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# S. 1385

To develop a national strategy to increase the number of youth recreation visits to Federal land, and for other purposes.

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Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## A BILL

To develop a national strategy to increase the number of youth recreation visits to Federal land, 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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Recreation for All  
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INCREASING YOUTH RECREATION VISITS TO FED-**  
7 **ERAL LAND.**

8 (a) STRATEGY.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
9 of enactment of this Act, and not less frequently than once

1 every 5 years thereafter, the Secretary of the Interior and  
2 the Secretary of Agriculture (referred to in this Act as  
3 the “Secretaries”) shall develop and make public a na-  
4 tional strategy, after public notice and comment, to in-  
5 crease the number of youth recreation visits to Federal  
6 land.

7 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—A strategy developed under  
8 subsection (a)—

9 (1) shall—

10 (A) emphasize increased recreation oppor-  
11 tunities on Federal land for underserved youth;

12 (B) establish objectives and quantifiable  
13 targets for increasing youth recreation visits;  
14 and

15 (C) provide the anticipated costs to achieve  
16 the objectives and meet the targets established  
17 under subparagraph (B); and

18 (2) shall not establish any preference between  
19 similar recreation facilitated by noncommercial or  
20 commercial entities.

21 (c) AGREEMENTS.—The Secretaries may enter into  
22 contracts or cost-share agreements (including contracts or  
23 agreements for the acquisition of vehicles) to carry out  
24 this section.

1 **SEC. 3. MONITORING FOR IMPROVED RECREATION DECI-**  
 2 **SIONMAKING.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretaries shall seek to cap-  
 4 ture comprehensive recreation use data to better under-  
 5 stand and inform decisionmaking by the Secretaries.

6 (b) **PILOT PROTOCOLS.**—Not later than 1 year after  
 7 the date of enactment of this Act, and after public notice  
 8 and comment, the Secretaries shall establish pilot proto-  
 9 cols at not fewer than 10 land management units under  
 10 the jurisdiction of each of the Secretaries to model recre-  
 11 ation use patterns (including low-use recreation activities  
 12 and dispersed recreation activities) that may not be effec-  
 13 tively measured by existing general and opportunistic sur-  
 14 vey and monitoring protocols.

15 **SEC. 4. INFORMING THE PUBLIC OF ACCESS CLOSURES.**

16 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretaries shall, to the ex-  
 17 tent practicable and in a timely fashion, alert the public  
 18 to any closure or disruption to public campsites, trails,  
 19 roads, and other public areas and access points under the  
 20 jurisdiction of the applicable Secretary.

21 (b) **ONLINE ALERT.**—An alert under subsection (a)  
 22 shall be posted online on a public website of the appro-  
 23 priate land unit in a manner that—

24 (1) ensures that the public can easily find the  
 25 alert in searching for the applicable campsite, trail,  
 26 road, or other access point; and

1           (2) consolidates all alerts under subsection (a).

2 **SEC. 5. RECREATION BUDGET CROSSCUT.**

3           Not later than 30 days after the end of each fiscal  
4 year, beginning with fiscal year 2025, the Director of the  
5 Office of Management and Budget shall submit to Con-  
6 gress and make public online a report that describes and  
7 itemizes the total amount of funding relating to outdoor  
8 recreation that was obligated in the preceding fiscal year  
9 in accounts in the Treasury for the Department of the  
10 Interior and the Department of Agriculture.

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