 hancement Act is amended by inserting after section 805
25 (16 U.S.C. 6804) the following:

1 **“SEC. 805A. AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL AND STATE RECRE-**
2 **ATION PASSES.**

3 *“(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—*

4 *“(1) IN GENERAL.—To improve the procurement*
5 *of Federal and State outdoor recreation passes, the*
6 *Secretaries are encouraged to consult with States to*
7 *coordinate the availability of Federal and State recre-*
8 *ation passes in a way that allows a purchaser to buy*
9 *a Federal recreation pass and a State recreation pass*
10 *at Federal and State facilities in the same trans-*
11 *action.*

12 *“(2) INCLUDED PASSES.—Passes covered by the*
13 *program established under paragraph (1) include—*

14 *“(A) a National Parks and Federal Rec-*
15 *reational Lands Pass under section 805; and*

16 *“(B) a pass that shall cover any fees*
17 *charged by participating States and localities for*
18 *entrance and recreational use of parks and pub-*
19 *lic land in the participating States.*

20 *“(b) AGREEMENTS WITH STATES.—*

21 *“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretaries, after con-*
22 *sultation with the States, may enter into agreements*
23 *with States to coordinate the availability of passes as*
24 *described in subsection (a)(1).*

1 “(2) *REVENUE FROM PASS SALES.*—*The agree-*
2 *ments between the Secretaries and the States shall en-*
3 *sure that—*

4 “(A) *funds from the sale of State passes are*
5 *transferred to the appropriate State agency;*

6 “(B) *funds from the sale of Federal passes*
7 *are transferred to the appropriate Federal agen-*
8 *cy; and*

9 “(C) *fund transfers are completed by the*
10 *end of a fiscal year for all pass sales occurring*
11 *during the fiscal year.*

12 “(3) *NOTICE.*—*In entering into an agreement*
13 *under paragraph (1), the Secretaries shall publish in*
14 *the Federal Register a notice describing the agree-*
15 *ment.”.*

16 “(b) *CONFORMING AMENDMENT.*—*Section 805(a)(9) of*
17 *the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C.*
18 *6804(a)(9)) is amended by inserting “and section 805A”*
19 *before the period at the end.*

20 “(c) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—*The table of contents for*
21 *the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16*
22 *U.S.C. 6801, et seq.) is amended by inserting after the item*
23 *relating to section 805 the following:*

“ *Sec. 805A. Availability of Federal and State Recreation Passes.*”

1 **SEC. 113. ONLINE PURCHASES OF NATIONAL PARKS AND**
2 **FEDERAL RECREATIONAL LANDS PASS.**

3 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 805(a)(6) of the Federal
4 *Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C. 6804(a)(6))*
5 *is amended by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting the*
6 *following:*

7 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretaries shall*
8 *sell the National Parks and Federal Recreational*
9 *Lands Pass—*

10 “(i) *at all Federal recreational lands*
11 *and waters at which an entrance fee or a*
12 *standard amenity recreation fee is charged*
13 *where feasible to do so;*

14 “(ii) *at such other locations as the Sec-*
15 *retaries consider appropriate and feasible;*
16 *and*

17 “(iii) *through the website of each of the*
18 *Federal land management agencies and the*
19 *websites of the relevant units and subunits*
20 *of those agencies, with—*

21 “(I) *a prominent link on each*
22 *website; and*

23 “(II) *information about where*
24 *and when passes are needed.”.*

25 (b) *ENTRANCE PASS AND AMENITY FEES.*—*The Secre-*
26 *taries shall make available for purchase or payment online,*

1 *if appropriate and feasible, for each unit where passes and*
2 *fees are required—*

3 (1) *all entrance fees under section 803(e) of the*
4 *Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16*
5 *U.S.C. 6802(e));*

6 (2) *all standard amenity recreation fees under*
7 *section 803(f) of that Act (16 U.S.C. 6802(f)); and*

8 (3) *all expanded amenity recreation fees under*
9 *section 803(g) of that Act (16 U.S.C. 6802(g)).*

10 ***TITLE II—ACCESSING THE***
11 ***OUTDOORS***

12 ***SEC. 201. ACCESS FOR SERVICEMEMBERS AND VETERANS.***

13 (a) *IN GENERAL.—The Secretaries are encouraged to*
14 *work with the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of*
15 *Veterans Affairs on ways to ensure servicemembers and vet-*
16 *erans have access to outdoor recreation and to outdoor-re-*
17 *lated volunteer and wellness programs as a part of the basic*
18 *services provided to servicemembers and veterans.*

19 (b) *INCLUSION OF INFORMATION.—Each branch of the*
20 *Armed Forces is encouraged to include information regard-*
21 *ing outdoor recreation and outdoors-based careers in the*
22 *materials and counseling services focused on resilience and*
23 *career readiness provided in transition programs, includ-*
24 *ing—*

1 (1) *EXTENSION OF RECREATIONAL SEASON.*—*The*
2 *relevant unit managers of land managed by the For-*
3 *est Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the*
4 *National Park Service may—*

5 (A) *identify areas of Federal recreational*
6 *land and water in which recreation use is highly*
7 *seasonal;*

8 (B) *where appropriate, extend the recre-*
9 *ation season or increase recreation use in a sus-*
10 *tainable manner during the offseason either*
11 *through a land management planning process or*
12 *otherwise; and*

13 (C) *make information about extended season*
14 *schedules and related recreational opportunities*
15 *available to the public and local communities.*

16 (2) *CLARIFICATION.*—*Nothing in this subsection*
17 *shall preclude the Secretaries from providing for ad-*
18 *ditional recreational opportunities and uses at times*
19 *other than those referred to in paragraph (1).*

20 (b) *INCLUSIONS.*—*An extension under subsection*
21 *(a)(1) may include—*

22 (1) *the addition of facilities that would increase*
23 *recreation use during the offseason; and*

24 (2) *improvement of access to the area to extend*
25 *the season.*

1 (c) *REQUIREMENT.*—*An extension under subsection*
2 *(a)(1) shall be compatible with all applicable Federal laws,*
3 *regulations, and policies, including land use plans.*

4 **SEC. 302. RECREATION PERFORMANCE METRICS.**

5 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Chief of the Forest Service and*
6 *the Director of the Bureau of Land Management shall*
7 *evaluate land managers under their jurisdiction based on*
8 *the achievement of applicable agency recreational and tour-*
9 *ism goals as described in applicable land management*
10 *plans.*

11 (b) *METRICS.*—

12 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The metrics used to evaluate*
13 *recreation and tourism outcomes shall ensure—*

14 (A) *the advancement of recreation and tour-*
15 *ism goals; and*

16 (B) *the ability of the land manager to en-*
17 *hance the outdoor experience of the visitor.*

18 (2) *INCLUSIONS.*—*The metrics referred to para-*
19 *graph (1) may include, to the maximum extent prac-*
20 *ticable—*

21 (A) *the extent of positive economic impacts;*

22 (B) *visitation by families;*

23 (C) *the number of school and youth groups*
24 *that visited;*

1 (D) the number of available recreational op-
2 portunities;

3 (E) the quality of visitor experience;

4 (F) the number of recreational and environ-
5 mental educational programs offered and the
6 success of those programs;

7 (G) visitor satisfaction; and

8 (H) the maintenance and expansion of ex-
9 isting recreation infrastructure.

10 **SEC. 303. RECREATION MISSION.**

11 (a) *DEFINITION OF FEDERAL AGENCY.*—*In this sec-*
12 *tion, the term “Federal agency” means each of—*

13 (1) *the Corps of Engineers;*

14 (2) *the Bureau of Reclamation;*

15 (3) *the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission;*

16 *and*

17 (4) *the Department of Transportation.*

18 (b) *MISSION.*—*With respect to the mission of the Fed-*
19 *eral agency, each Federal agency shall consider how land*
20 *and water management decisions can enhance recreation*
21 *opportunities and the recreation economy.*

22 **SEC. 304. NATIONAL RECREATION AREA SYSTEM.**

23 (a) *DECLARATION OF POLICY.*—*It is the policy of the*
24 *United States that—*

1 (1) *certain natural landscapes possess remark-*
2 *able recreational values and should be managed for—*

3 (A) *sustainable outdoor recreational uses by*
4 *the people of the United States;*

5 (B) *the recreational, social, and health bene-*
6 *fits people receive from the landscapes through*
7 *outdoor recreation; and*

8 (C) *the specific and meaningful experiences*
9 *made possible by unique and varied landscapes;*

10 (2) *the remarkable recreational values described*
11 *in paragraph (1) may include—*

12 (A) *areas with unique ecological, geological,*
13 *hydrological, scenic, cultural, recreational, or*
14 *historic features or attributes that support high-*
15 *quality outdoor recreation opportunities and ex-*
16 *periences;*

17 (B) *areas offering outstanding existing or*
18 *prospective recreation opportunities and uses;*

19 (C) *areas that play, or have the potential to*
20 *play, a role in addressing high or unmet demand*
21 *for recreational opportunities;*

22 (D) *areas that play an important role in*
23 *and contribute significantly to the outdoor recre-*
24 *ation economy; and*

1 (E) areas with high fish and wildlife values;

2 and

3 (3) in addition to land identified as National
4 Recreation Areas, the Secretaries should continue to
5 promote recreation on other Federal land in accord-
6 ance with applicable land management plans.

7 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) NATURAL FEATURE.—The term “natural fea-
9 ture” means an ecological, geological, hydrological,
10 scenic, cultural, recreational, or historic feature or at-
11 tribute of a specific area.

12 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary”
13 means—

14 (A) the Secretary of the Interior, acting
15 through the Director of the Bureau of Land
16 Management with respect to land administered
17 by the Bureau of Land Management; and

18 (B) the Secretary of Agriculture, acting
19 through the Chief of the Forest Service, with re-
20 spect to National Forest System land.

21 (3) SYSTEM.—The term “System” means the Na-
22 tional Recreation Area System established by sub-
23 section (c).

1 (4) *SYSTEM UNIT.*—*The term “System unit”*
2 *means a System unit designated pursuant to sub-*
3 *section (c).*

4 (c) *COMPOSITION.*—*There is established a National*
5 *Recreation Area System, to be comprised of—*

6 (1) *existing National Recreation Areas described*
7 *in subsection (g); and*

8 (2) *new System units designated by Congress on*
9 *or after the date of enactment of this Act.*

10 (d) *ADMINISTRATION.*—

11 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Subject to valid existing*
12 *rights, the Secretary shall manage each System unit*
13 *in a manner that:*

14 (A) *prioritizes the sustainable enjoyment*
15 *and enhancement of the remarkable recreational*
16 *values and uses of the System unit (including*
17 *natural features that support the recreation expe-*
18 *riences) consistent with subsection (a); and*

19 (B) *protects the unit for a variety of rec-*
20 *reational uses in locations where those uses are*
21 *appropriate and are conducted in accordance*
22 *with the applicable land management plan.*
23 *These uses may include outfitting and guiding*
24 *and motorized recreation in locations where these*
25 *activities are consistent with the applicable land*

1 *management plan and are conducted in accord-*
2 *ance with all applicable Federal and State laws*
3 *and regulations.*

4 (2) *GRAZING.*—*Livestock grazing within System*
5 *units, where established before the date of the enact-*
6 *ment of this Act, shall be permitted if it complies*
7 *with all applicable laws and regulations.*

8 (3) *STATE, TRIBAL, AND LOCAL INVOLVEMENT.*—
9 *The Secretary shall collaborate with States, political*
10 *subdivisions of States, affected Indian tribes, adjacent*
11 *landowners, and the public in the planning and ad-*
12 *ministration of System units.*

13 (4) *FISH AND WILDLIFE.*—

14 (A) *IN GENERAL.*—*Nothing in this section*
15 *affects the jurisdiction or responsibilities of a*
16 *State with respect to fish and wildlife in a Sys-*
17 *tem unit in the State.*

18 (B) *ADMINISTRATION.*—*Hunting and fish-*
19 *ing may be allowed on System units if permitted*
20 *under applicable Federal and State laws (includ-*
21 *ing regulations) and conducted in accordance*
22 *with the applicable land management plans.*

23 (5) *WATER RIGHTS.*—*Nothing in this section af-*
24 *fects any valid or vested water right in existence on*
25 *the date of enactment of this Act.*

1 (6) *SKI AREA LANDS.*—*This section shall not*
2 *apply to ski area lands, including ski area special use*
3 *permit boundaries, master development plan bound-*
4 *aries and any acres allocated for resort development*
5 *in a Forest Plan.*

6 (e) *COMPONENTS OF NATIONAL RECREATION AREA*
7 *SYSTEM.*—

8 (1) *MAP; LEGAL DESCRIPTION.*—

9 (A) *IN GENERAL.*—*For System units estab-*
10 *lished on or after the date of enactment of this*
11 *Act, as soon as practicable after the date of des-*
12 *ignation of a System unit, the Secretary shall*
13 *prepare a map and legal description of the Sys-*
14 *tem unit.*

15 (B) *FORCE OF LAW.*—*The map and legal*
16 *description filed under subparagraph (A) shall*
17 *have the same force and effect as if included in*
18 *this section, except that the Secretary may cor-*
19 *rect typographical errors in the map and legal*
20 *description.*

21 (C) *PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.*—*The map and*
22 *legal description filed under subparagraph (A)*
23 *shall be on file and available for public inspec-*
24 *tion in the appropriate offices of the Bureau of*
25 *Land Management and the Forest Service.*

1 (2) *COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT PLAN.*—

2 (A) *IN GENERAL.*—*For System units des-*
3 *ignated by Congress after the date of enactment*
4 *of this Act the Secretary with jurisdiction over*
5 *the System unit shall prepare a comprehensive*
6 *management plan for the unit that fulfills the re-*
7 *quirements of subsection (d)(1) and subpara-*
8 *graph (C) of this paragraph.*

9 (B) *TIMING.*—

10 (i) *IN GENERAL.*—*The comprehensive*
11 *management plan described in subpara-*
12 *graph (A) shall be completed as part of the*
13 *regular land management planning process*
14 *of the applicable agency for the public land*
15 *unit on which the System unit is located.*

16 (ii) *DELAY IN PLAN REVISION.*—*If the*
17 *planning cycle of the applicable agency does*
18 *not coincide with the designation of the*
19 *System unit, the initial plan for the unit*
20 *shall be completed not later than 3 years*
21 *after the date of designation of the System*
22 *unit.*

23 (C) *REQUIREMENTS.*—*A comprehensive*
24 *management plan prepared under subparagraph*
25 *(A) shall—*

1 (i) identify the existing, and to the extent practicable, prospective remarkable recreational values and uses of the System unit;

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5 (ii) ensure the System unit is managed to protect and enhance the purposes for which the System unit was established;

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8 (iii) ensure the System unit is managed to protect and enhance the resources that make the area suitable for designation under subsection (c)(2) in accordance with subsection (a);

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10 (iv) describe the circumstances and locations in which the activities described in subsection (d)(1)(B) and (d)(2) are permitted on the System unit.

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13 (v) be coordinated with resource management planning for affected adjacent Federal land;

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16 (vi) be prepared—

17 (I) in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) or section 6 of the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of

1 1974 (16 U.S.C. 1604), and other ap-
2 plicable laws and regulations; and

3 (II) in collaboration with States,
4 political subdivisions of States, affected
5 Indian tribes, adjacent landowners,
6 and the public; and

7 (vii) designate a sustainable road and
8 trail network, consistent with subsection (a)
9 and the purposes for which the System was
10 established and with all applicable laws and
11 regulations.

12 (D) *REVIEW.*—A comprehensive manage-
13 ment plan described in subparagraph (A) shall
14 be regularly reviewed and updated as part of the
15 regular land management planning process of
16 the applicable agency.

17 (E) *MANAGEMENT BY SECRETARY.*—The
18 Secretary shall manage each National Recreation
19 Area in accordance with the management plan
20 for the National Recreation Area in effect at the
21 time of the designation, until the plan is revised
22 or superseded by a new comprehensive manage-
23 ment plan issued in accordance with this sub-
24 section. If components of the existing plan con-
25 flict with the terms of the designation, the Sec-

1 *retary shall revise the plan within two years to*
2 *make the plan consistent with the designation.*

3 *(F) NOTICE.—The Secretary shall publish*
4 *in the Federal Register notice of the completion*
5 *and availability of a plan prepared under this*
6 *paragraph.*

7 *(f) POTENTIAL ADDITIONS TO NATIONAL RECREATION*
8 *AREA SYSTEM.—*

9 *(1) ELIGIBLE AREA.—An area eligible for inclu-*
10 *sion in the System is an area that possesses one or*
11 *more of the remarkable recreational values described*
12 *in subsection (a)(2).*

13 *(2) POTENTIAL ADDITIONS.—In carrying out the*
14 *land management planning process, the Secretary*
15 *shall—*

16 *(A) identify eligible areas that possess re-*
17 *markable recreational values described in sub-*
18 *section (a)(2);*

19 *(B) develop and maintain a list of eligible*
20 *areas as potential additions to the System;*

21 *(C) consider input from the Governor of,*
22 *political subdivisions of, and affected Indian*
23 *tribes located in, the State in which the eligible*
24 *areas are located; and*

1 (D) transmit to Congress lists of eligible
2 areas for consideration.

3 (3) *NO EFFECT ON MANAGEMENT.*—The Sec-
4 retary's actions under paragraph (2) shall not inter-
5 fere with the current management of the eligible
6 areas, nor shall the fact that such eligible areas may
7 be added to the System be used as justification for
8 more restrictive management, unless and until Con-
9 gress acts to designate the eligible area.

10 (g) *EXISTING NATIONAL RECREATION AREAS.*—Each
11 National Recreation Area established before the date of en-
12 actment of this Act that is administered by the Secretary
13 of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Serv-
14 ice, or the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-
15 rector of the Bureau of Land Management shall be—

16 (1) deemed to be a unit of the System; and

17 (2) notwithstanding subsection (d)—

18 (A) administered under the law pertaining
19 to the applicable System unit; and

20 (B) managed in accordance with the pur-
21 poses set forth in the original designation of the
22 National Recreation Area.

23 (h) *STANDARD FEES.*—In accordance with sections
24 803 through 808 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act,
25 2005 (16 U.S.C. 6802-6807), the Secretary may establish

1 *a standard amenity fee at each National Recreation Area*
2 *designated after the date of enactment of this Act that is*
3 *managed by the Bureau of Land Management or the Forest*
4 *Service, if—*

5 *(1) the purpose of the fee is to enhance visitor*
6 *services and stewardship of the recreation area; and*

7 *(2) the establishment of a fee is not prohibited by*
8 *other Federal law.*

9 *(i) COMPLIANCE WITH EXISTING LAWS.—Nothing in*
10 *this section modifies any obligation—*

11 *(1) of the Secretary to prepare or implement a*
12 *land use plan in accordance with section 202 of the*
13 *Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976*
14 *(43 U.S.C. 1712) or section 6 of the Forest and*
15 *Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of*
16 *1974 (16 U.S.C. 1604);*

17 *(2) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973*
18 *(16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.);*

19 *(3) under the Federal Water Pollution Control*
20 *Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.); or*

21 *(4) under any other applicable law.*

22 *(j) APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAND MANAGEMENT*
23 *DESIGNATIONS.—Nothing in this section affects—*

24 *(1) any other land or water management des-*
25 *ignation under any other provision of law; or*

1 (2) *any obligation to comply with a requirement*
 2 *applicable to such a designation.*

3 (k) *NATIVE AMERICAN TREATY RIGHTS.—Nothing in*
 4 *this section alters, modifies, enlarges, diminishes, or abro-*
 5 *gates the treaty rights of any Indian tribe, including any*
 6 *off-reservation reserved rights.*

7 ***TITLE IV—MAINTENANCE OF***
 8 ***PUBLIC LAND***
 9 ***Subtitle A—Volunteers***

10 ***SEC. 401. PRIVATE-SECTOR VOLUNTEER ENHANCEMENT***
 11 ***PROGRAM.***

12 (a) *PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to pro-*
 13 *mote private-sector volunteer programs within the Depart-*
 14 *ment of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture to*
 15 *enhance stewardship, recreation access, and sustainability*
 16 *of the resources, values, and facilities of the Federal land*
 17 *managed by the Federal land management agencies.*

18 (b) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

19 (1) *FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Federal land”*
 20 *means any land—*

21 (A) *owned by the United States; and*

22 (B) *managed by the head of a Federal land*
 23 *management agency.*

24 (2) *SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term “Sec-*
 25 *retary concerned” means—*

1 (A) *the Secretary of Agriculture (acting*
2 *through the Chief of the Forest Service), with re-*
3 *spect to National Forest System land; and*

4 (B) *the Secretary of the Interior, with re-*
5 *spect to land managed by the Bureau of Land*
6 *Management.*

7 (3) *VOLUNTEER.—The term “volunteer” means*
8 *any individual who performs volunteer services under*
9 *this section and section 204 of the Public Lands*
10 *Corps Act of 1993, as amended by this Act.*

11 (c) *ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary concerned shall*
12 *develop an initiative to further enhance private-sector vol-*
13 *unteer programs and to actively promote private-sector vol-*
14 *unteer opportunities and provide outreach and coordina-*
15 *tion to the private sector.*

16 (d) *COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS FOR STEWARDSHIP*
17 *OF FEDERAL LAND.—*

18 (1) *AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS.—*
19 *The Secretary concerned may enter into cooperative*
20 *agreements (in accordance with section 6305 of title*
21 *31, United States Code) with private agencies, orga-*
22 *nizations, institutions, corporations, individuals, or*
23 *other entities to carry out 1 or more projects or pro-*
24 *grams with a Federal land management agency in*
25 *accordance with this section.*

1 (2) *PROJECT AND PROGRAM INSTRUCTIONS.*—

2 *The Secretary concerned shall include in the coopera-*
3 *tive agreement the desired outcomes of the project or*
4 *program and the guidelines for the volunteers to fol-*
5 *low, including—*

6 (A) *the physical boundaries of the project or*
7 *program;*

8 (B) *the equipment the volunteers are au-*
9 *thorized to use to complete the project or pro-*
10 *gram;*

11 (C) *the training the volunteers are required*
12 *to complete, including agency consideration and*
13 *incorporation of training offered by qualified*
14 *nongovernmental organizations and volunteer*
15 *partner organizations;*

16 (D) *the actions the volunteers are author-*
17 *ized to take to complete the project or program;*
18 *and*

19 (E) *any other information that the Sec-*
20 *retary concerned determines necessary for the*
21 *volunteer group to complete the project or pro-*
22 *gram.*

23 (3) *AUTHORIZED PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS.*—

24 *Subject to paragraph (4), the Secretary concerned*

1 *may use a cooperative agreement to carry out projects*
2 *and programs for Federal land that—*

3 *(A) promote the stewardship of resources of*
4 *Federal land by volunteers;*

5 *(B) support maintaining the resources,*
6 *trails, and facilities on Federal land in a sus-*
7 *tainable manner;*

8 *(C) increase awareness, understanding, and*
9 *stewardship of Federal land through the develop-*
10 *ment, publication, or distribution of educational*
11 *materials and products; and*

12 *(D) advance education concerning the Fed-*
13 *eral land and the missions of the Federal land*
14 *management agencies through the use of the Fed-*
15 *eral land as outdoor classrooms and development*
16 *of other educational programs.*

17 *(4) CONDITIONS ON USE OF AUTHORITY.—The*
18 *Secretary concerned may use a cooperative agreement*
19 *under paragraph (1) to carry out a project or pro-*
20 *gram for the Federal land only if the project or pro-*
21 *gram—*

22 *(A) complies with all Federal laws (includ-*
23 *ing regulations) and policies;*

1 (B) is consistent with an applicable man-
2 agement plan for any Federal land and waters
3 involved;

4 (C) is monitored by the relevant Federal
5 land management agency during the project and
6 after project completion to determine compliance
7 with the instructions under paragraph (2); and

8 (D) satisfies such other terms and condi-
9 tions as the Secretary concerned determines to be
10 appropriate.

11 **Subtitle B—Priority Trail**
12 **Maintenance**

13 **SEC. 411. INTERAGENCY TRAIL MANAGEMENT.**

14 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretaries shall establish an
15 interagency trail management plan under which Federal
16 land management agencies shall coordinate so that trails
17 that cross jurisdictional boundaries between the Federal
18 land management agencies are managed and maintained
19 in a uniform manner.

20 (b) *REQUIREMENT.*—The plan established under sub-
21 section (a) shall ensure compliance with all Federal envi-
22 ronmental laws applicable to each jurisdiction.

1 **TITLE V—21ST CENTURY**
2 **CONSERVATION SERVICE CORPS**

3 **SEC. 501. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This title may be cited as the “21st Century Conserva-*
5 *tion Service Corps Act”.*

6 **SEC. 502. PURPOSES.**

7 *Section 202 of the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993*
8 *(16 U.S.C. 1721) is amended to read as follows:*

9 **“SEC. 202. PURPOSES.**

10 *“The purposes of this title are—*

11 *“(1) to engage youth and veterans in the United*
12 *States in civilian national service positions to con-*
13 *serve, rebuild, and enhance the outdoors, natural re-*
14 *sources, infrastructure, and recreation assets of the*
15 *United States;*

16 *“(2) to increase public access to, and use of, pub-*
17 *lic and tribal land and water, infrastructure, and*
18 *natural, cultural, and historical resources and treas-*
19 *ures, while spurring economic development and out-*
20 *door recreation and addressing backlogged mainte-*
21 *nance on public land;*

22 *“(3) to conserve, restore, and enhance public and*
23 *tribal land and water, infrastructure, and natural,*
24 *cultural, and historical resources and treasures by*

1 *carrying out high-quality, cost-effective 21st Century*
2 *Conservation Service Corps projects;*

3 *“(4) to ensure that, in any State or territory of*
4 *the United States or on any tribal land, the activities*
5 *and expertise of Corpsmembers will be accessible to*
6 *any public organization, nonprofit organization, or*
7 *tribal agency responsible for the stewardship of land*
8 *and water that is—*

9 *“(A) public;*

10 *“(B) tribal; or*

11 *“(C) private and has a direct or recognized*
12 *public benefit, in coordination with the owner of*
13 *the land or water;*

14 *“(5) to place youth and veterans in civilian na-*
15 *tional service positions to protect, restore, and en-*
16 *hance the great outdoors, natural resources, infra-*
17 *structure, and recreation assets of the United States*
18 *in a cost-effective manner without undue duplication*
19 *or overlap of activities or programs carried out by*
20 *Federal agencies;*

21 *“(6) to provide youth and veterans placed in ci-*
22 *vilian national service positions with opportunities to*
23 *gain in-demand skills, credentials, and education to*
24 *prepare for, and transition to, success in the 21st cen-*
25 *tury workforce; and*

1 “(7) to channel widespread interest among youth
2 and veterans in serving in civilian national service
3 positions to help conserve, restore, and enhance public
4 and tribal land and water, infrastructure, and nat-
5 ural, cultural, and historical resources and treas-
6 ures—

7 “(A) for the enjoyment and use of future
8 generations; and

9 “(B) to develop the next generation of out-
10 door stewards, entrepreneurs, recreationists, and
11 sportsmen and sportswomen.”.

12 **SEC. 503. DEFINITIONS.**

13 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 203 of the Public Lands
14 Corps Act of 1993 (16 U.S.C. 1722) is amended to read
15 as follows:

16 **“SEC. 203. DEFINITIONS.**

17 *“In this title:*

18 “(1) *21CSC.*—The term ‘21CSC’ means the 21st
19 Century Conservation Service Corps established by
20 section 204(a).

21 “(2) *21CSC ORGANIZATION.*—The term ‘21CSC
22 organization’ means an organization or association
23 that meets the requirements described in section
24 204(d).

1 “(3) *21CSC PROJECT.*—*The term ‘21CSC*
2 *project’ means a project that is carried out by a*
3 *21CSC organization.*

4 “(4) *CORPSMEMBER.*—*The term ‘Corpsmember’*
5 *means an individual who is selected by a 21CSC or-*
6 *ganization to serve on a 21CSC project.*

7 “(5) *INDIAN.*—*The term ‘Indian’ has the mean-*
8 *ing given the term in section 101 of the National and*
9 *Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12511).*

10 “(6) *INDIAN YOUTH 21ST CENTURY CONSERVA-*
11 *TION SERVICE CORPS.*—*The term ‘Indian Youth 21st*
12 *Century Conservation Service Corps’ means a pro-*
13 *gram of a 21CSC organization that—*

14 *“(A) enrolls participants, the majority of*
15 *whom are Indians; and*

16 *“(B) is established pursuant to an agree-*
17 *ment between a tribal agency and a 21CSC or-*
18 *ganization for the benefit of the members of the*
19 *tribal agency.*

20 “(7) *INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.*—

21 *“(A) IN GENERAL.*—*The term ‘institution of*
22 *higher education’ has the meaning given the*
23 *term in section 102 of the Higher Education Act*
24 *of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002).*

1 “(B) *EXCLUSION.*—The term ‘institution of
2 higher education’ does not include an institution
3 outside the United States, as described in section
4 102(a)(1)(C) of that Act (20 U.S.C.
5 1002(a)(1)(C)).

6 “(8) *PARTICIPATING ENTITY.*—The term ‘partici-
7 pating entity’ means a Federal entity described in
8 section 204(c)(2).

9 “(9) *PRIORITY PROJECT.*—The term ‘priority
10 project’ means a 21CSC project conducted to further
11 1 or more of the purposes described in section 202 or
12 in section 2 of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of
13 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6501), including by—

14 “(A) reducing wildfire risk to a community,
15 municipal water supply, or at-risk land;

16 “(B) protecting a watershed;

17 “(C) addressing a threat to forest land or
18 rangeland health, including catastrophic wild-
19 fire;

20 “(D) addressing the impact of insect or dis-
21 ease infestation or any other damaging agent on
22 forest land, water, or rangeland health; or

23 “(E) conserving, restoring, or enhancing a
24 forest ecosystem or an ecosystem on public, pri-
25 vate, or tribal land—

1 “(i) to improve biological diversity; or

2 “(ii) to enhance—

3 “(I) the productivity of fish and
4 wildlife habitat;

5 “(II) the recovery of a species; or

6 “(III) carbon sequestration.

7 “(10) *RESOURCE ASSISTANT*.—The term ‘re-
8 source assistant’ means a resource assistant selected
9 under section 206.

10 “(11) *STATE*.—The term ‘State’ means—

11 “(A) each of the several States of the United
12 States;

13 “(B) the District of Columbia;

14 “(C) the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;

15 “(D) the United States Virgin Islands;

16 “(E) Guam;

17 “(F) American Samoa; and

18 “(G) the Commonwealth of the Northern
19 Mariana Islands.

20 “(12) *TRIBAL AGENCY*.—The term ‘tribal agency’
21 has the meaning given the term ‘Indian tribe’ in sec-
22 tion 101 of the National and Community Service Act
23 of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12511).

24 “(13) *TRIBAL LAND OR WATER*.—The term ‘trib-
25 al land or water’ means any real property or water—

1 “(A) owned by a tribal agency;

2 “(B) held in trust by the United States for
3 an Indian or a tribal agency; or

4 “(C) held by an Indian or a tribal agency
5 that is subject to a restriction on alienation im-
6 posed by the United States.

7 “(14) VETERAN.—The term ‘veteran’ has the
8 meaning given the term in section 101 of title 38,
9 United States Code.

10 “(15) YOUTH.—The term ‘youth’ means an indi-
11 vidual who is not younger than age 15 and not older
12 than age 30.”.

13 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 623(i)(6) of
14 title 40, United States Code, is amended by striking “any
15 public lands (as defined in section 203 of the Public Lands
16 Corps Act of 1993 (16 U.S.C. 1722))” and inserting “any
17 land or water (or interest in land or water) owned by the
18 United States (other than Indian land)”.

19 **SEC. 504. 21ST CENTURY CONSERVATION SERVICE CORPS.**

20 Section 204 of the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993
21 (16 U.S.C. 1723) is amended to read as follows:

22 **“SEC. 204. 21ST CENTURY CONSERVATION SERVICE CORPS.**

23 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established the 21st
24 Century Conservation Service Corps, to be comprised of
25 21CSC organizations and Corpsmembers, to carry out, in

1 *partnership with participating entities, the purposes of this*
2 *title.*

3 “(b) *DESIGNATION OF COORDINATORS.*—*The head of*
4 *each participating entity, and the head of any bureau or*
5 *subdivision of each participating entity, shall designate a*
6 *21CSC coordinator to coordinate any activity of the 21CSC*
7 *or a 21CSC project carried out by the participating entity*
8 *or the bureau or subdivision of the participating entity.*

9 “(c) *PARTICIPATING ENTITIES.*—

10 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The 21CSC shall be imple-*
11 *mented jointly by the heads of the participating enti-*
12 *ties, who may support the 21CSC by carrying out the*
13 *activities described in paragraph (3).*

14 “(2) *LIST OF PARTICIPATING ENTITIES.*—*The*
15 *participating entities shall be—*

16 “(A) *the Department of the Interior;*

17 “(B) *the Department of Agriculture;*

18 “(C) *the Department of Transportation;*

19 “(D) *the Department of Labor;*

20 “(E) *the Department of Energy;*

21 “(F) *the Department of Defense;*

22 “(G) *the Department of Veterans Affairs;*

23 “(H) *the Department of Commerce;*

24 “(I) *the Department of Education;*

1 “(J) the Department of Housing and Urban
2 Development;

3 “(K) the Corporation for National and
4 Community Service;

5 “(L) the Office of the Assistant Secretary of
6 the Army for Civil Works;

7 “(M) the Federal Emergency Management
8 Agency; and

9 “(N) any other Federal agency designated
10 by the President as necessary to carry out a
11 21CSC project.

12 “(3) SUPPORT FOR THE 21CSC.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The head of a partici-
14 pating entity may provide support to the 21CSC
15 by—

16 “(i) establishing standards for the
17 21CSC;

18 “(ii) establishing a process for an orga-
19 nization to apply and be approved to be-
20 come a 21CSC organization;

21 “(iii) developing and supporting a
22 public-private partnership referred to in
23 paragraph (5)(A)(i);

24 “(iv) using or leveraging existing
25 funds, or acquiring funds and other re-

1 sources, under section 210 to support
2 21CSC projects through entering into a co-
3 operative agreement under paragraph
4 (5)(A)(i);

5 “(v) leveraging existing resources de-
6 scribed in section 210(b) to expand the use
7 of the 21CSC to meet the mission of the
8 participating entity;

9 “(vi) using technology to support
10 21CSC projects; and

11 “(vii) collecting performance data on
12 21CSC projects—

13 “(I) to prepare the reports re-
14 ferred to in subparagraph (C)(i)(I);
15 and

16 “(II) to demonstrate the impact of
17 the 21CSC projects.

18 “(B) COORDINATION.—

19 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The heads of each
20 of the participating entities shall, to the
21 maximum extent practicable, coordinate
22 with each other or the head of any other
23 Federal agency that is affected by, or car-
24 rying out, an activity that is similar to a
25 21CSC project—

1 “(I) to minimize, to the maximum extent practicable, the duplication of any specific project performed by any other participating entity or Federal agency; and

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6 “(II) to maximize 21CSC project completion in a cost-effective manner by collaborating to leverage existing resources described in section 210(b).

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10 “(ii) APPROVAL AND DATA COLLECTION.—The head of each participating entity shall, to the maximum extent practicable, coordinate with each other head of a participating entity—

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15 “(I) to approve organizations as 21CSC organizations; and

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17 “(II) to collect the data, when practicable in coordination with a national non-Federal 21CSC organization coordinating entity, referred to in items (aa) through (dd) of subparagraph (C)(i)(I).

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23 “(iii) GUIDANCE.—The head of each participating entity shall, to the maximum extent practicable, seek guidance from—

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1 “(I) the Corporation for National
2 and Community Service;

3 “(II) the Departments of Veterans
4 Affairs and Labor on methods to in-
5 crease the participation of veterans in
6 21CSC projects;

7 “(III) the Secretary of the Inte-
8 rior, acting through the Assistant Sec-
9 retary for Indian Affairs, on methods
10 to increase the participation of Indians
11 in 21CSC projects;

12 “(IV) the Secretary of Defense on
13 participation for the 21CSC in the
14 Skillbridge program (DoD Instruction
15 1322.29), and on recruiting generally,
16 to encourage more veteran and
17 transitioning service member engage-
18 ment in 21CSC projects;

19 “(V) the Secretary of Labor and
20 the Secretary of Agriculture on meth-
21 ods to increase rural youth engagement
22 in 21CSC projects;

23 “(VI) the Secretary of Labor on
24 methods to increase the creation of ap-
25 prenticeships through 21CSC organiza-

1 *tions, private-sector employer partner-*
2 *ships, and identifying career pathways*
3 *aligned with 21CSC projects; and*

4 *“(VII) the Secretary of Education*
5 *on methods to increase the recognition*
6 *of Corpsmembers’ experience with*
7 *21CSC projects as post-secondary cred-*
8 *it at higher education institutions.*

9 *“(C) REPORTING.—*

10 *“(i) 21CSC REPORTS.—*

11 *“(I) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—As*
12 *soon as practicable after the date of en-*
13 *actment of the 21st Century Conserva-*
14 *tion Service Corps Act, the Chief Exec-*
15 *utive Officer of the Corporation for Na-*
16 *tional and Community Service, in co-*
17 *ordination with the head of each par-*
18 *ticipating entity, shall submit to Con-*
19 *gress a report that includes data, for*
20 *the year covered by the report, includ-*
21 *ing—*

22 *“(aa) the number of Corps-*
23 *members that carried out 21CSC*
24 *projects and the length of the term*
25 *of service for each Corpsmember;*

1 “(bb) the total amount of
2 funding provided by participating
3 entities for the service of Corps-
4 members;

5 “(cc) the type of service per-
6 formed by Corpsmembers and the
7 impact and accomplishments of
8 the service; and

9 “(dd) any other similar data
10 determined by the Chief Executive
11 Officer of the Corporation for Na-
12 tional and Community Service or
13 the head of a participating entity
14 to be appropriate, including data
15 sufficient to determine the effec-
16 tiveness of 21CSC organizations
17 in carrying out activities to
18 achieve the purposes of this title
19 in a manner that—

20 “(AA) is cost-effective;
21 and

22 “(BB) does not unduly
23 duplicate or overlap with
24 any other activity or pro-

1 *gram carried out by any*
2 *other Federal agency.*

3 “(II) *DATA FROM PARTICIPATING*
4 *ENTITIES.—Not later than 1 year after*
5 *the date of enactment of the 21st Cen-*
6 *tury Conservation Service Corps Act,*
7 *and annually thereafter, the head of*
8 *each participating entity shall submit*
9 *to the Chief Executive Officer of the*
10 *Corporation for National and Commu-*
11 *nity Service the data described in*
12 *items (aa) through (dd) of subclause*
13 *(I).*

14 “(III) *DATA COLLECTION.—The*
15 *Chief Executive Officer of the Corpora-*
16 *tion for National and Community*
17 *Service may coordinate with indi-*
18 *vidual 21CSC organizations to im-*
19 *prove the collection of the required data*
20 *described in items (aa) through (dd) of*
21 *subclause (I).*

22 “(ii) *COMPTROLLER GENERAL RE-*
23 *PORTS.—*

24 “(I) *IN GENERAL.—The Comp-*
25 *troller General of the United States*

1 shall prepare and submit to Con-
2 gress—

3 “(aa) not later than 3 years
4 after the date of submission of the
5 first report under clause (i)(I), an
6 interim report; and

7 “(bb) not later than 5 years
8 after the date of submission of the
9 first report under that clause, a
10 final report.

11 “(II) CONTENTS.—The interim
12 and final reports referred to in sub-
13 clause (I) shall include—

14 “(aa) an assessment, based
15 on the data described in items
16 (aa) through (dd) of clause (i)(I),
17 of the effectiveness of 21CSC orga-
18 nizations in achieving the pur-
19 poses of this title in a manner
20 that—

21 “(AA) is cost-effective;

22 and

23 “(BB) does not unduly
24 duplicate or overlap with
25 any other activity or pro-

1 *gram carried out by any*
2 *other Federal agency; and*

3 *“(bb) recommendations on*
4 *how to more effectively manage*
5 *and carry out 21CSC projects to*
6 *achieve the purposes of this title*
7 *in the manner described in item*
8 *(aa).*

9 *“(III) ADDITIONAL REPORTS.—*
10 *The Comptroller General of the United*
11 *States may submit to Congress any ad-*
12 *ditional report that includes the con-*
13 *tent described in subclause (II), as the*
14 *Comptroller General determines to be*
15 *necessary.*

16 *“(4) GIFTS AND DONATIONS.—The head of a par-*
17 *ticipating entity may accept, use, or dispose of a con-*
18 *tribution that is a gift or donation of money, services,*
19 *or property to support the development, implementa-*
20 *tion, and expansion of a 21CSC project, in accord-*
21 *ance with applicable law (including regulations).*

22 *“(5) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH 21CSC OR-*
23 *GANIZATIONS.—*

24 *“(A) IN GENERAL.—The head of each par-*
25 *ticipating entity may—*

1 “(i) develop a public-private partner-
2 ship with a 21CSC organization by enter-
3 ing into a cooperative agreement with the
4 21CSC organization to support and carry
5 out 21CSC projects; and

6 “(ii) leverage existing resources de-
7 scribed in section 210(b) to support a coop-
8 erative agreement.

9 “(B) TYPE OF COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.—
10 A cooperative agreement under this paragraph
11 may—

12 “(i) be limited to an agreement for a
13 specific 21CSC project;

14 “(ii) be a broad agreement covering
15 multiple planned or future 21CSC projects;
16 or

17 “(iii) be an agreement for a 21CSC
18 project to be part of a broader 21CSC ini-
19 tiative carried out in partnership with—

20 “(I) the Federal Government;

21 “(II) a State government; or

22 “(III) a tribal agency.

23 “(C) SET SHARE.—A cooperative agreement
24 under this paragraph shall include a provision

1 *specifying the cost share that the 21CSC organi-*
2 *zation will provide under section 210(c).*

3 “(d) 21CSC ORGANIZATIONS.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—*To be considered and ap-*
5 *proved as a 21CSC organization, an organization*
6 *shall, to the maximum extent practicable, demonstrate*
7 *the ability to meet, and provide assurances that the*
8 *organization will meet, each requirement described in*
9 *paragraphs (2) through (6).*

10 “(2) 21CSC CORPSMEMBERS ENGAGED BY 21CSC
11 ORGANIZATIONS.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—*In addition to meeting*
13 *the requirement of subparagraph (B), any indi-*
14 *vidual selected by a 21CSC organization to carry*
15 *out a 21CSC project shall, to the maximum ex-*
16 *tent practicable, be—*

17 “(i) *a youth, notwithstanding para-*
18 *graphs (3) and (4) of section 137(a) of the*
19 *National and Community Service Act of*
20 *1990 (42 U.S.C. 12591(a)) in the case of*
21 *any Corpsmember participating in a*
22 *21CSC project supported and carried out by*
23 *the Corporation for National and Commu-*
24 *nity Service; or*

25 “(ii) *a veteran not older than age 35.*

1 “(B) *CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT.*—*Any in-*
2 *dividual selected as a Corpsmember shall be—*

3 “*(i) a citizen or national of the United*
4 *States;*

5 “*(ii) a lawful permanent resident of*
6 *the United States; or*

7 “*(iii) a citizen of the Republic of the*
8 *Marshall Islands, the Federated States of*
9 *Micronesia, or the Republic of Palau and*
10 *admitted to the United States as a non-*
11 *immigrant under the terms of the applica-*
12 *ble Compact of Free Association with the*
13 *United States.*

14 “(C) *EMPHASIS ON DIVERSITY AND INCLU-*
15 *SION.*—*In selecting a Corpsmember, a 21CSC or-*
16 *ganization shall make deliberate outreach efforts*
17 *to engage an individual who—*

18 “*(i) lives in the State or region of the*
19 *21CSC organization; and*

20 “*(ii) represents a traditionally under-*
21 *served population, including veterans, Indi-*
22 *ans, and disadvantaged youth (as defined*
23 *in section 101 of the National and Commu-*
24 *nity Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.*
25 *12511)).*

1 “(3) *COMPENSATION FOR PARTICIPANTS.—A*
2 *21CSC organization shall provide compensation to*
3 *each Corpsmember that includes 1 or more of the fol-*
4 *lowing:*

5 “(A) *A wage.*

6 “(B) *A stipend.*

7 “(C) *A living allowance.*

8 “(D) *An educational credit that may be ap-*
9 *plied towards a program of postsecondary edu-*
10 *cation at an institution of higher education that*
11 *agrees to award the credit for participation in a*
12 *21CSC project.*

13 “(4) *ORGANIZATION OF SERVICE FOR PARTICI-*
14 *PANTS.—*

15 “(A) *IN GENERAL.—In carrying out a*
16 *21CSC project, a 21CSC organization shall, to*
17 *the maximum extent practicable, organize each*
18 *Corpsmember as—*

19 “(i) *a crew-based participant who—*

20 “(I) *serves together with other*
21 *crew-based participants; and*

22 “(II) *is directly supervised by a*
23 *trained and experienced crew-based*
24 *leader or conservation professional; or*

1 “(ii) *an individual or small team-*
2 *based participant who serves—*

3 “(I) *individually or in a coordi-*
4 *nated small team, as applicable;*

5 “(II) *under the direction of a con-*
6 *servation professional; and*

7 “(III) *on an initiative that re-*
8 *quires specific skills and dedicated at-*
9 *tention.*

10 “(B) *VETERAN AND CIVILIAN COOPERA-*
11 *TION.—A 21CSC organization shall, to the max-*
12 *imum extent practicable, encourage cooperation*
13 *among veteran and civilian Corpsmembers.*

14 “(5) *21CSC PROJECTS.—A 21CSC organization*
15 *shall carry out a 21CSC project that includes na-*
16 *tional service, and may be a priority project, involv-*
17 *ing—*

18 “(A) *the conservation, restoration, and en-*
19 *hancement of—*

20 “(i) *a unit of the National Park Sys-*
21 *tem or National Forest System;*

22 “(ii) *public or tribal land or water; or*

23 “(iii) *natural, cultural, or historical*
24 *resources or treasures;*

1 “(B) the conservation, restoration, manage-
2 ment, and development of the natural resources
3 and infrastructure of the United States, includ-
4 ing—

5 “(i) removal of invasive species;

6 “(ii) wildfire prevention and response;

7 “(iii) disaster resiliency, mitigation,
8 response, and recovery;

9 “(iv) trail development and mainte-
10 nance;

11 “(v) coastal restoration and resiliency;

12 “(vi) historic preservation;

13 “(vii) public safety;

14 “(viii) energy efficiency and alter-
15 native energy;

16 “(ix) water infrastructure;

17 “(x) construction, repair, rehabilita-
18 tion, or maintenance of—

19 “(I) a road;

20 “(II) a campground; or

21 “(III) any other recreation or vis-
22 itor facility or housing structure; and

23 “(xi) any other related project that fur-
24 thers the purposes of this title;

1 “(C) the support, development, and en-
2 hancement of outdoor recreation or urban green
3 space for the purpose of public access;

4 “(D) service that is primarily indoors, such
5 as service in a science, policy, or program in-
6 ternship, with a clear benefit for natural, cul-
7 tural, or historic resources or treasures, which
8 may include the provision of interpretation and
9 education services to—

10 “(i) the public; or

11 “(ii) a cooperating association, edu-
12 cational institution, friends group, or simi-
13 lar nonprofit partner organization; and

14 “(E) notwithstanding section 132A of the
15 National and Community Service Act of 1990
16 (42 U.S.C. 12584a), a project described in this
17 paragraph on private land or water in partner-
18 ship with a private entity if—

19 “(i) the project has a direct or recog-
20 nized public or environmental benefit; or

21 “(ii) the funding for the project origi-
22 nated from a governmental entity, regard-
23 less of the end payor.

1 “(6) *21CSC CORPSMEMBERS.*—*In carrying out a*
2 *21CSC project, a 21CSC organization shall provide*
3 *each Corpsmember with—*

4 “(A) *in-demand skills development, certifi-*
5 *cation and credentials, and education to prepare*
6 *the Corpsmember for success in transitioning to*
7 *the 21st century workforce;*

8 “(B) *community skill development to help*
9 *the Corpsmember—*

10 “(i) *acquire an ethic of service to oth-*
11 *ers and the United States; and*

12 “(ii) *become a more effective natural*
13 *resource and community steward; and*

14 “(C) *a greater understanding of the nat-*
15 *ural, cultural, or historic resources or treasures*
16 *of the United States.*

17 “(e) *CORPSMEMBER COMPENSATION AND EMPLOY-*
18 *MENT STANDARDS.*—

19 “(1) *CORPSMEMBER COMPENSATION STAND-*
20 *ARD.*—

21 “(A) *SPECIFIC WAGE RATES.*—*A form of*
22 *compensation provided under subparagraph (A),*
23 *(B), or (C) of subsection (d)(3) shall be consid-*
24 *ered to be established at a specific wage rate, in*
25 *the same manner as the compensation provided*

1 *for a living allowance under section 140 of the*
2 *National and Community Service Act of 1990*
3 *(42 U.S.C. 12594).*

4 “(B) *COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN CORPS-*
5 *MEMBERS.—The compensation provided under*
6 *subsection (d)(3) to a Corpsmember who is not*
7 *a participant in a 21CSC project supported by*
8 *the Corporation for National and Community*
9 *Service shall not be subject to any provision of*
10 *(including a regulation under) the National and*
11 *Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.*
12 *12501 et seq.) relating to a wage rate, but shall*
13 *be considered to be established at a specific wage*
14 *rate, in the manner described in subparagraph*
15 *(A).*

16 “(C) *RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in*
17 *subparagraph (A) applies a specific wage rate*
18 *for a living allowance that is established under*
19 *section 140 of the National and Community*
20 *Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12594) to the*
21 *compensation of a Corpsmember under sub-*
22 *section (d)(3).*

23 “(2) *CORPSMEMBER EMPLOYMENT STANDARD.—*

24 “(A) *IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in*
25 *subparagraphs (B) and (C), in parity with sec-*

1 *tion 101(30) of the National and Community*
2 *Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12511(30)), a*
3 *Corpsmember shall be considered to be a partici-*
4 *part (as defined in section 101 of the National*
5 *and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.*
6 *12511)), not an employee, of the 21CSC organi-*
7 *zation for which the Corpsmember serves.*

8 *“(B) FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS.—*
9 *Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), Federal em-*
10 *ployment provisions shall apply to a Corps-*
11 *member to the extent that those provisions apply*
12 *to a participant or crew leader under section*
13 *199M(b) of the National and Community Service*
14 *Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12655n(b)).*

15 *“(C) CHILD LABOR PROVISIONS.—Notwith-*
16 *standing subparagraph (A)—*

17 *“(i) the child labor provisions under*
18 *section 12 of the Fair Labor Standards Act*
19 *of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 212) (including any*
20 *order or regulation issued under the author-*
21 *ity of such section or section 3(l) of such Act*
22 *(29 U.S.C. 203(l)) shall apply to a Corps-*
23 *member and the 21CSC organization for*
24 *which the Corpsmember serves in the same*
25 *manner as such provisions apply to an em-*

1 *ployee and an employer under such Act;*
2 *and*

3 *“(ii) a violation of a section specified*
4 *in clause (i) by a 21CSC organization shall*
5 *be enforced by the Secretary of Labor in the*
6 *same manner, and subject to the same pen-*
7 *alties under the Fair Labor Standards Act*
8 *of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 201 et seq.), as a viola-*
9 *tion by an employer of section 12 of such*
10 *Act (29 U.S.C. 212).*

11 *“(3) CIVIL SERVICE.—An individual may be en-*
12 *rolled as a Corpsmember without regard to the civil*
13 *service and classification laws, rules, or regulations.”.*

14 **SEC. 505. 21ST CENTURY CONSERVATION SERVICE CORPS**
15 **CONSERVATION CENTERS AND PROGRAM**
16 **SUPPORT.**

17 *Section 205 of the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993*
18 *(16 U.S.C. 1724) is amended—*

19 *(1) in subsection (a)—*

20 *(A) by striking “Secretary” each place it*
21 *appears and inserting “head of a participating*
22 *entity”; and*

23 *(B) in paragraph (1)—*

1 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
2 “Public Lands Corps” and inserting
3 “21CSC”; and

4 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
5 “conservation projects” and inserting
6 “21CSC projects”;

7 (2) in subsection (b)—

8 (A) in the heading, by inserting “, TEM-
9 PORARY HOUSING, AND TRANSPORTATION” after
10 “LOGISTICAL SUPPORT”;

11 (B) in the first sentence—

12 (i) by striking “The Secretary” and
13 inserting the following:

14 “(1) LOGISTICAL SUPPORT.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The head of a partici-
16 pating entity”; and

17 (ii) by striking “the Corps” and insert-
18 ing “the 21CSC”;

19 (C) in the second sentence, by striking
20 “Logistical support” and inserting the following:

21 “(B) INCLUSIONS.—Logistical support pro-
22 vided under subparagraph (A)”;

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

24 “(2) TEMPORARY HOUSING.—The head of a par-
25 ticipating entity may make arrangements with an-

1 *other Federal agency or a State, local government, or*
2 *private organization to provide temporary housing*
3 *for Corpsmembers as needed and available.*

4 “(3) *TRANSPORTATION.*—*The head of a partici-*
5 *parting entity may provide transportation to and*
6 *from 21CSC project sites for Corpsmembers that re-*
7 *side in their own homes.”;*

8 (3) *in subsection (c)*—

9 (A) *by striking “The Secretary” and insert-*
10 *ing “The head of a participating entity”;* and

11 (B) *by striking “the Corps for training or*
12 *housing Corps participants” and inserting “the*
13 *21CSC for training or housing Corpsmembers”;*
14 *and*

15 (4) *in subsection (d), by striking “The Sec-*
16 *retary” and inserting “The head of a participating*
17 *entity”.*

18 **SEC. 506. RESOURCE ASSISTANTS.**

19 *Section 206 of the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993*
20 *(16 U.S.C. 1725) is amended—*

21 (1) *in subsection (a)*—

22 (A) *in the fourth sentence, by striking “The*
23 *Secretary” and inserting the following:*

24 “(4) *PREFERENCE.*—*The head of a participating*
25 *entity”;*

1 (B) in the third sentence, by striking “The
2 Secretary” and inserting the following:

3 “(3) *SELECTION.*—The head of a participating
4 entity”;

5 (C) in the second sentence, by striking “To
6 be eligible” and inserting the following:

7 “(2) *ELIGIBILITY.*—To be eligible”; and

8 (D) by striking the first sentence and insert-
9 ing the following:

10 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—The head of a participating
11 entity may provide individual placements of resource
12 assistants to carry out research or resource protection
13 activities on behalf of the participating entity.”; and

14 (2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the
15 following:

16 “(b) *PREFERENCE FOR THE USE OF 21CSC ORGANI-*
17 *ZATIONS.*—

18 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—If the head of a partici-
19 pating entity determines that a 21CSC organization
20 can provide appropriate recruitment and placement
21 services to fulfill the requirements of this section, the
22 head of the participating entity may implement this
23 section through a 21CSC organization.

24 “(2) *CONTRIBUTION TO EXPENSES.*—A 21CSC
25 organization providing recruitment and placement

1 *services under paragraph (1) shall contribute to the*
2 *expenses of providing and supporting resource assist-*
3 *ants, through 1 or more private sources of funding, at*
4 *a level equal to 25 percent of the total costs of each*
5 *participant in the resource assistant program that*
6 *has been recruited and placed through the 21CSC or-*
7 *ganization.*

8 *“(3) ANNUAL REPORT.—A 21CSC organization*
9 *providing recruitment and placement services under*
10 *paragraph (1) shall submit to the head of the applica-*
11 *ble participating entity an annual report that evalu-*
12 *ates the scope, size, and quality of the resource assist-*
13 *ant program carried out by the 21CSC organization,*
14 *including a description of the value of the work con-*
15 *tributed by resource assistants to the mission of the*
16 *participating entity.”.*

17 **SEC. 507. ELIGIBILITY FOR NONCOMPETITIVE HIRING STA-**
18 **TUS.**

19 *Section 207 of the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993*
20 *(16 U.S.C. 1726) is amended to read as follows:*

21 **“SEC. 207. ELIGIBILITY FOR NONCOMPETITIVE HIRING STA-**
22 **TUS.**

23 *“(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—*

24 *“(1) the terms ‘land management agency’ and*
25 *‘time-limited appointment’ have the meanings given*

1 *those terms in section 9601 of title 5, United States*
2 *Code; and*

3 *“(2) the term ‘qualified Corpsmember’ means a*
4 *Corpsmember who is certified by a corresponding par-*
5 *ticipating entity as having successfully completed 640*
6 *hours of service with a 21CSC organization.*

7 *“(b) HIRING.—*

8 *“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2)*
9 *and subsection (c), a qualified Corpsmember shall be*
10 *eligible for appointment in the competitive service in*
11 *the same manner as a Peace Corps volunteer as pre-*
12 *scribed in Executive Order 11103 (22 U.S.C. 2504*
13 *note; relating to Providing for the Appointment of*
14 *Former Peace Corps Volunteers to the Civilian Career*
15 *Services), as amended by Executive Order 12107 (44*
16 *Fed. Reg. 1055; relating to the Civil Service Commis-*
17 *sion and Labor-Management in the Federal Service).*

18 *“(2) PERIOD.—A qualified Corpsmember shall be*
19 *eligible for an appointment under paragraph (1) dur-*
20 *ing the 2-year period beginning on the date on which*
21 *the Corpsmember completes the 640 hours of service*
22 *required under subsection (a)(2).*

23 *“(3) TIME-LIMITED APPOINTMENT.—For pur-*
24 *poses of section 9602 of title 5, United States Code,*
25 *a qualified Corpsmember hired by a participating en-*

1 *tity that is a land management agency for a time-*
2 *limited appointment shall be considered to be ap-*
3 *pointed initially under open, competitive examina-*
4 *tion.*

5 “(c) *SERVICE HOURS.*—

6 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The 640 hours of service re-*
7 *quired under subsection (a)(2) may include service on*
8 *1 or more projects carried out by a Corpsmember*
9 *with 1 or more participating entities during 1 or*
10 *more terms of service in a 21CSC organization.*

11 “(2) *COMPETITIVE SERVICE.*—*To be eligible for*
12 *noncompetitive hiring status under subsection (b), a*
13 *Corpsmember shall perform the 640 hours of service*
14 *required under subsection (a)(2)—*

15 “(A) *carrying out a project on public or*
16 *tribal land or water; or*

17 “(B) *in service with, or on a project sup-*
18 *ported in whole or in part by, a participating*
19 *entity.*

20 “(3) *PRIORITIES.*—*The head of each partici-*
21 *parting entity is encouraged, to the maximum extent*
22 *practicable, to identify a sufficient number of 21CSC*
23 *projects on public or tribal land or water that are*
24 *aligned with the priorities of the participating entity*
25 *so as to facilitate the attainment of the 640 hours of*

1 *service by Corpsmembers required under subsection*
2 *(a)(2).*

3 “(4) *TRACKING HOURS.—Participating entities*
4 *shall coordinate with 21CSC organizations to identify*
5 *the most effective and efficient method for tracking*
6 *and certifying the 640 hours of service required under*
7 *subsection (a)(2).*

8 “(d) *GUIDANCE.—The head of each participating enti-*
9 *ty, and any subdivision of a participating entity, shall co-*
10 *ordinate with the head of each other participating entity,*
11 *and subdivision of each other participating entity, to imple-*
12 *ment and issue guidance on eligibility for noncompetitive*
13 *hiring status under subsection (b) in a uniform manner*
14 *to—*

15 “(1) *improve the efficiency and use of non-*
16 *competitive hiring authority; and*

17 “(2) *minimize inconsistency.*”.

18 **SEC. 508. NATIONAL SERVICE EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.**

19 *Section 208 of the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993*
20 *(16 U.S.C. 1727) is amended—*

21 (1) *in subsection (a), in the first sentence—*

22 (A) *by striking “participant in the Public*
23 *Lands Corps” and inserting “Corpsmember”;*
24 *and*

1 (B) by striking “the participant” and in-
2 serting “the Corpsmember”; and

3 (2) in subsection (b)—

4 (A) by striking “either participants in the
5 Corps” and inserting “Corpsmembers”; and

6 (B) by striking “such a participant” and
7 inserting “a Corpsmember”.

8 **SEC. 509. NONDISPLACEMENT.**

9 Section 209 of the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993
10 (16 U.S.C. 1728) is amended—

11 (1) by striking “Public Lands Corps” and in-
12 serting “21CSC”; and

13 (2) by striking “qualified youth or conservation
14 corps” and inserting “Corpsmember or a 21CSC or-
15 ganization”.

16 **SEC. 510. FUNDING.**

17 Section 210 of the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993
18 (16 U.S.C. 1729) is amended—

19 (1) by redesignating subsections (a) through (c)
20 as subsections (d) through (f), respectively;

21 (2) by inserting before subsection (d) (as so re-
22 designated) the following:

23 “(a) INVESTMENTS.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to using the
25 funds described in subsections (b) and (c) to fund

1 *21CSC projects, each 21CSC organization shall lever-*
2 *age those funds by soliciting cash or in-kind contribu-*
3 *tions from public or private sources.*

4 “(2) *METHODS.*—*A 21CSC organization may le-*
5 *verage funds by soliciting contributions using innova-*
6 *tive strategies, such as crowd-funding.*

7 “(b) *EXISTING RESOURCES.*—*To fund a 21CSC*
8 *project, the head of each participating entity shall be lim-*
9 *ited to using existing funds appropriated or allocated to*
10 *the participating entity, as of the period of implementation*
11 *of the 21CSC project, under any law or authority other*
12 *than this title.*

13 “(c) *SET COST SHARE.*—*A 21CSC organization car-*
14 *rying out a 21CSC project shall provide a cost share of not*
15 *less than 10 percent of the total cost of the 21CSC project,*
16 *which may include cash or in-kind contributions from a*
17 *State, local, or private source.”;*

18 (3) *in subsection (d) (as so redesignated)—*

19 (A) *in paragraph (1)—*

20 (i) *in the paragraph heading, by strik-*
21 *ing “QUALIFIED YOUTH OR CONSERVATION*
22 *CORPS” and inserting “CORPSMEMBERS OR*
23 *21CSC ORGANIZATIONS”;* *and*

24 (ii) *by striking the first and second*
25 *sentences; and*

1 (B) in paragraph (2)—

2 (i) in the paragraph heading, by strik-
3 ing “PUBLIC LANDS CORPS” and inserting
4 “21CSC”;

5 (ii) in the first sentence—

6 (I) by striking “The Secretary is
7 authorized to” and inserting “The head
8 of a participating entity may”;

9 (II) by striking “Public Lands
10 Corps” and inserting “21CSC”; and

11 (III) by striking “the Corps” and
12 inserting “the 21CSC”; and

13 (iii) in the second sentence, by striking
14 “the Corps” and inserting “the 21CSC”;

15 (4) in subsection (e) (as so redesignated), by
16 striking “In order” and all that follows through “the
17 Secretary” and inserting “To carry out the 21CSC or
18 to support resource assistants and Corpsmembers or
19 21CSC organizations under this title, the head of a
20 participating entity”; and

21 (5) in subsection (f) (as so redesignated)—

22 (A) by striking “section 211” and inserting
23 “section 213”; and

24 (B) by striking “Public Lands Corps” and
25 inserting “21CSC”.

1 **SEC. 511. INDIAN YOUTH 21ST CENTURY CONSERVATION**
2 **SERVICE CORPS; RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

3 *The Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 (16 U.S.C. 1721*
4 *et seq.) is amended—*

5 *(1) by redesignating section 211 as section 213;*

6 *and*

7 *(2) by inserting after section 210 the following:*

8 **“SEC. 211. INDIAN YOUTH 21ST CENTURY CONSERVATION**
9 **SERVICE CORPS.**

10 *“(a) AUTHORIZATION OF COOPERATIVE AGREE-*
11 *MENTS.—The head of a participating entity may offer to*
12 *enter into a cooperative agreement with a tribal agency or*
13 *a 21CSC organization to establish and administer the In-*
14 *dian Youth 21st Century Conservation Service Corps, which*
15 *shall carry out 1 or more 21CSC projects on tribal land*
16 *or water.*

17 *“(b) GUIDELINES.—Not later than 18 months after the*
18 *date of enactment of the 21st Century Conservation Service*
19 *Corps Act, the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation*
20 *with Indian tribes, shall issue guidelines for the manage-*
21 *ment of the Indian Youth 21st Century Conservation Serv-*
22 *ice Corps, in accordance with this Act and any other appli-*
23 *cable Federal laws.*

24 **“SEC. 212. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

25 *“Except where otherwise provided for in this title, the*
26 *requirements and authorities provided under this title with*

1 *respect to Corpsmembers, 21CSC organizations, and par-*
2 *ticipating entities with respect to a 21CSC project shall be*
3 *in addition to any requirement or authority provided under*
4 *other Federal law with respect to Corpsmembers, 21CSC or-*
5 *ganizations, and participating entities with respect to the*
6 *21CSC project.”.*

7 **SEC. 512. DIRECT HIRE AUTHORITY.**

8 *Section 121(a) of the Department of the Interior, En-*
9 *vironment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012*
10 *(16 U.S.C. 1725a(a)), is amended—*

11 *(1) in paragraph (1)—*

12 *(A) by striking “Secretary of the Interior”*
13 *and inserting “head of a participating entity (as*
14 *defined in section 203 of the Public Lands Corps*
15 *Act of 1993 (16 U.S.C. 1722)) (referred to in this*
16 *subsection as a ‘participating entity’); and*

17 *(B) by striking “in paragraph (1) directly*
18 *to a position with a land managing agency of*
19 *the Department of the Interior” and inserting*
20 *“in paragraph (2) directly to a position with a*
21 *participating entity”; and*

22 *(2) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “land man-*
23 *aging agency” and inserting “participating entity”.*

1 **SEC. 513. NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS.**

2 (a) *NONPROFIT CAPACITY BUILDING.*—Section
3 198S(a)(4) of the National and Community Service Act of
4 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12653s(a)(4)) is amended by striking “and
5 the District of Columbia” and inserting “the District of Co-
6 lumbia, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Is-
7 lands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands of the United
8 States”.

9 (b) *COMPACT MIGRANT ELIGIBILITY.*—Section
10 137(a)(5) of the National and Community Service Act of
11 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12591(a)(5)) is amended to read as follows:

12 “(5) is a citizen or national of the United States
13 or lawful permanent resident alien of the United
14 States, or is a citizen of the Republic of the Marshall
15 Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, or the Re-
16 public of Palau and admitted to the United States as
17 a nonimmigrant under the terms of the applicable
18 Compact of Free Association with the United States.”.

19 (c) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—The amendments made by this
20 section shall apply to any participant in a program under
21 the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42
22 U.S.C. 12501 et seq.) selected after the date of enactment
23 of this section.

1 **SEC. 514. YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS.**

2 *Public Law 91–378 (commonly known as the “Youth*
3 *Conservation Corps Act of 1970”)* (16 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.)
4 *is amended—*

5 (1) *in section 102(a) (16 U.S.C. 1702(a)), by—*

6 (A) *striking “trust territories, or” and in-*
7 *serting “or the”; and*

8 (B) *inserting “(or who are citizens of the*
9 *Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated*
10 *States of Micronesia, or the Republic of Palau*
11 *and admitted to the United States as non-*
12 *immigrants under the terms of the applicable*
13 *Compact of Free Association with the United*
14 *States),” after “Puerto Rico”; and*

15 (2) *in section 104 (16 U.S.C. 1704)—*

16 (A) *in subsection (a), by striking “the Trust*
17 *Territory of the Pacific Islands, and American*
18 *Samoa” and inserting “American Samoa, and*
19 *the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Is-*
20 *lands”; and*

21 (B) *in subsection (b)(1)(A), by striking “,*
22 *possessions, or the Trust Territory of the Pacific*
23 *Islands” and inserting “or possessions (or the*
24 *citizens of the Republic of the Marshall Islands,*
25 *the Federated States of Micronesia, or the Re-*
26 *public of Palau and admitted to the United*

1 *States as nonimmigrants under the terms of the*
2 *applicable Compact of Free Association with the*
3 *United States)”.*

4 **TITLE VI—EVERY KID OUTDOORS**

5 **SEC. 601. SHORT TITLE.**

6 *This title may be cited as the “Every Kid Outdoors*
7 *Act”.*

8 **SEC. 602. DEFINITIONS.**

9 *In this title:*

10 (1) *FEDERAL LANDS AND WATERS.*—*The term*
11 *“Federal lands and waters” means any Federal lands*
12 *or body of water under the jurisdiction of any Sec-*
13 *retary to which the public has access.*

14 (2) *PROGRAM.*—*The term “program” means the*
15 *Every Kid Outdoors program established under sec-*
16 *tion 603(a).*

17 (3) *SECRETARY.*—*The term “Secretary”*
18 *means—*

19 (A) *in the case of Federal lands and waters*
20 *under the jurisdiction of the Department of the*
21 *Interior, the Secretary of the Interior, acting*
22 *through, as relevant—*

23 (i) *the Director of the National Park*
24 *Service;*

1 (ii) *the Director of the United States*
2 *Fish and Wildlife Service;*

3 (iii) *the Director of the Bureau of*
4 *Land Management; and*

5 (iv) *the Commissioner of Reclamation;*

6 (B) *in the case of Federal lands and waters*
7 *under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Forest Service,*
8 *the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the*
9 *Chief of the U.S. Forest Service;*

10 (C) *in the case of Federal lands and waters*
11 *under the jurisdiction of the National Oceanic*
12 *and Atmospheric Administration, the Secretary*
13 *of Commerce, acting through the Administrator*
14 *of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-*
15 *ministration; and*

16 (D) *in the case of Federal lands and waters*
17 *under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of*
18 *Engineers, the Secretary of the Army, acting*
19 *through the Chief of Engineers of the U.S. Army*
20 *Corps of Engineers.*

21 (4) *STUDENT OR STUDENTS.—The term “stu-*
22 *dent” or “students” means any fourth grader or*
23 *home-schooled learner 10 years of age residing in the*
24 *United States, including any territory or possession*
25 *of the United States.*

1 **SEC. 603. EVERY KID OUTDOORS PROGRAM.**

2 (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—Each Secretary shall establish
3 a program, to be known as the “Every Kid Outdoors Pro-
4 gram”, that will provide free access to students and certain
5 accompanying individuals, in accordance with this section,
6 to those Federal lands and waters for which access is subject
7 to an entrance, standard amenity, or day use fee.

8 (b) *ANNUAL PASSES.*—

9 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—At the request of a student,
10 the Secretary shall issue a pass to the student, which
11 allows access to Federal lands and waters for which
12 access is subject to an entrance, standard amenity, or
13 day use fee, free of charge for the student and—

14 (A) in the case of a per-vehicle fee area—

15 (i) any passengers accompanying the
16 student in a private, noncommercial vehicle;
17 or

18 (ii) not more than 3 adults accom-
19 panying the student on bicycles; or

20 (B) in the case of a per-person fee area, not
21 more than 3 adults accompanying the student.

22 (2) *TERM.*—A pass described in this subsection
23 shall be effective during the period beginning on Sep-
24 tember 1 and ending on August 31 of the following
25 year.

1 (3) *PRESENCE OF STUDENT REQUIRED.*—A pass
2 described in this subsection shall be effective only if
3 the student to which the pass was issued is present at
4 the point of entry to the applicable Federal lands or
5 waters.

6 (c) *OTHER ACTIVITIES.*—In carrying out the program,
7 each Secretary—

8 (1) may collaborate with State and territorial
9 park systems that opt to implement a complementary
10 *Every Kid Outdoors State or Territory Park pass;*

11 (2) may coordinate with the Secretary of Edu-
12 cation to implement the program;

13 (3) shall maintain a publicly available website
14 with information about the program;

15 (4) may provide visitor services for the program;
16 and

17 (5) may support approved partners of the Fed-
18 eral land and waters by providing the partners with
19 opportunities to participate in the program.

20 (d) *REPORTS.*—The Secretary of the Interior, in co-
21 ordination with each Secretary, shall prepare a comprehen-
22 sive report to Congress each year describing—

23 (1) the implementation of the program;

24 (2) the number and geographical distribution of
25 students who participated in the program; and

1 (3) *the number of passes described in subsection*
2 *(b)(1) that were distributed.*

3 (e) *SUNSET.—The authorities provided in this title,*
4 *including the reporting requirement, shall expire on the*
5 *date that is seven years after the date of enactment of this*
6 *title.*

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