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To standardize the designation of National Heritage Areas, and for other purposes.

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Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. WICKER, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. WARREN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. PETERS, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. ROSEN, and Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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Reported by Mr. MANCHIN, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]**A BILL**

To standardize the designation of National Heritage Areas,
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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “National Heritage
3 Area Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) **LOCAL COORDINATING ENTITY.**—The term
7 “local coordinating entity” means the entity des-
8 ignated by Congress—

9 (A) to carry out, in partnership with other
10 individuals and entities, the management plan
11 for a National Heritage Area; and

12 (B) to operate the National Heritage Area,
13 including through the implementation of
14 projects and programs among diverse partners
15 in the National Heritage Area.

16 (2) **NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.**—The term
17 “National Heritage Area” means a component of the
18 National Heritage Area System described in section
19 3(b).

20 (3) **NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA SYSTEM.**—The
21 term “National Heritage Area System” means the
22 system established by section 3(a).

23 (4) **PROPOSED NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.**—
24 The term “proposed National Heritage Area” means
25 an area that is proposed to be designated as a Na-
26 tional Heritage Area.

1 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of the Interior.

3 (6) TRIBAL GOVERNMENT.—The term “Tribal
4 government” means the governing body of an Indian
5 Tribe included on the most recent list published by
6 the Secretary pursuant to section 104 of the Feder-
7 ally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994 (25
8 U.S.C. 5131).

9 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA SYSTEM.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—To recognize certain areas of the
11 United States that tell nationally significant stories and
12 to conserve, enhance, and interpret those nationally sig-
13 nificant stories and the natural, historic, scenic, and cul-
14 tural resources of areas that illustrate significant aspects
15 of the heritage of the United States, there is established
16 a National Heritage Area System through the administra-
17 tion of which the Secretary may provide technical and fi-
18 nancial assistance to local coordinating entities to support
19 the establishment, development, and continuity of the Na-
20 tional Heritage Areas.

21 (b) NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA SYSTEM.—The Na-
22 tional Heritage Area System shall be composed of—

23 (1) each National Heritage Area, National Her-
24 itage Corridor, National Heritage Canalway, Cul-
25 tural Heritage Corridor, and National Heritage

1 Partnership designated by Congress before or on the
 2 date of enactment of this Act; and

3 ~~(2) each National Heritage Area designated by~~
 4 ~~Congress after the date of enactment of this Act,~~
 5 ~~unless the law designating the area exempts that~~
 6 ~~area from the National Heritage Area System by~~
 7 ~~specific reference to this Act.~~

8 ~~(c) RELATIONSHIP TO THE NATIONAL PARK SYS-~~
 9 ~~TEM.—~~

10 ~~(1) RELATIONSHIP TO NATIONAL PARK~~
 11 ~~UNITS.—The Secretary shall—~~

12 ~~(A) ensure, to the maximum extent prac-~~
 13 ~~ticable, participation and assistance by any ad-~~
 14 ~~ministrator of a unit of the National Park Sys-~~
 15 ~~tem that is located near or encompassed by a~~
 16 ~~National Heritage Area in local initiatives for~~
 17 ~~the National Heritage Area to conserve and in-~~
 18 ~~terpret resources consistent with the applicable~~
 19 ~~management plan for the National Heritage~~
 20 ~~Area; and~~

21 ~~(B) work with local coordinating entities to~~
 22 ~~promote public enjoyment of units of the Na-~~
 23 ~~tional Park System and National Park-related~~
 24 ~~resources.~~

1 (2) TREATMENT.—A National Heritage Area
2 shall not be—

3 (A) considered to be a unit of the National
4 Park System; or

5 (B) subject to the authorities applicable to
6 units of the National Park System.

7 (d) DUTIES.—Under the National Heritage Area
8 System, the Secretary shall—

9 (1) review and approve or disapprove the man-
10 agement plan for a National Heritage Area in ac-
11 cordance with section 4(e); and

12 (2) submit to the Committee on Energy and
13 Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee
14 on Natural Resources of the House of Representa-
15 tives reports describing the activities conducted with
16 respect to National Heritage Areas in accordance
17 with this Act.

18 (e) AUTHORITIES.—In carrying out this Act, the Sec-
19 retary may—

20 (1) conduct or review, as applicable, feasibility
21 studies in accordance with section 4(a);

22 (2) conduct an evaluation of the accomplish-
23 ments of, and submit to Congress a report that in-
24 cludes recommendations regarding the role of Na-

1 tional Park Service with respect to, each National
2 Heritage Area, in accordance with section 5;

3 ~~(3)~~ use amounts made available under section 7
4 to provide technical and financial assistance, on a
5 reimbursable or nonreimbursable basis, as deter-
6 mined by the Secretary, for—

7 (A) the development and implementation of
8 management plans for National Heritage Areas;
9 and

10 (B) the administration of National Herit-
11 age Areas;

12 ~~(4)~~ enter into cooperative agreements with
13 other Federal agencies, States, Tribal governments,
14 local governments, local coordinating entities, and
15 other interested individuals and entities to achieve
16 the purposes of the National Heritage Area System;

17 ~~(5)~~ provide information, promote under-
18 standing, and encourage research regarding National
19 Heritage Areas, in partnership with local coordi-
20 nating entities; and

21 ~~(6)~~ provide national oversight, analysis, coordi-
22 nation, technical and financial assistance, and sup-
23 port to ensure consistency and accountability of the
24 National Heritage Area System.

1 **SEC. 4. DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS.**

2 ~~(a) STUDIES.—~~

3 ~~(1) IN GENERAL.—~~Subject to the availability of
 4 appropriations, the Secretary may carry out or re-
 5 view a study to assess the suitability and feasibility
 6 of each proposed National Heritage Area for des-
 7 ignation as a National Heritage Area.

8 ~~(2) PREPARATION.—~~

9 ~~(A) IN GENERAL.—~~A study under para-
 10 graph ~~(1)~~ may be carried out—

11 ~~(i) by the Secretary, in consultation~~
 12 ~~with State and local historic preservation~~
 13 ~~officers, State and local historical societies,~~
 14 ~~State and local tourism offices, and other~~
 15 ~~appropriate organizations and govern-~~
 16 ~~mental agencies; or~~

17 ~~(ii) by interested individuals or enti-~~
 18 ~~ties, if the Secretary certifies that the com-~~
 19 ~~pleted study meets the requirements of~~
 20 ~~paragraph (3).~~

21 ~~(B) CERTIFICATION.—~~Not later than 1
 22 year after receiving a study carried out by in-
 23 terested individuals or entities under subpara-
 24 graph ~~(A)(ii)~~, the Secretary shall review and
 25 certify whether the study meets the require-
 26 ments of paragraph ~~(3)~~.

1 ~~(3)~~ REQUIREMENTS.—A study under paragraph
 2 ~~(1)~~ shall include analysis, documentation, and deter-
 3 minations on whether the proposed National Herit-
 4 age Area—

5 ~~(A)~~ has an assemblage of natural, historic,
 6 and cultural resources that—

7 ~~(i)~~ represent distinctive aspects of the
 8 heritage of the United States;

9 ~~(ii)~~ are worthy of recognition, con-
 10 servation, interpretation, and continuing
 11 use; and

12 ~~(iii)~~ would be best managed—

13 ~~(I)~~ through partnerships among
 14 public and private entities; and

15 ~~(II)~~ by linking diverse and some-
 16 times noncontiguous resources and ac-
 17 tive communities;

18 ~~(B)~~ reflects traditions, customs, beliefs,
 19 and folklife that are a valuable part of the story
 20 of the United States;

21 ~~(C)~~ provides outstanding opportunities—

22 ~~(i)~~ to conserve natural, historic, cul-
 23 tural, or scenic features; and

24 ~~(ii)~~ for recreation and education;

25 ~~(D)~~ contains resources that—

1 (i) are important to any identified
2 themes of the proposed National Heritage
3 Area; and

4 (ii) retain a degree of integrity capa-
5 ble of supporting interpretation;

6 (E) includes residents, business interests,
7 nonprofit organizations, and State and local
8 governments that—

9 (i) are involved in the planning of the
10 proposed National Heritage Area;

11 (ii) have developed a conceptual finan-
12 cial plan that outlines the roles of all par-
13 ticipants in the proposed National Herit-
14 age Area, including the Federal Govern-
15 ment; and

16 (iii) have demonstrated support for
17 the designation of the proposed National
18 Heritage Area;

19 (F) has a potential management entity to
20 work in partnership with the individuals and
21 entities described in subparagraph (E) to de-
22 velop the proposed National Heritage Area
23 while encouraging State and local economic ac-
24 tivity; and

(G) has a conceptual boundary map that is supported by the public.

~~(4) REPORT.—~~

~~(A) IN GENERAL.—~~For each study carried out under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives a report that describes—

~~(i) the findings of the study; and~~

~~(ii) any conclusions and recommendations of the Secretary.~~

~~(B) TIMING.—~~

~~(i) STUDIES CARRIED OUT BY THE SECRETARY.—~~With respect to a study carried out by the Secretary in accordance with paragraph (2)(A)(i), the Secretary shall submit a report under subparagraph ~~(A)~~ not later than 3 years after the date on which funds are first made available to carry out the study.

~~(ii) STUDIES CARRIED OUT BY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.—~~With respect to a study carried out by interested individuals or entities in accordance with paragraph

1 ~~(2)(A)(ii)~~, the Secretary shall submit a re-
 2 port under subparagraph ~~(A)~~ not later
 3 than 180 days after the date on which the
 4 Secretary certifies under paragraph ~~(2)(B)~~
 5 that the study meets the requirements of
 6 paragraph ~~(3)~~.

7 ~~(b) DESIGNATION.—~~

8 ~~(1) IN GENERAL.—~~An area shall be designated
 9 as a National Heritage Area only by an Act of Con-
 10 gress.

11 ~~(2) DESIGNATION.—~~On receipt of a report
 12 under subsection ~~(a)(4)~~ recommending the designa-
 13 tion of a proposed National Heritage Area as a Na-
 14 tional Heritage Area, Congress may designate—

15 ~~(A)~~ as a National Heritage Area the pro-
 16 posed National Heritage Area that is the sub-
 17 ject of the relevant feasibility study; and

18 ~~(B)~~ a local coordinating entity to operate
 19 the National Heritage Area.

20 ~~(3) TREATMENT AS COMPONENT OF NATIONAL~~
 21 HERITAGE AREA SYSTEM.—A National Heritage
 22 Area designated under paragraph ~~(2)(A)~~ shall be a
 23 component of the National Heritage Area System,
 24 unless the law designating the National Heritage
 25 Area exempts the National Heritage Area from the

1 National Heritage Area System through a specific
 2 reference to this Act.

3 ~~(c) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—~~

4 ~~(1) IN GENERAL.—~~The applicable local coordi-
 5 nating entity shall develop a management plan for a
 6 National Heritage Area in accordance with para-
 7 graph ~~(2)~~.

8 ~~(2) REQUIREMENTS.—~~The management plan
 9 for a National Heritage Area shall—

10 ~~(A)~~ be developed using a comprehensive
 11 planning approach that includes—

12 ~~(i)~~ opportunities for stakeholders
 13 ~~(such as community members, local and re-~~
 14 ~~gional governments, Tribal governments,~~
 15 ~~businesses, nonprofit organizations, and~~
 16 ~~others)—~~

17 ~~(I)~~ to be involved in the planning
 18 process; and

19 ~~(II)~~ to review and comment on
 20 the draft plan; and

21 ~~(ii)~~ documentation of the planning
 22 and public participation processes, includ-
 23 ing a description of—

24 ~~(I)~~ the means by which the man-
 25 agement plan was prepared;

1 (II) the stakeholders involved in
2 the process; and

3 (III) the timing and method of
4 stakeholder involvement;

5 (B) include an inventory of the natural,
6 historic, cultural, and scenic resources of the
7 National Heritage Area relating to the nation-
8 ally significant themes and events of the region
9 that should be protected, enhanced, interpreted,
10 managed, or developed;

11 (C) identify comprehensive goals, strate-
12 gies, policies, and recommendations for—

13 (i) demonstrating the heritage rep-
14 resented by the National Heritage Area;
15 and

16 (ii) encouraging long-term resource
17 protection, enhancement, interpretation,
18 and development;

19 (D) include recommendations for ways in
20 which Federal, State, Tribal government, and
21 local entities may best be coordinated, including
22 the role of the National Park Service and other
23 Federal agencies associated with the National
24 Heritage Area, to advance the purposes of this
25 Act;

(E) describe a strategy by which the local coordinating entity will achieve financial sustainability;

(F) include an implementation program that identifies, with respect to the National Heritage Area—

(i) prioritized actions and criteria for selecting future projects;

(ii) existing and potential sources of funding;

(iii) performance goals;

(iv) the means by which stakeholders will be involved; and

(v) the manner in which the management plan will be evaluated and updated;

(G) include a business plan for the local coordinating entity that, at a minimum, addresses management and operation, products or services offered, the target market for those products and services, and revenue streams; and

(H) be submitted to the Secretary for approval by not later than 3 years after the date on which the National Heritage Area is designated by Congress under subsection (b).

1 ~~(3) APPLICABILITY.—~~The requirements de-
 2 scribed in paragraph ~~(2)~~ shall not apply to any man-
 3 agement plan or other similar plan in effect on the
 4 date of enactment of this Act with respect to a Na-
 5 tional Heritage Area described in section ~~3(b)(1)~~.

6 **SEC. 5. EVALUATION.**

7 ~~(a) IN GENERAL.—~~At reasonable and appropriate in-
 8 tervals, as determined by the Secretary, the Secretary
 9 may—

10 ~~(1)~~ conduct an evaluation of the accomplish-
 11 ments of a National Heritage Area in accordance
 12 with subsection ~~(b)~~; and

13 ~~(2)~~ prepare and submit to the Committee on
 14 Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and
 15 the Committee on Natural Resources of the House
 16 of Representatives a report that includes rec-
 17 ommendations for the continued role of the National
 18 Park Service with respect to each National Heritage
 19 Area in accordance with subsection ~~(c)~~.

20 ~~(b) COMPONENTS.—~~An evaluation under subsection
 21 ~~(a)(1)~~ shall—

22 ~~(1)~~ assess the progress of the applicable local
 23 coordinating entity of a National Heritage Area with
 24 respect to—

1 (A) accomplishing the purposes of the ap-
2 plicable National Heritage Area; and

3 (B) achieving the goals and objectives of
4 the management plan;

5 (2) analyze Federal, State, local, Tribal govern-
6 ment, and private investments in the National Herit-
7 age Area to determine the leverage and impact of
8 the investments; and

9 (3) review the management structure, partner-
10 ship relationships, and funding of the National Her-
11 itage Area for purposes of identifying the critical
12 components for sustainability of the National Herit-
13 age Area.

14 (c) RECOMMENDATIONS.—Each report under sub-
15 section (a)(2) shall include—

16 (1) if the report contains a recommendation of
17 the Secretary that Federal funding for the applicable
18 National Heritage Area should be continued, an
19 analysis of—

20 (A) any means by which that Federal
21 funding may be reduced or eliminated over
22 time; and

23 (B) the appropriate time period necessary
24 to achieve the recommended reduction or elimi-
25 nation of Federal funding; or

1 (2) if the report contains a recommendation of
 2 the Secretary that Federal funding for the applicable
 3 National Heritage Area should be eliminated; a de-
 4 scription of potential impacts on conservation; inter-
 5 pretation; and sustainability in the applicable Na-
 6 tional Heritage Area.

7 (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 3052(a) of
 8 Public Law 113–291 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note) is amended
 9 by striking paragraph (2).

10 **SEC. 6. PROPERTY OWNERS AND REGULATORY PROTEC-**
 11 **TIONS.**

12 Nothing in this Act—

13 (1) abridges any right of a public or private
 14 property owner, including the right to refrain from
 15 participating in any plan, project, program, or activ-
 16 ity conducted within a National Heritage Area;

17 (2) requires any property owner to permit pub-
 18 lic access (including Federal, State, Tribal govern-
 19 ment, or local government access) to a property;

20 (3) modifies any provision of Federal, State,
 21 Tribal, or local law with respect to public access or
 22 use of private land;

23 (4)(A) alters any applicable land use regulation;
 24 land use plan; or other regulatory authority of any

1 Federal, State, or local agency or Tribal govern-
 2 ment; or

3 (B) conveys to any local coordinating entity any
 4 land use or other regulatory authority;

5 (5) authorizes or implies the reservation or ap-
 6 propriation of water or water rights;

7 (6) diminishes the authority of a State to man-
 8 age fish and wildlife, including through the regula-
 9 tion of fishing and hunting within a National Herit-
 10 age Area in the State; or

11 (7) creates or affects any liability—

12 (A) under any other provision of law; or

13 (B) of any private property owner with re-
 14 spect to any person injured on private property.

15 **SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
 17 sion of law, there is authorized to be appropriated to the
 18 Secretary for each fiscal year not more than \$1,000,000
 19 for each National Heritage Area.

20 (b) COST-SHARING REQUIREMENT.—

21 (1) FEDERAL SHARE.—Except as otherwise
 22 provided in applicable law, including any law desig-
 23 nating a National Heritage Area, the Federal share
 24 of the total cost of any activity funded with appro-

1 priations authorized by subsection (a) shall be not
 2 more than 50 percent.

3 ~~(2) FORM OF NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The non-~~
 4 Federal share of the total cost of any activity funded
 5 with appropriations authorized by subsection (a)
 6 may be in the form of in-kind contributions of goods
 7 or services fairly valued.

8 ~~(c) AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE.—Not-~~
 9 withstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary
 10 may provide assistance to a National Heritage Area dur-
 11 ing any fiscal year for which appropriations are authorized
 12 under subsection (a).

13 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

14 *This Act may be cited as the “National Heritage Area*
 15 *Act”.*

16 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

17 *In this Act:*

18 (1) *NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—The term “Na-*
 19 *tional Heritage Area” means a component of the Na-*
 20 *tional Heritage Area System described in section*
 21 *3(b)(1).*

22 (2) *SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means*
 23 *the Secretary of the Interior.*

1 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA SYSTEM.**

2 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—To recognize certain areas of the
 3 United States that tell nationally significant stories and
 4 to conserve, enhance, and interpret those nationally signifi-
 5 cant stories and the natural, historic, scenic, and cultural
 6 resources of areas that illustrate significant aspects of the
 7 heritage of the United States, there is established a National
 8 Heritage Area System through the administration of which
 9 the Secretary may provide technical and financial assist-
 10 ance to local coordinating entities to support the establish-
 11 ment, development, and continuity of the National Heritage
 12 Areas.

13 (b) *NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA SYSTEM.*—The Na-
 14 tional Heritage Area System shall be composed of—

15 (1) each National Heritage Area, National Her-
 16 itage Corridor, National Heritage Canalway, Cul-
 17 tural Heritage Corridor, National Heritage Route,
 18 and National Heritage Partnership designated by
 19 Congress before or on the date of enactment of this
 20 Act; and

21 (2) each National Heritage Area designated by
 22 Congress after the date of enactment of this Act.

23 (c) *RELATIONSHIP TO THE NATIONAL PARK SYS-*
 24 *TEM.*—

25 (1) *RELATIONSHIP TO NATIONAL PARK UNITS.*—
 26 The Secretary shall—

1 (A) ensure, to the maximum extent prac-
 2 ticable, participation and assistance by any ad-
 3 ministrators of a unit of the National Park Sys-
 4 tem that is located near or encompassed by a
 5 National Heritage Area in local initiatives for
 6 the National Heritage Area to conserve and in-
 7 terpret resources consistent with the applicable
 8 management plan for the National Heritage
 9 Area; and

10 (B) work with local coordinating entities to
 11 promote public enjoyment of units of the Na-
 12 tional Park System and National Park-related
 13 resources.

14 (2) *TREATMENT.*—

15 (A) *IN GENERAL.*—A National Heritage
 16 Area shall not be—

17 (i) considered to be a unit of the Na-
 18 tional Park System; or

19 (ii) subject to the authorities applicable
 20 to units of the National Park System.

21 (B) *EFFECT.*—Nothing in this paragraph
 22 affects the administration of a unit of the Na-
 23 tional Park System located within the bound-
 24 aries of a National Heritage Area.

1 (d) *AUTHORITIES.*—*In carrying out this Act, the Sec-*
2 *retary may—*

3 (1) *conduct or review, as applicable, feasibility*
4 *studies in accordance with section 4(a);*

5 (2) *conduct an evaluation of the accomplish-*
6 *ments of, and submit to Congress a report that in-*
7 *cludes recommendations regarding the role of Na-*
8 *tional Park Service with respect to, each National*
9 *Heritage Area, in accordance with section 5;*

10 (3) *enter into cooperative agreements with other*
11 *Federal agencies, States, Tribal governments, local*
12 *governments, local coordinating entities, and other in-*
13 *terested individuals and entities to achieve the pur-*
14 *poses of the National Heritage Area System;*

15 (4) *provide information, promote understanding,*
16 *and encourage research regarding National Heritage*
17 *Areas, in partnership with local coordinating entities;*
18 *and*

19 (5) *provide national oversight, analysis, coordi-*
20 *nation, technical and financial assistance, and sup-*
21 *port to ensure consistency and accountability of the*
22 *National Heritage Area System.*

23 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA STUDIES AND DESIGNA-**
24 **TION.**

25 (a) *STUDIES.*—

1 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Subject to the availability of*
 2 *appropriations, the Secretary may carry out or re-*
 3 *view a study to assess the suitability and feasibility*
 4 *of each proposed National Heritage Area for designa-*
 5 *tion as a National Heritage Area.*

6 (2) *PREPARATION.*—

7 (A) *IN GENERAL.*—*A study under para-*
 8 *graph (1) may be carried out—*

9 (i) *by the Secretary, in consultation*
 10 *with State and local historic preservation*
 11 *officers, State and local historical societies,*
 12 *State and local tourism offices, and other*
 13 *appropriate organizations and govern-*
 14 *mental agencies; or*

15 (ii) *by interested individuals or enti-*
 16 *ties, if the Secretary certifies that the com-*
 17 *pleted study meets the requirements of para-*
 18 *graph (3).*

19 (B) *CERTIFICATION.*—*Not later than 1 year*
 20 *after receiving a study carried out by interested*
 21 *individuals or entities under subparagraph*
 22 *(A)(ii), the Secretary shall review and certify*
 23 *whether the study meets the requirements of*
 24 *paragraph (3).*

1 (3) *REQUIREMENTS.*—*A study under paragraph*
 2 *(1) shall include analysis, documentation, and deter-*
 3 *minations on whether the proposed National Heritage*
 4 *Area—*

5 *(A) has an assemblage of natural, historic,*
 6 *and cultural resources that—*

7 *(i) represent distinctive aspects of the*
 8 *heritage of the United States;*

9 *(ii) are worthy of recognition, con-*
 10 *servation, interpretation, and continuing*
 11 *use; and*

12 *(iii) would be best managed—*

13 *(I) through partnerships among*
 14 *public and private entities; and*

15 *(II) by linking diverse and some-*
 16 *times noncontiguous resources and ac-*
 17 *tive communities;*

18 *(B) reflects traditions, customs, beliefs, and*
 19 *folklife that are a valuable part of the story of*
 20 *the United States;*

21 *(C) provides outstanding opportunities—*

22 *(i) to conserve natural, historic, cul-*
 23 *tural, or scenic features; and*

24 *(ii) for recreation and education;*

25 *(D) contains resources that—*

1 (i) are important to any identified
2 themes of the proposed National Heritage
3 Area; and

4 (ii) retain a degree of integrity capable
5 of supporting interpretation;

6 (E) includes a diverse group of residents,
7 business interests, nonprofit organizations, and
8 State and local governments that—

9 (i) are involved in the planning of the
10 proposed National Heritage Area;

11 (ii) have developed a conceptual finan-
12 cial plan that outlines the roles of all par-
13 ticipants in the proposed National Heritage
14 Area, including the Federal Government;
15 and

16 (iii) have demonstrated significant
17 support for the designation of the proposed
18 National Heritage Area;

19 (F) has a potential management entity to
20 work in partnership with the individuals and
21 entities described in subparagraph (E) to develop
22 the proposed National Heritage Area while en-
23 couraging State and local economic activity; and

24 (G) has a conceptual boundary map that is
25 supported by the public.

1 (4) *REPORT.*—

2 (A) *IN GENERAL.*—For each study carried
3 out under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall
4 submit to the Committee on Energy and Natural
5 Resources of the Senate and the Committee on
6 Natural Resources of the House of Representa-
7 tives a report that describes—

8 (i) any correspondence received by the
9 Secretary demonstrating support for, or op-
10 position to, the establishment of the Na-
11 tional Heritage Area;

12 (ii) the findings of the study; and

13 (iii) any conclusions and recommenda-
14 tions of the Secretary.

15 (B) *TIMING.*—

16 (i) *STUDIES CARRIED OUT BY THE*
17 *SECRETARY.*—With respect to a study car-
18 ried out by the Secretary in accordance
19 with paragraph (2)(A)(i), the Secretary
20 shall submit a report under subparagraph
21 (A) not later than 3 years after the date on
22 which funds are first made available to
23 carry out the study.

24 (ii) *STUDIES CARRIED OUT BY OTHER*
25 *INTERESTED PARTIES.*—With respect to a

1 *study carried out by interested individuals*
2 *or entities in accordance with paragraph*
3 *(2)(A)(ii), the Secretary shall submit a re-*
4 *port under subparagraph (A) not later than*
5 *180 days after the date on which the Sec-*
6 *retary certifies under paragraph (2)(B) that*
7 *the study meets the requirements of para-*
8 *graph (3).*

9 **(b) DESIGNATION.**—*An area shall be designated as a*
10 *National Heritage Area only by an Act of Congress.*

11 **SEC. 5. EVALUATION.**

12 **(a) IN GENERAL.**—*At reasonable and appropriate in-*
13 *tervals, as determined by the Secretary, the Secretary*
14 *may—*

15 *(1) conduct an evaluation of the accomplish-*
16 *ments of a National Heritage Area in accordance*
17 *with subsection (b); and*

18 *(2) prepare and submit to the Committee on En-*
19 *ergy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the*
20 *Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-*
21 *resentatives a report that includes recommendations*
22 *for the continued role of the National Park Service*
23 *with respect to each National Heritage Area in ac-*
24 *cordance with subsection (c).*

1 (b) *COMPONENTS.*—*An evaluation under subsection*
 2 *(a)(1) shall—*

3 (1) *assess the progress of the applicable local co-*
 4 *ordinating entity of a National Heritage Area with*
 5 *respect to—*

6 (A) *accomplishing the purposes of the appli-*
 7 *cable National Heritage Area; and*

8 (B) *achieving the goals and objectives of the*
 9 *management plan;*

10 (2) *analyze Federal, State, local, Tribal govern-*
 11 *ment, and private investments in the National Herit-*
 12 *age Area to determine the leverage and impact of the*
 13 *investments; and*

14 (3) *review the management structure, partner-*
 15 *ship relationships, and funding of the National Herit-*
 16 *age Area for purposes of identifying the critical com-*
 17 *ponents for sustainability of the National Heritage*
 18 *Area.*

19 (c) *RECOMMENDATIONS.*—*Each report under sub-*
 20 *section (a)(2) shall include—*

21 (1) *if the report contains a recommendation of*
 22 *the Secretary that Federal funding for the applicable*
 23 *National Heritage Area should be continued, an anal-*
 24 *ysis of—*

(2) if the report contains a recommendation of the Secretary that Federal funding for the applicable National Heritage Area should be eliminated, a description of potential impacts on conservation, interpretation, and sustainability in the applicable National Heritage Area.

15 *SEC. 6. PRIVATE PROPERTY AND REGULATORY PROTEC-*
16 *TIONS.*

(1) abridges any right of a public or private property owner, including the right to refrain from participating in any plan, project, program, or activity conducted within a National Heritage Area;

(2) requires any property owner to permit public access (including Federal, State, Tribal government, or local government access) to a property;

1 (3) *modifies any provision of Federal, State,*
 2 *Tribal, or local law with respect to public access or*
 3 *use of private land;*

4 (4)(A) *alters any applicable land use regulation,*
 5 *land use plan, or other regulatory authority of any*
 6 *Federal, State, or local agency or Tribal government;*
 7 *or*

8 (B) *conveys to any local coordinating entity any*
 9 *land use or other regulatory authority;*

10 (5) *authorizes or implies the reservation or ap-*
 11 *propriation of water or water rights;*

12 (6) *diminishes the authority of a State to man-*
 13 *age fish and wildlife, including through the regulation*
 14 *of fishing and hunting within a National Heritage*
 15 *Area in the State; or*

16 (7) *creates or affects any liability—*

17 (A) *under any other provision of law; or*

18 (B) *of any private property owner with re-*
 19 *spect to any person injured on private property.*

20 (b) *CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 8004(f) of the*
 21 *Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (54 U.S.C.*
 22 *320101 note; Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1245) is*
 23 *amended by striking paragraphs (2) through (4) and insert-*
 24 *ing the following:*

1 “(2) requires any property owner to permit pub-
 2 lic access (including Federal, State, Tribal govern-
 3 ment, or local government access) to a property;

4 “(3) modifies any provision of Federal, State,
 5 Tribal, or local law with respect to public access or
 6 use of private land;

7 “(4)(A) alters any applicable land use regula-
 8 tion, land use plan, or other regulatory authority of
 9 any Federal, State, or local agency or Tribal govern-
 10 ment; or

11 “(B) conveys to any local coordinating entity
 12 any land use or other regulatory authority;”.

13 **SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF CERTAIN NATIONAL HERITAGE**

14 **AREA STUDIES.**

15 (a) *GREAT DISMAL SWAMP NATIONAL HERITAGE*

16 *AREA STUDY.—*

17 (1) *IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation*
 18 *with State and local organizations and governmental*
 19 *agencies, Tribal governments, nonprofit organiza-*
 20 *tions, and other appropriate entities and in accord-*
 21 *ance with section 4(a), shall conduct a study to assess*
 22 *the suitability and feasibility of designating the areas*
 23 *described in paragraph (2) in the States of Virginia*
 24 *and North Carolina as a national heritage area, to be*

1 *known as the “Great Dismal Swamp National Herit-*
 2 *age Area”.*

3 (2) *DESCRIPTION OF STUDY AREA.—The areas to*
 4 *be studied under paragraph (1) include—*

5 (A) *the cities of Chesapeake, Norfolk, Ports-*
 6 *mouth, and Suffolk in the State of Virginia;*

7 (B) *Isle of Wight County in the State of*
 8 *Virginia;*

9 (C) *Camden, Currituck, Gates, and*
 10 *Pasquotank Counties in the State of North Caro-*
 11 *lina; and*

12 (D) *any other area in the State of Virginia*
 13 *or North Carolina that—*

14 (i) *has heritage aspects that are simi-*
 15 *lar to the heritage aspects of an area de-*
 16 *scribed in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C);*
 17 *and*

18 (ii) *is adjacent to, or in the vicinity of,*
 19 *an area described in subparagraph (A), (B),*
 20 *or (C).*

21 (b) *GUAM NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA STUDY.—The*
 22 *Secretary, in consultation with appropriate regional and*
 23 *local organizations or agencies, and in accordance with sec-*
 24 *tion 4(a), shall conduct a study to assess the suitability and*

1 *feasibility of designating sites in Guam as a National Her-*
 2 *itage Area.*

3 **SEC. 8. NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA DESIGNATIONS.**

4 (a) *DESIGNATIONS.*—Section 6001(a) of the John D.
 5 *Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act*
 6 *(Public Law 116–9; 133 Stat. 768) is amended by adding*
 7 *at the end the following:*

8 “(7) *ALABAMA BLACK BELT NATIONAL HERITAGE*
 9 *AREA.*—

10 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*There is established the*
 11 *Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area in*
 12 *the State of Alabama, as depicted on the map*
 13 *entitled ‘Alabama Black Belt Proposed National*
 14 *Heritage Area’, numbered 258/177,272, and*
 15 *dated September 2021.*

16 “(B) *LOCAL COORDINATING ENTITY.*—*The*
 17 *Center for the Study of the Black Belt at the*
 18 *University of West Alabama shall be the local co-*
 19 *ordinating entity for the National Heritage Area*
 20 *designated by subparagraph (A).*

21 “(8) *DOWNEAST MAINE NATIONAL HERITAGE*
 22 *AREA.*—

23 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*There is established the*
 24 *Downeast Maine National Heritage Area in the*

1 *State of Maine, consisting of Hancock and Wash-*
 2 *ington Counties, Maine.*

3 “(B) *LOCAL COORDINATING ENTITY.—The*
 4 *Sunrise County Economic Council shall be the*
 5 *local coordinating entity for the National Herit-*
 6 *age Area designated by subparagraph (A).*

7 “(9) *NORTHERN NECK NATIONAL HERITAGE*
 8 *AREA, VIRGINIA.—*

9 “(A) *IN GENERAL.—There is established the*
 10 *Northern Neck National Heritage Area in the*
 11 *State of Virginia, as depicted on the map enti-*
 12 *tled ‘Northern Neck National Heritage Area Pro-*
 13 *posed Boundary’, numbered 671/177,224, and*
 14 *dated August 2021.*

15 “(B) *LOCAL COORDINATING ENTITY.—The*
 16 *Northern Neck Tourism Commission, a working*
 17 *committee of the Northern Neck Planning Dis-*
 18 *trict Commission, shall serve as the local coordi-*
 19 *nating entity for the National Heritage Area*
 20 *designated by subparagraph (A).*

21 “(10) *SOUTHERN CAMPAIGN OF THE REVOLU-*
 22 *TION NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR, NORTH CARO-*
 23 *LINA AND SOUTH CAROLINA.—*

24 “(A) *IN GENERAL.—There is established the*
 25 *Southern Campaign of the Revolution National*

1 *Heritage Corridor in the States of North Caro-*
 2 *lina and South Carolina, as depicted on the map*
 3 *entitled ‘Southern Campaign of the Revolution*
 4 *Proposed National Heritage Corridor’, numbered*
 5 *257/177,271, and dated September 2021.*

6 “(B) *LOCAL COORDINATING ENTITY.—The*
 7 *University of South Carolina shall be the local*
 8 *coordinating entity for the National Heritage*
 9 *Area designated by subparagraph (A).*

10 “(11) *SOUTHERN MARYLAND NATIONAL HERIT-*
 11 *AGE AREA.—*

12 “(A) *IN GENERAL.—There is established the*
 13 *Southern Maryland National Heritage Area in*
 14 *the State of Maryland, as depicted on the map*
 15 *entitled ‘Southern Maryland National Heritage*
 16 *Area Proposed Boundary’, numbered 672/*
 17 *177,225B, and dated November 2021.*

18 “(B) *LOCAL COORDINATING ENTITY.—The*
 19 *Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland shall*
 20 *be the local coordinating entity for the National*
 21 *Heritage Area designated by subparagraph*
 22 *(A).”.*

23 “(b) *MANAGEMENT PLANS.—For the purposes of section*
 24 *6001(c) of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Manage-*
 25 *ment, and Recreation Act (Public Law 116–9; 133 Stat.*

1 772), the local coordinating entity for each of the National
 2 Heritage Areas designated under the amendment made by
 3 subsection (a) shall submit to the Secretary for approval
 4 a proposed management plan for the applicable National
 5 Heritage Area not later than 3 years after the date of enact-
 6 ment of this Act.

7 (c) *TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.*—For the purposes
 8 of section 6001(g)(4) of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conserva-
 9 tion, Management, and Recreation Act (Public Law 116–
 10 9; 133 Stat. 776), the authority of the Secretary to provide
 11 assistance under that section for each of the National Herit-
 12 age Areas designated under the amendment made by sub-
 13 section (a) shall terminate on the date that is 15 years after
 14 the date of enactment of this Act.

15 **SEC. 9. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN NATIONAL HERITAGE**
 16 **AREA AUTHORITIES.**

17 (a) *EXTENSIONS.*—

18 (1) *ILLINOIS AND MICHIGAN CANAL NATIONAL*
 19 *HERITAGE CORRIDOR.*—Section 126 of the Illinois
 20 and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor Act
 21 of 1984 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 98–398;
 22 98 Stat. 1456; 120 Stat. 1853), as amended by section
 23 119(a) of the Department of the Interior, Environ-
 24 ment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022

(Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(2) *JOHN H. CHAFEE BLACKSTONE RIVER VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR*.—Section 10(a) of Public Law 99–647 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; 100 Stat. 3630; 104 Stat. 1018; 128 Stat. 3804), as amended by section 119(b) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(3) *DELAWARE AND LEHIGH NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR*.—Section 12 of the Delaware and Lehigh Navigation Canal National Heritage Corridor Act of 1988 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 100–692; 102 Stat. 4558; 112 Stat. 3260; 123 Stat. 1293; 127 Stat. 420; 128 Stat. 314; 128 Stat. 3801), as amended by section 119(c) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended—

(A) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”; and

(B) in subsection (d), by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

1 (4) *THE LAST GREEN VALLEY NATIONAL HERIT-*
 2 *AGE CORRIDOR.*—Section 106(b) of the Quinebaug
 3 and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Cor-
 4 ridor Act of 1994 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public
 5 Law 103–449; 108 Stat. 4755; 113 Stat. 1728; 123
 6 Stat. 1291; 128 Stat. 3802), as amended by section
 7 119(d) of the Department of the Interior, Environ-
 8 ment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022
 9 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking
 10 “2023” and inserting “2037”.

11 (5) *NATIONAL COAL HERITAGE AREA.*—Section
 12 107 of the National Coal Heritage Area Act of 1996
 13 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 104–333; 110
 14 Stat. 4244; 127 Stat. 420; 128 Stat. 314; 128 Stat.
 15 3801), as amended by section 119(e)(1) of the Depart-
 16 ment of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agen-
 17 cies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103),
 18 is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

19 (6) *TENNESSEE CIVIL WAR HERITAGE AREA.*—
 20 Section 208 of division II of the Omnibus Parks and
 21 Public Lands Management Act of 1996 (54 U.S.C.
 22 320101 note; Public Law 104–333; 110 Stat. 4248;
 23 127 Stat. 420; 128 Stat. 314; 129 Stat. 2551; 132
 24 Stat. 661; 133 Stat. 778), as amended by section
 25 119(e)(9) of the Department of the Interior, Environ-

1 *ment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022*
 2 *(Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking*
 3 *“2023” and inserting “2037”.*

4 (7) *AUGUSTA CANAL NATIONAL HERITAGE COR-*
 5 *RIDOR.—Section 310 of division II of the Omnibus*
 6 *Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 (54*
 7 *U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 104–333; 110 Stat.*
 8 *4252; 127 Stat. 420; 128 Stat. 314; 129 Stat. 2551;*
 9 *132 Stat. 661; 133 Stat. 778), as amended by section*
 10 *119(e)(7) of the Department of the Interior, Environ-*
 11 *ment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022*
 12 *(Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking*
 13 *“2023” and inserting “2037”.*

14 (8) *RIVERS OF STEEL NATIONAL HERITAGE*
 15 *AREA.—Section 408 of the Steel Industry American*
 16 *Heritage Area Act of 1996 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note;*
 17 *Public Law 104–333; 110 Stat. 4256; 127 Stat. 420;*
 18 *128 Stat. 314; 128 Stat. 3801), as amended by section*
 19 *119(e)(2) of the Department of the Interior, Environ-*
 20 *ment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022*
 21 *(Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking*
 22 *“2023” and inserting “2037”.*

23 (9) *ESSEX NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section*
 24 *507 of division II of the Omnibus Parks and Public*
 25 *Lands Management Act of 1996 (54 U.S.C. 320101*

1 *note; Public Law 104–333; 110 Stat. 4260; 127 Stat.*
 2 *420; 128 Stat. 314; 128 Stat. 3801), as amended by*
 3 *section 119(e)(3) of the Department of the Interior,*
 4 *Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations*
 5 *Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by*
 6 *striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.*

7 (10) *SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL HERITAGE COR-*
 8 *RIDOR.—Section 607 of the South Carolina National*
 9 *Heritage Corridor Act of 1996 (54 U.S.C. 320101*
 10 *note; Public Law 104–333; 110 Stat. 4264; 127 Stat.*
 11 *420; 128 Stat. 314; 129 Stat. 2551; 132 Stat. 661;*
 12 *133 Stat. 778), as amended by section 119(e)(8) of the*
 13 *Department of the Interior, Environment, and Re-*
 14 *lated Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law*
 15 *117–103), is amended by striking “2023” and insert-*
 16 *ing “2037”.*

17 (11) *AMERICA’S AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE PART-*
 18 *nership.—Section 707 of division II of the Omnibus*
 19 *Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 (54*
 20 *U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 104–333; 110 Stat.*
 21 *4267; 127 Stat. 420; 128 Stat. 314; 128 Stat. 3801),*
 22 *as amended by section 119(e)(4) of the Department of*
 23 *the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Ap-*
 24 *propriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is*
 25 *amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.*

1 (12) *OHIO & ERIE NATIONAL HERITAGE*
 2 *CANALWAY*.—Section 809 of the *Ohio & Erie Canal*
 3 *National Heritage Corridor Act of 1996* (54 U.S.C.
 4 320101 note; Public Law 104–333; 110 Stat. 4275;
 5 122 Stat. 826; 127 Stat. 420; 128 Stat. 314; 128 Stat.
 6 3801), as amended by section 119(e)(5) of the *Depart-*
 7 *ment of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agen-*
 8 *cies Appropriations Act, 2022* (Public Law 117–103),
 9 is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

10 (13) *MAURICE D. HINCHEY HUDSON RIVER VAL-*
 11 *LEY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA*.—Section 910 of divi-
 12 sion II of Public Law 104–333 (54 U.S.C. 320101
 13 note; 110 Stat. 4281; 127 Stat. 420; 128 Stat. 314;
 14 128 Stat. 3801), as amended by section 119(e)(6) of
 15 the *Department of the Interior, Environment, and*
 16 *Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022* (Public
 17 Law 117–103), is amended by striking “2023” and
 18 inserting “2037”.

19 (14) *MOTORCITIES NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA*.—
 20 Section 109 of the *Automobile National Heritage Area*
 21 *Act* (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 105–355;
 22 112 Stat. 3252; 128 Stat. 3802), as amended by sec-
 23 tion 119(f) of the *Department of the Interior, Envi-*
 24 *ronment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act,*

2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking
“2023” and inserting “2037”.

(15) *LACKAWANNA VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.*—Section 108 of the *Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area Act of 2000* (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 106–278; 114 Stat. 818; 127 Stat. 420; 128 Stat. 314; 128 Stat. 3802), as amended by section 119(g)(1) of the *Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022* (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(16) *SCHUYLKILL RIVER VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.*—Section 209 of the *Schuylkill River Valley Heritage Area Act* (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 106–278; 114 Stat. 824; 128 Stat. 3802), as amended by section 119(g)(2) of the *Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022* (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(17) *WHEELING NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.*—Subsection (i) of the *Wheeling National Heritage Area Act of 2000* (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 106–291; 114 Stat. 967; 128 Stat. 3802), as amended by section 119(h) of the *Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act,*

1 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking
2 “2023” and inserting “2037”.

3 (18) YUMA CROSSING NATIONAL HERITAGE
4 AREA.—Section 7 of the Yuma Crossing National
5 Heritage Area Act of 2000 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note;
6 Public Law 106–319; 114 Stat. 1284; 128 Stat.
7 3802), as amended by section 119(i) of the Depart-
8 ment of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agen-
9 cies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103),
10 is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

11 (19) ERIE CANALWAY NATIONAL HERITAGE COR-
12 RIDOR.—Section 811 of the Erie Canalway National
13 Heritage Corridor Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public
14 Law 106–554; 114 Stat. 2763A–295; 128 Stat. 3802),
15 as amended by section 119(j) of the Department of the
16 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appro-
17 priations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amend-
18 ed by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

19 (20) BLUE RIDGE NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—
20 Subsection (j) of the Blue Ridge National Heritage
21 Area Act of 2003 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law
22 108–108; 117 Stat. 1280; 133 Stat. 778), as amended
23 by section 119(k) of the Department of the Interior,
24 Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations

1 *Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by*
 2 *striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.*

3 (21) *NATIONAL AVIATION HERITAGE AREA.*—*Sec-*
 4 *tion 512 of the National Aviation Heritage Area Act*
 5 *(54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 108–447; 118*
 6 *Stat. 3367; 133 Stat. 2713) is amended by striking*
 7 *“September 30, 2022” and inserting “September 30,*
 8 *2037”.*

9 (22) *OIL REGION NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.*—
 10 *Section 608 of the Oil Region National Heritage Area*
 11 *Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 108–447;*
 12 *118 Stat. 3372; 133 Stat. 2713) is amended by strik-*
 13 *ing “September 30, 2022” and inserting “September*
 14 *30, 2037”.*

15 (23) *NORTHERN RIO GRANDE NATIONAL HERIT-*
 16 *AGE AREA.*—*Section 208 of the Northern Rio Grande*
 17 *National Heritage Area Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note;*
 18 *Public Law 109–338; 120 Stat. 1790), as amended by*
 19 *section 119(l)(1) of the Department of the Interior,*
 20 *Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations*
 21 *Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by*
 22 *striking “September 30, 2023” and inserting “Sep-*
 23 *tember 30, 2037”.*

24 (24) *ATCHAFALAYA NATIONAL HERITAGE*
 25 *AREA.*—*Section 221 of the Atchafalaya National Her-*

itage Area Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 109–338; 120 Stat. 1795), as amended by section 119(l)(1) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking “September 30, 2023” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(25) ARABIA MOUNTAIN NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 240 of the Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 109–338; 120 Stat. 1799), as amended by section 119(l)(1) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking “September 30, 2023” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(26) MORMON PIONEER NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 260 of the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 109–338; 120 Stat. 1807), as amended by section 119(l)(1) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking “September 30, 2023” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

1 (27) *FREEDOM’S FRONTIER NATIONAL HERITAGE*
 2 *AREA*.—Section 269 of the *Freedom’s Frontier Na-*
 3 *tional Heritage Area Act* (54 U.S.C. 320101 note;
 4 *Public Law 109–338; 120 Stat. 1813*), as amended by
 5 section 119(l)(1) of the *Department of the Interior,*
 6 *Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations*
 7 *Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103)*, is amended by
 8 striking “September 30, 2023” and inserting “Sep-
 9 *tember 30, 2037”.*

10 (28) *UPPER HOUSATONIC VALLEY NATIONAL*
 11 *HERITAGE AREA*.—Section 280B of the *Upper*
 12 *Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area Act* (54
 13 U.S.C. 320101 note; *Public Law 109–338; 120 Stat.*
 14 *1819*), as amended by section 119(l)(2) of the *Depart-*
 15 *ment of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agen-*
 16 *cies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103)*,
 17 is amended by striking “September 30, 2023” and in-
 18 serting “September 30, 2037”.

19 (29) *CHAMPLAIN VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE*
 20 *PARTNERSHIP*.—Section 289 of the *Champlain Valley*
 21 *National Heritage Partnership Act of 2006* (54
 22 U.S.C. 320101 note; *Public Law 109–338; 120 Stat.*
 23 *1824*), as amended by section 119(l)(1) of the *Depart-*
 24 *ment of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agen-*
 25 *cies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103)*,

1 *is amended by striking “September 30, 2023” and in-*
 2 *serting “September 30, 2037”.*

3 (30) GREAT BASIN NATIONAL HERITAGE
 4 ROUTE.—Section 291J of the Great Basin National
 5 Heritage Route Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public
 6 Law 109–338; 120 Stat. 1831), as amended by section
 7 119(l)(1) of the Department of the Interior, Environ-
 8 ment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022
 9 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking “Sep-
 10 tember 30, 2023” and inserting “September 30,
 11 2037”.

12 (31) GULLAH/GEECHEE CULTURAL HERITAGE
 13 CORRIDOR.—Section 295L of the Gullah/Geechee Cul-
 14 tural Heritage Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public
 15 Law 109–338; 120 Stat. 1837), as amended by section
 16 119(l)(1) of the Department of the Interior, Environ-
 17 ment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022
 18 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking “Sep-
 19 tember 30, 2023” and inserting “September 30,
 20 2037”.

21 (32) CROSSROADS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLU-
 22 TION NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 297H of
 23 the Crossroads of the American Revolution National
 24 Heritage Area Act of 2006 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note;
 25 Public Law 109–338; 120 Stat. 1844), as amended by

1 *section 119(l)(1) of the Department of the Interior,*
 2 *Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations*
 3 *Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by*
 4 *striking “September 30, 2023” and inserting “Sep-*
 5 *tember 30, 2037”.*

6 (33) *ABRAHAM LINCOLN NATIONAL HERITAGE*
 7 *AREA.—Section 451 of the Consolidated Natural Re-*
 8 *sources Act of 2008 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public*
 9 *Law 110–229; 122 Stat. 824) is amended by striking*
 10 *“the date that is 15 years after the date of the enact-*
 11 *ment of this subtitle” and inserting “September 30,*
 12 *2037”.*

13 (34) *JOURNEY THROUGH HALLOWED GROUND*
 14 *NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 411 of the Con-*
 15 *solidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 (54 U.S.C.*
 16 *320101 note; Public Law 110–229; 122 Stat. 809) is*
 17 *amended by striking “the date that is 15 years after*
 18 *the date of enactment of this subtitle” and inserting*
 19 *“September 30, 2037”.*

20 (35) *NIAGARA FALLS NATIONAL HERITAGE*
 21 *AREA.—Section 432 of the Consolidated Natural Re-*
 22 *sources Act of 2008 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public*
 23 *Law 110–229; 122 Stat. 818) is amended by striking*
 24 *“the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment*
 25 *of this Act” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.*

1 (36) *SANGRE DE CRISTO NATIONAL HERITAGE*
 2 *AREA.*—Section 8001(i) of the Omnibus Public Land
 3 *Management Act of 2009* (54 U.S.C. 320101 note;
 4 *Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1229*) is amended by
 5 striking “the date that is 15 years after the date of
 6 enactment of this Act” and inserting “September 30,
 7 2037”.

8 (37) *CACHE LA POUDRE RIVER NATIONAL HERIT-*
 9 *AGE AREA.*—Section 8002(i) of the Omnibus Public
 10 *Land Management Act of 2009* (54 U.S.C. 320101
 11 note; *Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1234*) is amended
 12 by striking “the date that is 15 years after the date
 13 of enactment of this Act” and inserting “September
 14 30, 2037”.

15 (38) *SOUTH PARK NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.*—
 16 Section 8003(i) of the Omnibus Public Land Manage-
 17 ment Act of 2009 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; *Public Law*
 18 *111–11; 123 Stat. 1240*) is amended by striking “the
 19 date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of
 20 this Act” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

21 (39) *NORTHERN PLAINS NATIONAL HERITAGE*
 22 *AREA.*—Section 8004(j) of the Omnibus Public Land
 23 *Management Act of 2009* (54 U.S.C. 320101 note;
 24 *Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1247; 123 Stat. 2929*)
 25 is amended by striking “the date that is 15 years

1 *after the date of enactment of this Act” and inserting*
 2 *“September 30, 2037”.*

3 (40) *BALTIMORE NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—*
 4 *Section 8005(i) of the Omnibus Public Land Manage-*
 5 *ment Act of 2009 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law*
 6 *111–11; 123 Stat. 1253) is amended by striking “the*
 7 *date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of*
 8 *this Act” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.*

9 (41) *FREEDOM’S WAY NATIONAL HERITAGE*
 10 *AREA.—Section 8006(i) of the Omnibus Public Land*
 11 *Management Act of 2009 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note;*
 12 *Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1260) is amended by*
 13 *striking “the date that is 15 years after the date of*
 14 *enactment of this Act” and inserting “September 30,*
 15 *2037”.*

16 (42) *MISSISSIPPI HILLS NATIONAL HERITAGE*
 17 *AREA.—Section 8007(i) of the Omnibus Public Land*
 18 *Management Act of 2009 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note;*
 19 *Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1267) is amended by*
 20 *striking “the date that is 15 years after the date of*
 21 *enactment of this Act” and inserting “September 30,*
 22 *2037”.*

23 (43) *MISSISSIPPI DELTA NATIONAL HERITAGE*
 24 *AREA.—Section 8008(i) of the Omnibus Public Land*
 25 *Management Act of 2009 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note;*

1 *Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1275) is amended by*
 2 *striking “the date that is 15 years after the date of*
 3 *enactment of this Act” and inserting “September 30,*
 4 *2037”.*

5 (44) *MUSCLE SHOALS NATIONAL HERITAGE*
 6 *AREA.—Section 8009(j) of the Omnibus Public Land*
 7 *Management Act of 2009 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note;*
 8 *Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1282) is amended by*
 9 *striking “the date that is 15 years after the date of*
 10 *enactment of this Act” and inserting “September 30,*
 11 *2037”.*

12 (45) *KENAI MOUNTAINS-TURNAGAIN ARM NA-*
 13 *TIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 8010(i) of the Om-*
 14 *nibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (54*
 15 *U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat.*
 16 *1288) is amended by striking “the date that is 15*
 17 *years after the date of enactment of this Act” and in-*
 18 *serting “September 30, 2037”.*

19 (b) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is*
 20 *authorized to be appropriated for each National Heritage*
 21 *Area extended under an amendment made by paragraphs*
 22 *(1) through (45) of subsection (a) not more than \$1,000,000*
 23 *for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2037, subject to any*
 24 *other applicable provisions of, but notwithstanding any*
 25 *limitation on total appropriations for the applicable Na-*

1 tional Heritage Area established by, a law amended by that
2 subsection.

3 **SEC. 10. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR CER-**
4 **TAIN NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS.**

5 (a) *RIVERS OF STEEL NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.*—
6 Section 409(a) of the Steel Industry American Heritage
7 Area Act of 1996 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 104–
8 333; 110 Stat. 4256; 129 Stat. 2551; 133 Stat. 778) is
9 amended, in the second sentence, by striking “\$20,000,000”
10 and inserting “\$22,000,000”.

11 (b) *ESSEX NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.*—Section
12 508(a) of division II of the Omnibus Parks and Public
13 Lands Management Act of 1996 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note;
14 Public Law 104–333; 110 Stat. 4260; 129 Stat. 2551; 133
15 Stat. 778) is amended, in the second sentence, by striking
16 “\$20,000,000” and inserting “\$22,000,000”.

17 (c) *SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL HERITAGE COR-*
18 *RIDOR.*—Section 608(a) of the South Carolina National
19 Heritage Corridor Act of 1996 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note;
20 Public Law 104–333; 110 Stat. 4264; 122 Stat. 824; 133
21 Stat. 2714) is amended, in the second sentence, by striking
22 “\$17,000,000” and inserting “\$19,000,000”.

23 (d) *AMERICA’S AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE PARTNER-*
24 *SHIP.*—Section 708(a) of division II of the Omnibus Parks
25 and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 (54 U.S.C.

1 320101 note; Public Law 104–333; 110 Stat. 4267; 122
 2 Stat. 824; 134 Stat. 1505) is amended, in the second sen-
 3 tence, by striking “\$17,000,000” and inserting
 4 “\$19,000,000”.

5 (e) OHIO & ERIE NATIONAL HERITAGE CANALWAY.—
 6 Section 812(a) of the Ohio & Erie Canal National Heritage
 7 Corridor Act of 1996 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law
 8 104–333; 110 Stat. 4275; 133 Stat. 778) is amended by
 9 striking “\$20,000,000” and inserting “\$22,000,000”.

10 (f) MAURICE D. HINCHEY HUDSON RIVER VALLEY
 11 NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 909(c) of division II
 12 of Public Law 104–333 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; 110 Stat.
 13 4280; 122 Stat. 824) is amended, in the matter preceding
 14 paragraph (1), by striking “\$15,000,000” and inserting
 15 “\$17,000,000”.

16 (g) MOTORCITIES NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Sec-
 17 tion 110(a) of the Automobile National Heritage Area Act
 18 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 105–355; 112 Stat.
 19 3252; 133 Stat. 778) is amended, in the second sentence,
 20 by striking “\$12,000,000” and inserting “\$14,000,000”.

21 (h) WHEELING NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Sub-
 22 section (h)(1) of the Wheeling National Heritage Area Act
 23 of 2000 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 106–291; 114
 24 Stat. 967; 133 Stat. 778) is amended by striking
 25 “\$15,000,000” and inserting “\$17,000,000”.

1 (i) *THE LAST GREEN VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE*
 2 *CORRIDOR*.—Section 109(a) of the Quinebaug and
 3 Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of
 4 1994 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 103–449; 108
 5 Stat. 4756; 113 Stat. 1729; 123 Stat. 1292; 133 Stat. 2714)
 6 is amended, in the first sentence, by striking “\$17,000,000”
 7 and inserting “\$19,000,000”.

8 (j) *LACKAWANNA VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE*
 9 *AREA*.—Section 109(a) of the Lackawanna Valley National
 10 Heritage Area Act of 2000 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public
 11 Law 106–278; 114 Stat. 818; 134 Stat. 1505) is amended
 12 by striking “\$12,000,000” and inserting “\$14,000,000”.

13 (k) *BLUE RIDGE NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA*.—Sub-
 14 section (i)(1) of the Blue Ridge National Heritage Area Act
 15 of 2003 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 108–108; 117
 16 Stat. 1280; 133 Stat. 778) is amended by striking
 17 “\$14,000,000” and inserting “\$16,000,000”.

18 **SEC. 11. REDESIGNATIONS.**

19 (a) *SILOS & SMOKESTACKS NATIONAL HERITAGE*
 20 *AREA*.—

21 (1) *REDESIGNATION*.—The America’s Agricul-
 22 tural Heritage Partnership established by section
 23 703(a) of division II of the Omnibus Parks and Pub-
 24 lic Lands Management Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–
 25 333; 110 Stat. 4266) shall be known and designated

as the “Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area”.

(2) *REFERENCES*.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the partnership referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the “Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area”.

(b) *GREAT BASIN NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA*.—

(1) *DESIGNATION OF THE GREAT BASIN NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA*.—The Great Basin National Heritage Route Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 109–338; 120 Stat. 1824) is amended—

(A) by striking “the Heritage Route” each place it appears and inserting “the Heritage Area”;

(B) by striking “along” each place it appears and inserting “in”;

(C) in the subtitle heading, by striking “**Route**” and inserting “**Area**”;

(D) in section 291, by striking “Route” and inserting “Area”;

(E) in section 291A(a)—

(i) in paragraphs (2) and (3), by striking “the Great Basin Heritage Route” each

1 place it appears and inserting “the Great
2 Basin National Heritage Area”; and

3 (ii) in paragraph (13), by striking “a
4 Heritage Route” and inserting “a Heritage
5 Area”;

6 (F) in section 291B, by striking paragraph
7 (2) and inserting the following:

8 “(2) *HERITAGE AREA*.—The term ‘Heritage
9 Area’ means the Great Basin National Heritage Area
10 established by section 291C(a).”;

11 (G) in section 291C—

12 (i) in the section heading, by striking
13 “**ROUTE**” and inserting “**AREA**”; and

14 (ii) in subsection (a), by striking
15 “Heritage Route” and inserting “Heritage
16 Area”; and

17 (H) in section 291L(d), in the subsection
18 heading, by striking “IN HERITAGE ROUTE” and
19 inserting “IN HERITAGE AREA”.

20 (2) *DESIGNATION OF GREAT BASIN HERITAGE*
21 *AREA PARTNERSHIP*.—The Great Basin National
22 Heritage Area Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public
23 Law 109–338; 120 Stat. 1824) is amended by striking
24 “Great Basin Heritage Route Partnership” each place

1 *it appears and inserting “Great Basin Heritage Area*
2 *Partnership”.*

3 **SEC. 12. EXTENSION OF DEADLINE TO COMPLETE CERTAIN**
4 **MANAGEMENT PLANS.**

5 *Section 6001(c)(1) of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Con-*
6 *servation, Management, and Recreation Act (54 U.S.C.*
7 *320101 note; Public Law 116–9; 133 Stat. 772) is amended*
8 *by striking “3” and inserting “5”.*

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