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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WYDEN 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 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  
7 this 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

- Sec. 101. Special recreation permitting.
- Sec. 102. Coordination of Federal and State recreation pass sales.
- Sec. 103. Online purchases of National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass.

TITLE II—ACCESSING THE OUTDOORS

- Sec. 201. Access for servicemembers and veterans.
- Sec. 202. Access for kids.
- Sec. 203. Access for seniors.

TITLE III—MAKING RECREATION A PRIORITY

- Sec. 301. Labor statistics study.
- Sec. 302. Extension of seasonal recreation opportunities.
- Sec. 303. Recreation performance metrics.
- Sec. 304. Recreation mission.
- Sec. 305. Deposit of ski area permit rental fees in Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act account.
- Sec. 306. National Recreation Area System.

TITLE IV—MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC LAND

Subtitle A—Volunteers

- Sec. 401. Private-sector volunteer enhancement program.
- Sec. 402. Forest Service volunteer liability.

Subtitle B—Priority Trail Maintenance

- Sec. 411. Definition of Secretaries.
- Sec. 412. Priority trail maintenance program.
- Sec. 413. Priority Trail Maintenance Program Fund.
- Sec. 414. Interagency trail management.

Subtitle C—Public Lands Service Corps Act Amendments

- Sec. 421. Amendment to short title.
- Sec. 422. Reference.
- Sec. 423. Amendments to Public Lands Service Corps Act of 1993.
- Sec. 424. Direct hire authority.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) **FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY.**—

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

1           (2) FEDERAL RECREATIONAL LAND AND  
2 WATER.—The term “Federal recreational land and  
3 water” has the meaning given the term “Federal  
4 recreational lands and waters” in section 802 of the  
5 Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16  
6 U.S.C. 6801).

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

9                   (A) the Secretary of the Interior; and

10                   (B) the Secretary of Agriculture

11 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING OUTDOOR**  
12 **RECREATION.**

13 It is the sense of Congress that—

14           (1) outdoor recreation and the  
15 \$646,000,000,000 outdoor industry that outdoor  
16 recreation supports are vital to the United States;

17           (2) access to outdoor recreation on land and  
18 waters of the United States is important to the  
19 health and wellness of all people of the United  
20 States, especially young people;

21           (3) \$524,800,000,000 of the amount described  
22 in paragraph (1) contributes to the travel and tour-  
23 ism industry of the United States, which generates  
24 over \$2,000,000,000,000 in annual spending;

1           (4) outdoor recreation, hunting, and fishing are  
2 appropriate uses of public land;

3           (5) access to healthy public land and water is  
4 critical to supporting the uses described in para-  
5 graph (4);

6           (6) the States are uniquely positioned to im-  
7 prove conditions for sustainable outdoor recreation  
8 opportunities, funding, and access;

9           (7) Congress supports the creation of outdoor  
10 recreation sector leadership positions within the eco-  
11 nomic development offices of States or in the office  
12 of the Governor, as well as coordination with recre-  
13 ation and tourism organizations within the State to  
14 guide the growth of this sector, as evidenced by re-  
15 cent examples in the States of Colorado, Utah, and  
16 Washington;

17           (8) State and local recreation and tourism of-  
18 fices play a pivotal role in—

19               (A) coordinating State outdoor recreation  
20 policies, management, and promotion among  
21 Federal, State, and local agencies and entities;

22               (B) disseminating information, increasing  
23 awareness, and growing demand for outdoor  
24 recreation experiences among visitors across the  
25 United States and throughout the world;

1 (C) improving funding for, access to, and  
2 participation in outdoor recreation; and

3 (D) promoting economic development in  
4 the State by coordinating with stakeholders, im-  
5 proving recreational opportunities, and recruit-  
6 ing outdoor recreation businesses;

7 (9) Congress supports the coordination and col-  
8 laboration of the Federal and State land and water  
9 management agencies in the delivery of visitor serv-  
10 ices and management of outdoor recreation for the  
11 United States; and

12 (10) Congress recognizes—

13 (A) the growing role that recreation has on  
14 Federal public land;

15 (B) the need to provide adequate staffing  
16 within Federal land management agencies to fa-  
17 cilitate sustainable and accessible outdoor recre-  
18 ation opportunities; and

19 (C) the important role that volunteers and  
20 volunteer partnerships play in maintaining pub-  
21 lic land.

1                   **TITLE I—MODERNIZING**  
 2                   **RECREATION PERMITTING**

3   **SEC. 101. SPECIAL RECREATION PERMITTING.**

4           Section 803(h) of the Federal Lands Recreation En-  
 5 hancement Act (16 U.S.C. 6802(h)) is amended—

6                   (1) by striking “The Secretary” and inserting  
 7 the following:

8                   “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary”; and

9                   (2) by adding at the end the following:

10                   “(2) OUTFITTERS AND GUIDES.—

11                   “(A) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

12                   “(i) ASSOCIATED AGENCY.—The term  
 13 ‘associated agency’ means any agency that  
 14 manages land on which a trip that is the  
 15 subject of a special recreation permit  
 16 would be conducted after departing the  
 17 land managed by the lead agency.

18                   “(ii) LEAD AGENCY.—The term ‘lead  
 19 agency’ means the agency that manages  
 20 the land from which a trip that is the sub-  
 21 ject of the special recreation permit origi-  
 22 nates.

23                   “(B) OUTFITTER AND GUIDE PERMITS.—

24                   “(i) IN GENERAL.—In issuing special  
 25 recreation permits or charging special

1 recreation permit fees in connection with  
2 the issuance of permits under paragraph  
3 (1) with respect to outfitters and guides,  
4 within a reasonable time after the date of  
5 enactment of the Recreation Not Red-Tape  
6 Act, the Director of the Bureau of Land  
7 Management and the Chief of the Forest  
8 Service shall adopt a consistent and uni-  
9 form permitting process in accordance with  
10 clause (ii) across agencies and district  
11 boundaries, in consultation with the public,  
12 including stakeholder groups that rep-  
13 resent the interests of organizations that  
14 facilitate outdoor access.

15 “(ii) PERMITTING PROCESS.—The  
16 permitting process described in clause (i)  
17 shall include—

18 “(I) standard paperwork that is  
19 concise and understandable to the  
20 general public;

21 “(II) a standard submission proc-  
22 ess;

23 “(III) consistent deadlines; and

1                   “(IV) outreach materials to help  
2                   outfitters and guides navigate the per-  
3                   mitting process.

4                   “(C) PERMIT FOR CROSS-JURISDICTIONAL  
5                   TRIPS.—In the case of a trip that will cross ju-  
6                   risdictional boundaries—

7                   “(i) only 1 permit application shall be  
8                   required;

9                   “(ii) the permit application required  
10                  under clause (i) shall be—

11                  “(I) the application required by  
12                  the lead agency; and

13                  “(II) submitted to the lead agen-  
14                  cy;

15                  “(iii) the Secretaries shall coordinate,  
16                  consistent with the authority of the Secre-  
17                  taries under section 330 of the Depart-  
18                  ment of the Interior and Related Agencies  
19                  Appropriations Act, 2001 (43 U.S.C.  
20                  1703), to develop, in consultation with the  
21                  public (including stakeholder groups that  
22                  represent the interests of organizations  
23                  that facilitate outdoor access), a process  
24                  for issuing 1 joint permit that covers the  
25                  entirety of the trip; and



1           “(iv) the Secretaries shall consider the  
2           findings, requirements, interests, and  
3           needs of the lead agency and any associ-  
4           ated agencies when developing the permit  
5           process developed under clause (iii).

6           “(D) REASONABLE TIMEFRAME.—The  
7           Secretaries shall complete the permitting proc-  
8           ess under subparagraph (B) within a reasonable  
9           timeframe.

10           “(E) ONLINE AVAILABILITY.—To the max-  
11           imum extent practicable, where feasible and ef-  
12           ficient, the Secretaries shall make available—

13                   “(i) all special recreation permit appli-  
14                   cations, to be filled out and submitted on-  
15                   line; and

16                   “(ii) online information regarding—

17                           “(I) the application process; and

18                           “(II) the means by which an ap-  
19                   plicant can contact the Secretaries for  
20                   guidance on the permit process before  
21                   submitting a permit application.”.

1 **SEC. 102. COORDINATION OF FEDERAL AND STATE RECRE-**  
2 **ATION PASS SALES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Federal Lands Recreation  
4 Enhancement Act is amended by inserting after section  
5 805 (16 U.S.C. 6804) the following:

6 **“SEC. 805A. COORDINATION OF FEDERAL AND STATE**  
7 **RECREATION PASS SALES.**

8 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretaries are encour-  
10 aged to work with States to coordinate the sale of  
11 Federal and State recreation passes in a way that  
12 allows a purchaser to buy both a Federal pass and  
13 a State pass in the same location and in the same  
14 transaction.

15 “(2) INCLUDED PASSES.—Passes covered by  
16 the program established under paragraph (1) in-  
17 clude—

18 “(A) a National Parks and Federal Rec-  
19 reational Lands Pass under section 805; and

20 “(B) a pass that shall cover any fees  
21 charged by participating States and localities  
22 for entrance and recreational use of parks and  
23 public land in the participating States.

24 “(b) AGREEMENTS WITH STATES.—

25 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretaries, after con-  
26 sultation with the States, may enter into agreements

1 with States to coordinate the sale of passes as de-  
2 scribed in subsection (a)(1).

3 “(2) NOTICE.—In entering into an agreement  
4 under paragraph (1), the Secretaries shall publish in  
5 the Federal Register a notice describing the agree-  
6 ment.”.

7 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 805(a)(9)  
8 of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16  
9 U.S.C. 6804(a)(9)) is amended by inserting “and section  
10 805A” before the period at the end.

11 **SEC. 103. ONLINE PURCHASES OF NATIONAL PARKS AND**  
12 **FEDERAL RECREATIONAL LANDS PASS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 805(a)(6) of the Federal  
14 Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C.  
15 6804(a)(6)) is amended by striking subparagraph (A) and  
16 inserting the following:

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretaries shall  
18 sell the National Parks and Federal Rec-  
19 reational Lands Pass—

20 “(i) at all Federal recreational lands  
21 and waters at which an entrance fee or a  
22 standard amenity recreation fee is charged;

23 “(ii) at such other locations as the  
24 Secretaries consider appropriate and fea-  
25 sible; and

1 “(iii) through the website of each of  
 2 the Federal land management agencies and  
 3 the websites of the relevant units and  
 4 subunits of those agencies, with—

5 “(I) a prominent link on each  
 6 website; and

7 “(II) information about where  
 8 and when passes are needed.”.

9 (b) ENTRANCE PASS AND AMENITY FEES.—The Sec-  
 10 retaries shall make available for purchase or payment on-  
 11 line, if appropriate and feasible, for each unit where passes  
 12 and fees are required—

13 (1) all entrance fees under section 803(e) of the  
 14 Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16  
 15 U.S.C. 6802(e));

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

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

20 **TITLE II—ACCESSING THE**  
 21 **OUTDOORS**

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

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretaries are encouraged to  
 24 work with the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of  
 25 Veterans Affairs on ways to ensure veterans have access

1 to the outdoors and to outdoor programs as a part of the  
2 basic services provided to veterans.

3 (b) INCLUSION OF INFORMATION.—Each branch of  
4 the Armed Forces is encouraged to include information  
5 about outdoor recreation in the materials and counseling  
6 services provided in the Transition Assistance Program,  
7 including—

8 (1) the benefits of outdoor recreation for phys-  
9 ical and mental health;

10 (2) maps of parks, trails, and other recreation  
11 sites within 200 miles of military bases;

12 (3) resources to access guided outdoor trips;  
13 and

14 (4) information regarding the Public Land  
15 Corps of the National Park Service.

16 (c) OUTDOOR RECREATION PROGRAM ATTEND-  
17 ANCE.—Each branch of the Armed Forces is encouraged  
18 to permit members of the Armed Forces on active duty  
19 status, at the discretion of the commander of the member,  
20 to use not more than 7 days of a Permissive Temporary  
21 Duty Assignment allotted to the member to attend an out-  
22 door recreation program following deployment.

23 **SEC. 202. ACCESS FOR KIDS.**

24 (a) AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL PASSES.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretaries shall make  
2           available free of charge a certain quantity of Amer-  
3           ica the Beautiful passes, to be determined by the  
4           Secretaries, to schools receiving funds under part A  
5           of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-  
6           cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311 et seq.) in each  
7           State for use by the school or by students enrolled  
8           in the school and their families.

9           (2) DURATION.—A pass shall be valid for a pe-  
10          riod of 1 year.

11          (3) RENEWAL.—On request of a school de-  
12          scribed in paragraph (1), the Secretaries may renew  
13          each pass provided under paragraph (1) upon expi-  
14          ration.

15          (b) EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS.—Each pass made  
16          available under subsection (a) shall be accompanied  
17          with—

18                (1) educational materials on how to access and  
19                use the land covered by the pass; and

20                (2) information on available programming and  
21                guided activities.

22          (c) CURRICULA FOR SCHOOLS.—The Federal land  
23          management agencies shall coordinate to provide materials  
24          or curricula for all elementary schools and secondary  
25          schools—

- 1 (1) to provide to students education on—  
 2 (A) nearby land covered by the pass; and  
 3 (B) activities available on that land;  
 4 (2) to encourage field trips to that land; and  
 5 (3) to encourage involvement in the Every Kid  
 6 in a Park Program of the National Park Service.

7 **SEC. 203. ACCESS FOR SENIORS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretaries are encouraged to  
 9 increase programs focused on improving education about,  
 10 and access to, outdoor recreation opportunities on public  
 11 land for individuals that are age 55 or older.

12 (b) VOLUNTEERISM.—The Corporation for National  
 13 and Community Service and the Federal Interagency  
 14 Team on Volunteerism are encouraged to work together  
 15 to increase engagement of individuals that are age 55 or  
 16 older in volunteer opportunities, particularly volunteer op-  
 17 portunities on public land, through the websites of the or-  
 18 ganizations.

19 **TITLE III—MAKING RECREATION**  
 20 **A PRIORITY**

21 **SEC. 301. LABOR STATISTICS STUDY.**

22 The Secretaries, in consultation with the head of each  
 23 Federal agency with jurisdiction over Federal land, shall  
 24 conduct a study on, and quantify, the overall impact that

1 recreation on Federal recreational land and water has on  
2 the economy and labor market of the United States.

3 **SEC. 302. EXTENSION OF SEASONAL RECREATION OPPOR-**  
4 **TUNITIES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The relevant unit managers of  
6 land managed by the Forest Service, the Bureau of Land  
7 Management, and the National Park Service, through the  
8 respective land management planning processes of those  
9 agencies, may—

10 (1) identify areas of Federal recreational land  
11 and water in which recreation use is highly seasonal;

12 (2) develop a management plan for extending  
13 the recreation season or increasing recreation use in  
14 a sustainable manner during the offseason; and

15 (3) make information about extended season  
16 schedules and related recreational opportunities  
17 available to the public and local communities.

18 (b) INCLUSIONS.—The management plan developed  
19 under subsection (a)(2) may include—

20 (1) the addition of facilities that would increase  
21 recreation use during the offseason; and

22 (2) improvement of access to the area to extend  
23 the season.

24 (c) REQUIREMENT.—The management plan devel-  
25 oped under subsection (a)(2) shall be compatible with all



1 applicable Federal laws, regulations, and policies, includ-  
2 ing land use plans.

3 **SEC. 303. RECREATION PERFORMANCE METRICS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Chief of the Forest Service  
5 and the Director of the Bureau of Land Management shall  
6 include in any evaluation of the land under the jurisdiction  
7 of the Chief and the Director and in the performance eval-  
8 uation of the land managers, the use of the land for recre-  
9 ation and achievement of stated recreation and tourism  
10 goals in the land management 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  
15 tourism 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 number of first-time visitors;

22 (B) the number of repeat visitors;

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

1 (D) the number of recreational and envi-  
 2 ronmental educational programs offered and the  
 3 success of those programs;

4 (E) visitor satisfaction; and

5 (F) the maintenance of existing recreation  
 6 infrastructure.

7 **SEC. 304. RECREATION MISSION.**

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

- 10 (1) the Corps of Engineers;  
 11 (2) the Bureau of Reclamation; and  
 12 (3) the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

13 (b) MISSION.—With respect to the mission of the  
 14 Federal agency, each Federal agency shall consider how  
 15 land and water management decisions can enhance recre-  
 16 ation opportunities and the recreation economy.

17 **SEC. 305. DEPOSIT OF SKI AREA PERMIT RENTAL FEES IN**  
 18 **FEDERAL LANDS RECREATION ENHANCE-**  
 19 **MENT ACT ACCOUNT.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 701(a) of the Omnibus  
 21 Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 (16  
 22 U.S.C. 497c(a)) is amended—

23 (1) in the first sentence, by striking “(a) The  
 24 Secretary” and inserting the following:

25 “(a) IN GENERAL.—

1           “(1) RENTAL CHARGES.—The Secretary”; and  
2           (2) by adding at the end the following:

3           “(2) DEPOSITS.—Revenues collected under  
4 paragraph (1) shall be—

5                   “(A) deposited in the applicable special ac-  
6                   count in the Treasury established under section  
7                   807 of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhance-  
8                   ment Act (16 U.S.C. 6806); and

9                   “(B) administered and distributed in ac-  
10                  cordance with that section.”.

11           (b) DISTRIBUTION OF SKI AREA PERMIT FEE REVE-  
12 NUES.—Section 807 of the Federal Lands Recreation En-  
13 hancement Act (16 U.S.C. 6806) is amended by adding  
14 at the end the following:

15           “(f) DISTRIBUTION OF SKI AREA PERMIT FEE REV-  
16 ENUES.—

17                   “(1) LOCAL DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.—

18                           “(A) RETENTION OF REVENUES.—Not less  
19                           than 80 percent of the ski area permit fees col-  
20                           lected at a specific unit or area of the Federal  
21                           land management agency shall remain available  
22                           for expenditure, without further appropriation,  
23                           until expended at that unit or area.

24                           “(B) REDUCTION.—The Secretary may re-  
25                           duce the percentage allocation otherwise appli-

1 cable under subparagraph (A) to a unit or area  
2 of a Federal land management agency, but not  
3 below 45 percent, for a fiscal year for revenues  
4 collected from ski areas if the Secretary deter-  
5 mines that the ski area permit fee revenues col-  
6 lected at the unit or area exceed the reasonable  
7 needs of the unit or area for which expenditures  
8 may be made for that fiscal year.

9 “(2) AGENCY-WIDE DISTRIBUTION OF  
10 FUNDS.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The balance of ski  
12 area revenues not distributed in accordance  
13 with paragraph (1)(A) shall remain available to  
14 that Federal land management agency for ex-  
15 penditure on an agency-wide basis, without fur-  
16 ther appropriation, until expended.

17 “(B) OTHER REVENUE.—The balance of  
18 ski area revenues not distributed in accordance  
19 with paragraph (1)(B) shall remain available to  
20 that Federal land management agency for ex-  
21 penditure only on Federal land units with ski  
22 area permits, without further appropriation,  
23 until expended in accordance with the require-  
24 ments of section 808(a)(2).”.

25 (c) USE OF FEES.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 808(a) of the Fed-  
2           eral Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C.  
3           6807(a)) is amended—

4                   (A) in paragraph (3), by redesignating  
5                   subparagraphs (A) through (F) as clauses (i)  
6                   through (vi), respectively, and indenting appro-  
7                   priately;

8                   (B) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2),  
9                   and (3) as subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), re-  
10                  spectively, and indenting appropriately;

11                  (C) by striking the subsection designation  
12                  and heading and all that follows through  
13                  “Amounts available” in the matter preceding  
14                  subparagraph (A) (as redesignated) and insert-  
15                  ing the following:

16           “(a) USE OF FEES.—

17                   “(1) RECREATION FEES.—Amounts available”;

18           and

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

20                   “(2) SKI AREA PERMIT FEES.—Ski area permit  
21                   fees may be used only for—

22                           “(A) recreation special use permit proc-  
23                           essing, administration, implementation, support,  
24                           staff time, and training;

1           “(B) implementation of the Ski Area Rec-  
2           reational Opportunity Enhancement Act of  
3           2011 (16 U.S.C. 497b note; Public Law 112–  
4           46);

5           “(C) improving and increasing ski area  
6           recreational opportunities;

7           “(D) maintaining and enhancing facilities  
8           used by recreation permit holders; and

9           “(E) interpretation, visitor information,  
10          visitor service, and signage to enhance—

11           “(i) visitor experience on Federal land  
12          associated with ski area permits; and

13           “(ii) support of the Forest Service Av-  
14          alanche Information and Education Pro-  
15          gram.”.

16          (2) LIMITATION ON USE OF FEES.—Section  
17          808(b) of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhance-  
18          ment Act (16 U.S.C. 6807(b)) is amended by insert-  
19          ing “or ski area permit fees” after “any recreation  
20          fees”.

21          (3) ADMINISTRATION, OVERHEAD, AND INDI-  
22          RECT COSTS.—Section 808(c) of the Federal Lands  
23          Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C. 6807(c)) is  
24          amended by inserting “or ski area permit fee” after  
25          “the recreation fee”.

1           (4) TRANSITIONAL EXCEPTION.—Section  
2 808(d) of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhance-  
3 ment Act (16 U.S.C. 6807(d)) is amended in the  
4 matter preceding paragraph (1) by inserting “(other  
5 than amounts derived from ski area permit fees)”  
6 after “agency”.

7           (5) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 802  
8 of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act  
9 (16 U.S.C. 6801) is amended—

10                   (A) by redesignating paragraphs (12) and  
11                   (13) as paragraphs (13) and (14), respectively;  
12                   and

13                   (B) by inserting after paragraph (11) the  
14                   following:

15                   “(12) SKI AREA PERMIT FEES.—The term ‘ski  
16                   area permit fees’ means the fee collected from ski  
17                   area permittees on land managed by—

18                           “(A) the Forest Service;

19                           “(B) the National Park Service; or

20                           “(C) the Bureau of Land Management.”.

21           (d) SAVINGS PROVISIONS.—

22                   (1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this section af-  
23                   fects the Act of April 24, 1950 (commonly known as  
24                   the “Granger-Thye Act”) (64 Stat. 82, chapter 97),  
25                   as applied to ski areas.

1           (2) MAINTENANCE OF FUNDING.—Revenue  
2 from ski area permit fees retained and allocated  
3 under this section shall supplement (and not sup-  
4 plant) other Federal funding for the basic operation  
5 and maintenance of Federal land under permit to  
6 ski areas or other costs associated with managing,  
7 administering, or implementing ski area permits not  
8 covered by distribution under this section.

9 **SEC. 306. NATIONAL RECREATION AREA SYSTEM.**

10       (a) DECLARATION OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the  
11 United States that—

12           (1) certain natural landscapes be conserved and  
13 managed for sustainable outdoor recreational and  
14 other benefits for the people of the United States;  
15 and

16           (2) in addition to protecting landscapes for the  
17 ecological, intrinsic, historic, or scientific value, cer-  
18 tain landscapes should be protected and managed  
19 primarily for the social, spiritual, and health benefits  
20 the landscapes provide for people through outdoor  
21 recreation, for the specific and meaningful experi-  
22 ences made possible by unique and specific land-  
23 scapes, and for the contributions these landscapes  
24 make in support of the outdoor recreation economy.



1 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to es-  
2 tablish a National Recreation Area System—

3 (1) to recognize areas that possess remarkable  
4 recreational values;

5 (2) to recognize that land with remarkable rec-  
6 reational values may also possess other important  
7 values that underpin the remarkable recreation val-  
8 ues, including, at a minimum—

9 (A) ecological and watershed values;

10 (B) historical and cultural values;

11 (C) scenic value;

12 (D) fish and wildlife values; and

13 (E) geological, archeological, and paleon-  
14 tological values;

15 (3) to manage System units for—

16 (A) the benefit and recreational enjoyment  
17 of present and future generations; and

18 (B) conservation and restoration of the im-  
19 portant values described in paragraph (2);

20 (4) to highlight that recreation contributes sig-  
21 nificantly to the economy, particularly in rural and  
22 gateway communities;

23 (5) to ensure the protection of public land for  
24 the benefit of a variety of recreational pursuits

1 where appropriate, including both motorized and  
2 nonmotorized uses;

3 (6) to recognize that recreation goals and con-  
4 servation goals can both be achieved in the manage-  
5 ment of public land; and

6 (7) to provide access to sustainable recreation  
7 opportunities and enhance public enjoyment of pub-  
8 lic land.

9 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary”  
11 means—

12 (A) the Secretary of the Interior, acting  
13 through the Director of the Bureau of Land  
14 Management with respect to land administered  
15 by the Bureau of Land Management; or

16 (B) the Secretary of Agriculture, acting  
17 through the Chief of the Forest Service, with  
18 respect to National Forest System land.

19 (2) SYSTEM.—The term “System” means the  
20 National Recreation Area System established by  
21 subsection (d).

22 (3) SYSTEM UNIT.—The term “System unit”  
23 means a System unit designated pursuant to sub-  
24 section (d).

1 (d) COMPOSITION.—There is established a National  
2 Recreation Area System, to be comprised of—

3 (1) National Recreation Areas described in sub-  
4 section (i); and

5 (2) the System units designated by Congress on  
6 or after the date of enactment of this Act.

7 (e) ADMINISTRATION.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall manage  
9 each System unit in a manner that enhances the re-  
10 markable recreational and other important values of  
11 the System unit, consistent with subsection (a), and  
12 provides for the enjoyment by this and future gen-  
13 erations.

14 (2) STATE, TRIBAL, AND LOCAL INVOLVE-  
15 MENT.—Each State, tribal, and local government is  
16 encouraged to cooperate in the planning and admin-  
17 istration of System units that include or adjoin land  
18 under the jurisdiction of the State, tribal, or local  
19 government.

20 (3) FISH AND WILDLIFE.—

21 (A) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this section  
22 affects the jurisdiction or responsibilities of a  
23 State with respect to fish and wildlife in a Sys-  
24 tem unit.

25 (B) APPLICABLE LAW.—

1 (i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided  
2 in clause (ii), hunting and fishing shall be  
3 permitted on System units under applica-  
4 ble Federal and State laws (including regu-  
5 lations).

6 (ii) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary—

7 (I) may designate zones in which  
8 and time periods during which no  
9 hunting shall be permitted for reasons  
10 of public safety, administration, or  
11 public use and enjoyment; and

12 (II) in carrying out subclause (I),  
13 shall issue appropriate regulations  
14 after consultation with the wildlife  
15 agency of each State affected.

16 (4) OTHER LAND MANAGEMENT DESIGNA-  
17 TIONS.—

18 (A) WILDERNESS AREAS.—

19 (i) IN GENERAL.—Any portion of a  
20 wilderness area that is located within the  
21 System unit shall be administered in ac-  
22 cordance with the Wilderness Act (16  
23 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.).

24 (ii) APPLICATION.—In carrying out  
25 clause (i), in the event of any conflict be-

1           tween the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131  
2           et seq.) and this section, the more restric-  
3           tive provision shall apply.

4           (B) WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS.—

5           (i) IN GENERAL.—Any portion of a  
6           wild and scenic river that is located within  
7           the System unit shall be administered in  
8           accordance with the Wild and Scenic Riv-  
9           ers Act (16 U.S.C. 1271 et seq.) and this  
10          section.

11          (ii) APPLICATION.—In carrying out  
12          clause (i), in the event of any conflict be-  
13          tween the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16  
14          U.S.C. 1271 et seq.) and this section, the  
15          more restrictive provision shall apply.

16          (C) NATIONAL SCENIC AND HISTORIC  
17          TRAILS.—

18          (i) IN GENERAL.—Any portion of a  
19          National Scenic or Historic Trail that is  
20          located within the System unit shall be ad-  
21          ministered in accordance with the National  
22          Trails System Act (16 U.S.C. 1241 et  
23          seq.).

24          (ii) APPLICATION.—In carrying out  
25          clause (i), in the event of any conflict be-

1           tween the National Trails System Act (16  
2           U.S.C. 1241 et seq.) and this section, the  
3           more restrictive provision shall apply.

4           (5) WATER RIGHTS.—Nothing in this section  
5           affects any valid or vested water right in existence  
6           on the date of enactment of this Act.

7           (f) COMPONENTS OF NATIONAL RECREATION AREA  
8           SYSTEM.—

9           (1) MAP; LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

10           (A) IN GENERAL.—For System units es-  
11           tablished on or after the date of enactment of  
12           this Act, as soon as practicable after the date  
13           of designation of a System unit, the Secretary  
14           shall prepare a map and legal description of the  
15           System unit.

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

22           (C) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The map and  
23           legal description filed under subparagraph (A)  
24           shall be on file and available for public inspec-

1           tion in the appropriate offices of the Bureau of  
2           Land Management and Forest Service.

3           (2) COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

4                 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretaries shall  
5           prepare a comprehensive management plan for  
6           each System unit within the jurisdiction of the  
7           Secretaries that is designated by Congress after  
8           the date of enactment of this Act to provide for  
9           the protection and enjoyment of the remarkable  
10          recreational and other important values of the  
11          System unit.

12                (B) TIMING.—A comprehensive manage-  
13          ment plan described in subparagraph (A)—

14                   (i) shall be prepared, and regularly re-  
15           viewed and updated, as a part of the reg-  
16           ular land management planning process of  
17           the applicable agency; and

18                   (ii) unless the planning cycle of the  
19           applicable agency coincides with the des-  
20           ignation of the System unit, shall be ini-  
21           tially completed not later than 3 years  
22           after the date of designation of the System  
23           unit as part of the revision of plans of the  
24           applicable agency.

1 (C) REQUIREMENTS.—A comprehensive  
2 management plan prepared under subparagraph  
3 (A) shall—

4 (i) identify the existing, and to the ex-  
5 tent practicable, prospective remarkable  
6 recreational and other important values of  
7 the System unit;

8 (ii) ensure the System unit is man-  
9 aged to protect and enhance purposes for  
10 which the System unit was established;

11 (iii) ensure the System unit is man-  
12 aged to protect and enhance the resources  
13 that make the area suitable for designation  
14 under subsection (d)(2) in accordance with  
15 subsection (a);

16 (iv) be coordinated with resource man-  
17 agement planning for affected adjacent  
18 Federal land; and

19 (v) be prepared in consultation with  
20 States, political subdivisions of the State,  
21 affected Indian tribes, and the public.

22 (D) NOTICE.—The Secretary shall publish  
23 in the Federal Register notice of the completion  
24 and availability of a plan prepared under this  
25 paragraph.



1           (E) UPDATE.—The Secretary shall periodically  
2           review and update applicable management  
3           plans prepared under this paragraph to address  
4           the values described in paragraphs (1) and (2)  
5           of subsection (b).

6           (g) POTENTIAL ADDITIONS TO NATIONAL RECRE-  
7           ATION AREA SYSTEM.—

8           (1) ELIGIBLE AREA.—An area eligible for inclu-  
9           sion in the System is an area that possesses 1 or  
10          more of the values described in paragraphs (1) and  
11          (2) of subsection (b).

12          (2) POTENTIAL ADDITIONS.—In carrying out  
13          the land management planning process, the Sec-  
14          retary shall—

15               (A) identify eligible areas that possess re-  
16               markable recreational and other important val-  
17               ues described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of sub-  
18               section (b);

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

21               (C) consider recommendations by the Gov-  
22               ernor of an affected State or territory for po-  
23               tential additions to the System.

1 (h) WITHDRAWALS.—Subject to valid existing rights,  
2 any land designated as a System unit under this section  
3 is withdrawn from all forms of—

4 (1) entry, appropriation, or disposal under the  
5 public land laws;

6 (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining  
7 laws; and

8 (3) disposition under all laws pertaining to min-  
9 eral and geothermal leasing or mineral materials.

10 (i) EXISTING NATIONAL RECREATION AREAS.—Each  
11 National Recreation Area established as of the date of en-  
12 actment of this Act and administered by the Secretary of  
13 Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Serv-  
14 ice, or the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the  
15 Director of the Bureau of Land Management, before the  
16 date of enactment of this Act shall be—

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

18 (2) notwithstanding subsection (e), adminis-  
19 tered under law pertaining to that System unit.

20 (j) STANDARD FEES.—In accordance with sections  
21 803 through 808 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act,  
22 2005 (16 U.S.C. 6802–6807), the Secretary may establish  
23 a standard amenity fee at each of the areas within the  
24 National Recreation Area System that are managed by the  
25 Bureau of Land Management or the Forest Service, if—

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

3           (2) the establishment of a fee is not prohibited  
4 by other Federal law.

5           (k) COMPLIANCE WITH EXISTING LAWS.—Nothing  
6 in this section modifies any obligation—

7           (1) of the Secretary to prepare or implement a  
8 land use plan in accordance with section 202 of the  
9 Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976  
10 (43 U.S.C. 1712) or section 6 of the Forest and  
11 Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of  
12 1974 (16 U.S.C. 1604);

13           (2) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973  
14 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.);

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

17           (4) under any other applicable law.

18           (l) CONFLICT WITH OTHER LAWS.—In the case of  
19 a conflict between the provisions of this section and other  
20 law, the more restrictive provisions shall apply.

21           (m) NATIVE AMERICAN TREATY RIGHTS.—Nothing  
22 in this section alters, modifies, enlarges, diminishes, or ab-  
23 rogates the treaty rights of any Indian tribe, including any  
24 off-reservation reserved rights.

1       **TITLE IV—MAINTENANCE OF**  
2                   **PUBLIC LAND**

3                   **Subtitle A—Volunteers**

4       **SEC. 401. PRIVATE-SECTOR VOLUNTEER ENHANCEMENT**  
5                   **PROGRAM.**

6           (a) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose of this section is to pro-  
7 mote private-sector volunteer programs within the Depart-  
8 ment of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture  
9 to enhance stewardship, recreation access, and sustain-  
10 ability of the resources, values, and facilities of the Fed-  
11 eral land managed by the Federal land management agen-  
12 cies.

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

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

16                       (A) owned by the United States; and

17                       (B) managed by the head of a Federal  
18 land management agency.

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

21                       (A) the Secretary of Agriculture (acting  
22 through the Chief of the Forest Service), with  
23 respect to National Forest System land; and

1 (B) the Secretary of the Interior, with re-  
2 spect to land managed by the Bureau of Land  
3 Management.

4 (3) VOLUNTEER.—The term “volunteer” means  
5 any individual who performs volunteer services under  
6 this section.

7 (c) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary concerned  
8 shall develop an initiative to further enhance private-sector  
9 volunteer programs and to actively promote private-sector  
10 volunteer opportunities and provide outreach and coordi-  
11 nation to the private sector.

12 (d) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS FOR STEWARDSHIP  
13 OF FEDERAL LAND.—

14 (1) AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AGREE-  
15 MENTS.—The Secretary concerned may enter into  
16 cooperative agreements (in accordance with section  
17 6305 of title 31, United States Code) with private  
18 agencies, organizations, institutions, corporations,  
19 individuals, or other entities to carry out 1 or more  
20 projects or programs with a Federal land manage-  
21 ment agency in accordance with this section.

22 (2) PROJECT AND PROGRAM INSTRUCTIONS.—  
23 The Secretary concerned shall include in the cooper-  
24 ative agreement the desired outcomes of the project

1 or program and the guidelines for the volunteers to  
2 follow, including—

3 (A) the physical boundaries of the project  
4 or program;

5 (B) the equipment the volunteers are au-  
6 thorized to use to complete the project or pro-  
7 gram;

8 (C) the training the volunteers are re-  
9 quired to complete, including agency consider-  
10 ation and incorporation of trainings offered by  
11 qualified nongovernmental organizations and  
12 volunteer partner organizations;

13 (D) the actions the volunteers are author-  
14 ized to take to complete the project or program;  
15 and

16 (E) any other information that the Sec-  
17 retary concerned determines necessary for the  
18 volunteer group to complete the project or pro-  
19 gram.

20 (3) AUTHORIZED PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS.—

21 Subject to paragraph (4), the Secretary concerned  
22 may use a cooperative agreement to carry out  
23 projects and programs for Federal land that—

24 (A) promote the stewardship of resources  
25 of Federal land by volunteers;

1 (B) support maintaining the resources,  
2 trails, and facilities on Federal land in a sus-  
3 tainable manner;

4 (C) increase awareness, understanding,  
5 and stewardship of Federal land through the  
6 development, publication, or distribution of edu-  
7 cational materials and products; and

8 (D) advance education concerning the Fed-  
9 eral land and the missions of the Federal land  
10 management agencies through the use of the  
11 Federal land as outdoor classrooms and devel-  
12 opment of other educational programs.

13 (4) CONDITIONS ON USE OF AUTHORITY.—The  
14 Secretary concerned may use a cooperative agree-  
15 ment under paragraph (1) to carry out a project or  
16 program for the Federal land only if the project or  
17 program—

18 (A) complies with all Federal laws (includ-  
19 ing regulations) and policies;

20 (B) is consistent with an applicable man-  
21 agement plan for any Federal land and waters  
22 involved;

23 (C) is monitored by the relevant Federal  
24 land management agency during the project  
25 and after project completion to determine com-

1           pliance with the instructions under paragraph  
2           (2); and

3                   (D) satisfies such other terms and condi-  
4           tions as the Secretary concerned determines to  
5           be appropriate.

6 **SEC. 402. FOREST SERVICE VOLUNTEER LIABILITY.**

7           Section 3 of the Volunteers in the National Forests  
8 Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 558c) is amended by adding at  
9 the end the following:

10           “(e) INCLUSION.—For purposes of subsections (b),  
11 (c), and (d), the term ‘volunteer’ includes a person pro-  
12 viding volunteer services to the Secretary—

13                   “(1) who is recruited, trained, and supported by  
14           a cooperator under a mutual benefit agreement with  
15           the Secretary; and

16                   “(2) who performs volunteer services under the  
17           collective supervision, guidance, and oversight of the  
18           Secretary and the cooperator as mutually agreed to  
19           by the Secretary and the cooperator.”.

20                   **Subtitle B—Priority Trail**  
21                   **Maintenance**

22 **SEC. 411. DEFINITION OF SECRETARIES.**

23           In this subtitle, the term “Secretaries” means—

24                   (1) the Secretary of the Interior; and



1           (2) the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through  
2           the Chief of the Forest Service.

3 **SEC. 412. PRIORITY TRAIL MAINTENANCE PROGRAM.**

4           (a) SELECTION OF PRIORITY LANDSCAPES.—In ac-  
5 cordance with subsections (b) and (c), not later than 180  
6 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secre-  
7 taries shall select not fewer than 9 and not more than  
8 15 priority landscapes for increased trail maintenance.

9           (b) CRITERIA.—The priority landscapes selected  
10 under subsection (a) shall include a well-defined region in  
11 which—

12           (1) the lack of trail maintenance has—

13                   (A) reduced access to public land;

14                   (B) led to an increase, or risk of increase,  
15           in harm to natural resources;

16                   (C) jeopardized public safety; or

17                   (D) increased future trail maintenance  
18           costs;

19           (2) additional resources can meet unmet de-  
20           mands on well-traveled trails;

21           (3) trails—

22                   (A) have been, or are subsequently, des-  
23           ignated as national recreation, scenic, or his-  
24           toric trails; or

1 (B) are located within a designated Na-  
2 tional Recreation Area or National Scenic Area;

3 (4) trails have been identified as a priority in  
4 a Statewide comprehensive outdoor recreation plan;  
5 or

6 (5) trails are located within a landscape identi-  
7 fied as a priority under the large landscapes collabo-  
8 rative process of the Secretaries.

9 (c) REQUIREMENTS.—In selecting priority landscapes  
10 under subsection (a), the Secretaries shall—

11 (1) provide opportunities for and consider any  
12 public input on priority landscapes received by not  
13 later than 90 days after the date of enactment of  
14 this Act; and

15 (2) select not less than 1 priority landscape in  
16 each geographic region of the United States.

17 (d) INCREASED TRAIL MAINTENANCE.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
19 after the date on which the Secretaries select the  
20 priority landscapes under subsection (a), the Secre-  
21 taries shall develop a plan to substantially increase  
22 trail maintenance in each priority landscape.

23 (2) CONTENTS.—In developing the plan under  
24 paragraph (1), the Secretaries shall—

1 (A) provide opportunities for and consider  
2 any public input on trail maintenance priorities  
3 and needs in each priority landscape;

4 (B) consider the costs and benefits of in-  
5 creased trail maintenance in each priority land-  
6 scape; and

7 (C) incorporate trail maintenance partners  
8 and volunteers, including youth organizations.

9 (3) REQUIRED TRAIL MAINTENANCE.—In car-  
10 rying out the plan developed under paragraph (1),  
11 the Secretaries shall substantially increase trail  
12 maintenance in each priority landscape.

13 (e) REVISION.—The Secretaries—

14 (1) shall periodically review the priority land-  
15 scapes selected under subsection (a) to determine  
16 whether revisions to the priority landscapes are nec-  
17 essary; and

18 (2) may revise the priority landscapes, including  
19 by selecting new priority landscapes or removing ex-  
20 isting priority landscapes, at the sole discretion of  
21 the Secretaries.

22 **SEC. 413. PRIORITY TRAIL MAINTENANCE PROGRAM FUND.**

23 There is established in the Treasury of the United  
24 States a fund to be known as the “Priority Trail Mainte-  
25 nance Program Fund”, consisting of such amounts as are

1 appropriated to the Priority Trail Maintenance Program  
 2 Fund, for trail maintenance in the priority landscapes se-  
 3 lected by the Secretaries under section 412(a).

4 **SEC. 414. INTERAGENCY TRAIL MANAGEMENT.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretaries shall establish an  
 6 interagency trail management plan under which Federal  
 7 land management agencies shall coordinate so that trails  
 8 that cross jurisdictional boundaries between the Federal  
 9 land management agencies are managed and maintained  
 10 in a uniform manner.

11 (b) REQUIREMENT.—The plan established under sub-  
 12 section (a) shall ensure compliance with all Federal envi-  
 13 ronmental laws applicable to each jurisdiction.

14 **Subtitle C—Public Lands Service**  
 15 **Corps Act Amendments**

16 **SEC. 421. AMENDMENT TO SHORT TITLE.**

17 Section 201 of the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993  
 18 (16 U.S.C. 1701 note; 107 Stat. 848) is amended to read  
 19 as follows:

20 **“SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE; REFERENCES.**

21 “(a) SHORT TITLE.—This title may be cited as the  
 22 ‘Public Lands Service Corps Act of 1993’.

23 “(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference contained in any  
 24 law, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the  
 25 United States to the ‘Public Lands Corps Act of 1993’

1 shall be considered to be a reference to the ‘Public Lands  
2 Service Corps Act of 1993’.’’.

3 **SEC. 422. REFERENCE.**

4 A reference in this subtitle to “the Act” is a reference  
5 to the Public Lands Service Corps Act of 1993 (16 U.S.C.  
6 1721 et seq.; title II of Public Law 91–378).

7 **SEC. 423. AMENDMENTS TO PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE CORPS**  
8 **ACT OF 1993.**

9 (a) NAME AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION CHANGES.—

10 The Act is amended—

11 (1) in the title heading, by striking “**PUBLIC**  
12 **LANDS CORPS**” and inserting “**PUBLIC**  
13 **LANDS SERVICE CORPS**”;

14 (2) in section 204 (16 U.S.C. 1723), in the  
15 heading, by striking “**PUBLIC LANDS CORPS**” and  
16 inserting “**PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE CORPS**”;

17 (3) in section 210(a)(2) (16 U.S.C.  
18 1729(a)(2)), in the heading, by striking “**PUBLIC**  
19 **LANDS**”;

20 (4) by striking “Public Lands Corps” each  
21 place it appears and inserting “Corps”;

22 (5) by striking “conservation center” each place  
23 it appears and inserting “residential conservation  
24 center”;

1           (6) by striking “conservation centers” each  
2 place it appears and inserting “residential conserva-  
3 tion centers”;

4           (7) by striking “appropriate conservation  
5 project” each place it appears and inserting “appro-  
6 priate natural and cultural resources conservation  
7 project”; and

8           (8) by striking “appropriate conservation  
9 projects” each place it appears and inserting “ap-  
10 propriate natural and cultural resources conservation  
11 projects”.

12       (b) FINDINGS.—Section 202(a) of the Act (16 U.S.C.  
13 1721(a)) (as amended by subsection (a)) is amended—

14           (1) in paragraph (1)—

15               (A) by striking “Corps can benefit” and  
16 inserting “conservation corps can benefit”; and

17               (B) by striking “the natural and cultural”  
18 and inserting “natural and cultural”;

19           (2) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as  
20 paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively;

21           (3) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-  
22 lowing:

23               “(2) Participants in conservation corps receive  
24 meaningful education and training, and their experi-

1       ence with conservation corps provides preparation  
2       for careers in public service.

3           “(3) Young men and women who provide serv-  
4       ice in support of rehabilitation, promotion, and res-  
5       toration of the natural, cultural, historic, archae-  
6       ological, recreational, and scenic treasures of the  
7       United States will gain an increased appreciation  
8       and understanding of the public lands and heritage  
9       of the United States, and of the value of public serv-  
10      ice, and are likely to become life-long advocates for  
11      those values.”;

12           (4) in paragraph (4) (as redesignated by para-  
13      graph (2)), by inserting “, cultural, historic, archae-  
14      ological, recreational, and scenic” after “Many facili-  
15      ties and natural”;

16           (5) by adding at the end the following:

17           “(6) The work of conservation corps can benefit  
18      communities adjacent to public lands and facilities  
19      through renewed civic engagement and participation  
20      by corps participants and those they serve, improved  
21      student achievement, and restoration and rehabilita-  
22      tion of public assets.”.

23           (c) PURPOSE.—Section 202 of the Act (16 U.S.C.  
24      1721(b)) is amended by striking subsection (b) and insert-  
25      ing the following:

1 “(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—

2 “(1) to introduce young men and women to  
3 public service while furthering their understanding  
4 and appreciation of the natural, cultural, historic,  
5 archaeological, recreational, and scenic resources of  
6 the United States;

7 “(2) to facilitate training and recruitment op-  
8 portunities in which service is credited as qualifying  
9 experience for careers in the management of such  
10 resources;

11 “(3) to instill in a new generation of young men  
12 and women from across the United States, including  
13 young men and women from diverse backgrounds,  
14 the desire to seek careers in resource stewardship  
15 and public service by allowing them to work directly  
16 with professionals in agencies responsible for the  
17 management of the natural, cultural, historic, ar-  
18 chaeological, recreational, and scenic resources of  
19 the United States;

20 “(4) to perform, in a cost-effective manner, ap-  
21 propriate natural and cultural resources conservation  
22 projects where such projects are not being performed  
23 by existing employees;

24 “(5) to assist Federal, State, and local govern-  
25 ments and Indian tribes in performing research and



1 public education tasks associated with the conserva-  
2 tion of natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, rec-  
3 reational, and scenic resources;

4 “(6) to expand educational opportunities on  
5 public lands and by rewarding individuals who par-  
6 ticipate in conservation corps with an increased abil-  
7 ity to pursue higher education and job training;

8 “(7) to promote public understanding and ap-  
9 preciation of the missions and the natural and cul-  
10 tural resources conservation work of the partici-  
11 pating Federal agencies through training opportuni-  
12 ties, community service and outreach, and other ap-  
13 propriate means; and

14 “(8) to create a grant program for Indian  
15 tribes to establish the Indian Youth Service Corps so  
16 that Indian youth can benefit from carrying out  
17 projects on Indian lands that the Indian tribes and  
18 communities determine to be priorities.”.

19 (d) DEFINITIONS.—Section 203 of the Act (16  
20 U.S.C. 1722) is amended—

21 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (3) through  
22 (7), (8) through (10), and (11) through (13) as  
23 paragraphs (5) through (9), (11) through (13), and  
24 (15) through (17), respectively;

1           (2) by striking paragraphs (1) and (2) and in-  
2           serting the following:

3           “(1) APPROPRIATE NATURAL AND CULTURAL  
4           RESOURCES CONSERVATION PROJECT.—The term  
5           ‘appropriate natural and cultural resources conserva-  
6           tion project’ means any project in support of or for  
7           the conservation, restoration, construction, or reha-  
8           bilitation of natural, cultural, historic, archae-  
9           ological, recreational, or scenic resources and pro-  
10          grams.

11          “(2) CONSULTING INTERN.—The term ‘con-  
12          sulting intern’ means a consulting intern selected  
13          under section 206(a)(2).

14          “(3) CORPS; PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE CORPS.—  
15          The terms ‘Corps’ and ‘Public Lands Service Corps’  
16          mean the Public Lands Service Corps established by  
17          section 204(a).

18          “(4) CORPS PARTICIPANT.—The term ‘Corps  
19          participant’ means an individual enrolled—

20                 “(A) in the Corps or the Indian Youth  
21                 Service Corps; or

22                 “(B) as a resource assistant or consulting  
23                 intern.”;

24          (3) by inserting after paragraph (9) (as redesign-  
25          ated by paragraph (1)) the following:

1           “(10) INDIAN YOUTH SERVICE CORPS.—The  
2 term ‘Indian Youth Service Corps’ means a qualified  
3 youth or conservation corps established under sec-  
4 tion 207 that—

5           “(A) enrolls individuals between the ages  
6 of 15 and 25, inclusive, a majority of whom are  
7 Indians; and

8           “(B) is established pursuant to a tribal  
9 resolution that describes the agreement between  
10 the Indian tribe and the qualified youth or con-  
11 servation corps to operate an Indian Youth  
12 Service Corps program for the benefit of the  
13 members of the Indian tribe.”;

14           (4) by striking paragraph (12) (as redesignated  
15 by paragraph (1)) and inserting the following:

16           “(12) PUBLIC LANDS.—The term ‘public lands’  
17 means any land or water (or interest therein) owned  
18 or administered by the United States, including  
19 those areas of coastal and ocean waters, the Great  
20 Lakes and their connecting waters, and submerged  
21 lands over which the United States exercises juris-  
22 diction, except that such term does not include In-  
23 dian lands.”;

24           (5) in paragraph (13) (as redesignated by para-  
25 graph (1))—

1 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

2 (i) by striking “full-time,”;

3 (ii) by inserting “on eligible service  
4 lands” after “resource setting”; and

5 (iii) by striking “16” and inserting  
6 “15”;

7 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
8 “and” at the end;

9 (C) in subparagraph (C), by striking the  
10 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

12 “(D) makes available for audit for each fis-  
13 cal year for which the qualified youth or con-  
14 servation corps receives Federal funds under  
15 this Act, all information pertaining to the ex-  
16 penditure of the funds, any matching funds,  
17 and participant demographics.”;

18 (6) by inserting after paragraph (13) (as reded-  
19 icated by paragraph (1)) the following:

20 “(14) RESIDENTIAL CONSERVATION CEN-  
21 TERS.—The term ‘residential conservation centers’  
22 means the facilities authorized under section 205.”;

23 (7) in paragraph (15) (as redesignated by para-  
24 graph (1)), by striking “206” and inserting  
25 “206(a)(1)”; and

1           (8) in paragraph (16) (as redesignated by para-  
2 graph (1))—

3           (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
4 “and” at the end;

5           (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the  
6 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

7           (C) by adding at the end the following:

8           “(C) with respect to the National Marine  
9 Sanctuary System, coral reefs, and other coast-  
10 al, estuarine, and marine habitats, and other  
11 lands and facilities administered by the Na-  
12 tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration,  
13 the Secretary of Commerce.”.

14       (e) PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE CORPS PROGRAM.—Sec-  
15 tion 204 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1723) (as amended by sub-  
16 section (a)) is amended—

17           (1) by redesignating subsections (b) and (c) and  
18 subsections (d) through (f) as subsections (e) and  
19 (d) and subsections (f) through (h), respectively;

20           (2) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the  
21 following:

22       “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE  
23 CORPS.—There is established in the Department of the  
24 Interior, the Department of Agriculture, and the Depart-  
25 ment of Commerce a Public Lands Service Corps.

1       “(b) ESTABLISHMENT OF CORPS OFFICE; COORDI-  
2 NATORS; LIAISON.—

3               “(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICES.—

4                       “(A) DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.—

5               The Secretary of the Interior shall establish a  
6               department-level office to coordinate the Corps  
7               activities within the Department of the Interior.

8                       “(B) DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.—

9               The Secretary of Agriculture shall establish  
10              within the Forest Service an office to coordinate  
11              the Corps activities within that agency.

12                      “(C) DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.—The

13              Secretary of Commerce shall establish within  
14              the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin-  
15              istration an office to coordinate the Corps ac-  
16              tivities within that agency.

17                      “(2) ESTABLISHMENT OF COORDINATORS.—

18              The Secretary shall designate a Public Lands Serv-  
19              ice Corps coordinator for each agency under the ju-  
20              risdiction of the Secretary that administers Corps  
21              activities.

22                      “(3) ESTABLISHMENT OF LIAISON.—The Sec-

23              retary of the Interior shall establish an Indian Youth  
24              Service Corps liaison that will—

1           “(A) provide outreach to Indian tribes  
2           about opportunities for establishing Corps and  
3           Indian Youth Service Corps programs; and

4           “(B) coordinate with the Tribal Liaison of  
5           the Corporation for National Service to identify  
6           and establish Corps and Indian Youth Service  
7           Corps opportunities for Indian youth.”;

8           (3) by striking subsection (c) (as redesignated  
9           by paragraph (1)) and inserting the following:

10          “(c) PARTICIPANTS.—

11           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may enroll  
12          in the Corps individuals who are—

13           “(A) hired by an agency under the juris-  
14          diction of the Secretary to perform work au-  
15          thorized under this Act; or

16           “(B) members of a qualified youth or con-  
17          servation corps with which the Secretary has  
18          entered into a cooperative agreement to perform  
19          work authorized under this Act.

20           “(2) RESOURCE ASSISTANTS AND CONSULTING  
21          INTERNS.—The Secretary may also enroll in the  
22          Corps resource assistants and consulting interns in  
23          accordance with section 206(a).

1           “(3) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.—To be eligi-  
2           ble for enrollment as a Corps participant, an indi-  
3           vidual shall—

4                   “(A)(i) be between the ages of 15 and 25,  
5           inclusive; or

6                   “(ii) in the case of a military veteran, be  
7           not older than 35; and

8                   “(B) satisfy the requirements of section  
9           137(a)(5) of the National and Community Serv-  
10          vice Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12591(a)(5)).

11          “(4) TERMS.—Each Corps participant may be  
12          enrolled in the Corps for a term of up to 2 years of  
13          service, which may be served over a period that ex-  
14          ceeds 2 calendar years.

15          “(5) CIVIL SERVICE.—An individual may be en-  
16          rolled as a Corps participant without regard to the  
17          civil service and classification laws, rules, or regula-  
18          tions of the United States.

19          “(6) PREFERENCE.—The Secretary may estab-  
20          lish a preference for the enrollment as Corps partici-  
21          pants individuals who are economically, physically,  
22          or educationally disadvantaged.

23          “(7) LOCAL PREFERENCE.—The Secretary may  
24          establish a preference for enrollment of Corps par-



1 participants individuals who live in the State or region  
2 in which the work is being performed.”;

3 (4) in subsection (d) (as redesignated by para-  
4 graph (1))—

5 (A) in paragraph (1)—

6 (i) by striking “contracts and”; and

7 (ii) by striking “subsection (d)” and  
8 inserting “subsection (f)”;

9 (B) by striking paragraph (2); and

10 (C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the  
11 following:

12 “(2) RECRUITMENT.—The Secretary shall carry  
13 out, or enter into cooperative agreements to provide,  
14 a program to attract eligible youth to the Corps by  
15 publicizing Corps opportunities through high schools,  
16 colleges, employment centers, electronic media, and  
17 other appropriate institutions and means.

18 “(3) PREFERENCE.—In entering into coopera-  
19 tive agreements under paragraph (1) or awarding  
20 competitive grants to Indian tribes or tribally au-  
21 thorized organizations under section 207, the Sec-  
22 retary may give preference to qualified youth or con-  
23 servation corps that are located in specific areas  
24 where a substantial portion of members are economi-  
25 cally, physically, or educationally disadvantaged.”;

1           (5) by inserting after subsection (d) (as redesignig-  
2           nated by paragraph (1)) the following:

3           “(e) TRAINING.—For purposes of training, the Sec-  
4           retary shall take into account training already received by  
5           Corps participants enrolled from qualified youth or con-  
6           servation corps.”;

7           (6) in subsection (f) (as redesignated by para-  
8           graph (1))—

9           (A) in paragraph (1)—

10           (i) in the heading, by striking “IN  
11           GENERAL.—” and inserting “USE OF  
12           CORPS; PROJECTS.—”;

13           (ii) by striking “The Secretary may  
14           utilize the Corps or any qualified youth or  
15           conservation corps to carry out” and in-  
16           serting the following:

17           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may  
18           use the Corps to carry out, with appropriate su-  
19           pervision and training,”;

20           (iii) by striking “on public lands” and  
21           inserting on “on eligible service lands”;  
22           and

23           (iv) by adding at the end the fol-  
24           lowing:

1           “(B) PROJECTS.—Appropriate natural and  
2 cultural resources conservation projects carried  
3 out under this section may include—

4           “(i) protecting, restoring, or enhance-  
5 ing ecosystem components to promote spe-  
6 cies recovery, improve biological diversity,  
7 enhance productivity and carbon sequestra-  
8 tion, and enhance adaptability and resil-  
9 ience of eligible service lands and resources  
10 to climate change and other natural and  
11 human disturbances;

12           “(ii) promoting the health of eligible  
13 service lands, including—

14           “(I) protecting and restoring wa-  
15 tersheds and forest, grassland, ripar-  
16 ian, estuarine, marine, or other habi-  
17 tat;

18           “(II) reducing the risk of  
19 uncharacteristically severe wildfire  
20 and mitigating damage from insects,  
21 disease, and disasters;

22           “(III) controlling erosion;

23           “(IV) controlling and removing  
24 invasive, noxious, or nonnative spe-  
25 cies; and

1 “(V) restoring native species;

2 “(iii) collecting biological, archaeo-  
3 logical, and other scientific data, includ-  
4 ing climatological information, species pop-  
5 ulations and movement, habitat status, and  
6 other information;

7 “(iv) assisting in historical and cul-  
8 tural research, museum curatorial work,  
9 oral history projects, documentary photog-  
10 raphy, and activities that support the cre-  
11 ation of public works of art related to eligi-  
12 ble service lands; and

13 “(v) constructing, repairing, rehabili-  
14 tating, and maintaining roads, trails,  
15 campgrounds and other visitor facilities,  
16 employee housing, cultural and historic  
17 sites and structures, and other facilities  
18 that further the purposes of this Act.”;

19 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and  
20 (3) as paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively; and

21 (C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the  
22 following:

23 “(2) VISITOR SERVICES.—The Secretary may—

24 “(A) enter into or amend an existing coop-  
25 erative agreement with a cooperating associa-

1           tion, educational institution, friends group, or  
2           similar nonprofit partner organization for the  
3           purpose of providing training and work experi-  
4           ence to Corps participants in areas such as  
5           sales, office work, accounting, and management,  
6           provided that the work experience directly re-  
7           lates to the conservation and management of el-  
8           igible service lands; and

9                   “(B) allow Corps participants to help pro-  
10           mote visitor safety and enjoyment of eligible  
11           service lands, and assist in the gathering of vis-  
12           itor use data.

13           “(3) INTERPRETATION.—The Secretary may  
14           permit Corps participants to provide interpretation  
15           or education services for the public under the direct  
16           and immediate supervision of an agency employee—

17                   “(A) to provide orientation and informa-  
18           tion services to visitors;

19                   “(B) to assist agency employees in the de-  
20           livery of interpretive or educational programs  
21           where audience size, environmental conditions,  
22           safety, or other factors make such assistance  
23           desirable;

24                   “(C) to present programs that relate the  
25           personal experience of the Corps participants

1 for the purpose of promoting public awareness  
2 of the Corps, the role of the Corps in public  
3 land management agencies, and the availability  
4 of the Corps to potential participants; and

5 “(D) to create nonpersonal interpretive  
6 products, such as website content, Junior Rang-  
7 er program books, printed handouts, and audio-  
8 visual programs.”;

9 (7) in subsection (g) (as redesignated by para-  
10 graph (1))—

11 (A) in the matter preceding the first para-  
12 graph, by striking “those projects which” and  
13 inserting “priority projects and other projects  
14 that”; and

15 (B) by striking paragraph (2) and insert-  
16 ing the following:

17 “(2) will instill in Corps participants a work  
18 ethic and a sense of public service;”; and

19 (8) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(i) OTHER PARTICIPANTS.—The Secretary may  
21 allow volunteers from other programs administered or des-  
22 ignated by the Secretary to participate as volunteers in  
23 projects carried out under this section.

24 “(j) CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The requirements of sec-  
2           tion 189D(b) of the National and Community Serv-  
3           ice Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12645g(b)) shall apply  
4           to each individual age 18 or older seeking—

5                   “(A) to become a Corps participant;

6                   “(B) to receive funds authorized under this  
7           Act; or

8                   “(C) to supervise or otherwise have regular  
9           contact with Corps participants in activities au-  
10          thorized under this Act.

11          “(2) ELIGIBILITY PROHIBITION.—If any of  
12          paragraphs (1) through (4) of section 189D(c) of  
13          the National and Community Service Act of 1990  
14          (42 U.S.C. 12645g(c)) apply to an individual de-  
15          scribed in paragraph (1), that individual shall not be  
16          eligible for the position or activity described in para-  
17          graph (1), unless the Secretary provides an exemp-  
18          tion for good cause.”.

19          (f) RESIDENTIAL CONSERVATION CENTERS AND  
20          PROGRAM SUPPORT.—Section 205 of the Act (16 U.S.C.  
21          1724) is amended—

22                   (1) in subsection (b)—

23                           (A) by striking “The Secretary” and in-  
24                           serting the following:

25                           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary”; and

1 (B) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(2) TEMPORARY HOUSING.—The Secretary  
3 may make arrangements with another Federal agen-  
4 cy, State, local government, or private organization  
5 to provide temporary housing for Corps participants  
6 as needed and available.

7 “(3) TRANSPORTATION.—In project areas  
8 where Corps participants reside at their own homes,  
9 the Secretary may provide transportation to and  
10 from project sites.”;

11 (2) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-  
12 section (e);

13 (3) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-  
14 lowing:

15 “(d) MENTORS.—The Secretary may recruit from  
16 programs, such as Federal volunteer and encore service  
17 programs, and from veterans groups, military retirees, and  
18 active duty personnel, such adults as may be suitable and  
19 qualified to provide training, mentoring, and crew-leading  
20 services to Corps participants.”; and

21 (4) in subsection (e) (as redesignated by para-  
22 graph (2)), by striking “that are appropriate” and  
23 all that follows through the period and inserting  
24 “that the Secretary determines to be necessary for  
25 a residential conservation center.”.



1 (g) RESOURCE ASSISTANTS AND CONSULTING IN-  
2 TERNS.—Section 206 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1725) is  
3 amended—

4 (1) in the section heading, by inserting “**AND**  
5 **CONSULTING INTERNS**” before the period; and

6 (2) by striking subsections (a) and (b) and in-  
7 serting the following:

8 “(a) AUTHORIZATION.—

9 “(1) RESOURCE ASSISTANTS.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may  
11 provide individual placements of resource assist-  
12 ants with any agency under the jurisdiction of  
13 the Secretary that carries out appropriate nat-  
14 ural and cultural resources conservation  
15 projects to carry out research or resource pro-  
16 tection activities on behalf of the agency.

17 “(B) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible for se-  
18 lection as a resource assistant, an individual  
19 shall be at least 17 years of age.

20 “(C) PREFERENCE.—In selecting resource  
21 assistants for placement under this paragraph,  
22 the Secretary shall give a preference to individ-  
23 uals who are enrolled in an institution of higher  
24 education or are recent graduates from an insti-  
25 tution of higher education, with particular at-

1           tention given to ensuring full representation of  
2           women and participants from Historically Black  
3           Colleges and Universities, Hispanic-serving in-  
4           stitutions, and Tribal Colleges and Universities.

5           “(2) CONSULTING INTERNS.—

6                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may  
7           provide individual placements of consulting in-  
8           terns with any agency under the jurisdiction of  
9           the Secretary that carries out appropriate nat-  
10          ural and cultural resources conservation  
11          projects to carry out management analysis ac-  
12          tivities on behalf of the agency.

13                   “(B) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible for se-  
14          lection as a consulting intern, an individual  
15          shall be enrolled in, and have completed at least  
16          1 full year at, a graduate or professional school  
17          that has been accredited by an accrediting body  
18          recognized by the Secretary of Education.

19          “(b) USE OF EXISTING NONPROFIT ORGANIZA-  
20          TIONS.—

21                   “(1) IN GENERAL.—Whenever 1 or more non-  
22          profit organizations can provide appropriate recruit-  
23          ment and placement services to fulfill the require-  
24          ments of this section, the Secretary may implement  
25          this section through such organizations.

1           “(2) EXPENSES.—Participating organizations  
2 shall contribute to the expenses of providing and  
3 supporting the resource assistants or consulting in-  
4 terns from sources of funding other than the Sec-  
5 retary, at a level of not less than 25 percent of the  
6 total costs of each participant in the resource assist-  
7 ant or consulting intern program who has been re-  
8 cruited and placed through that organization.

9           “(3) REPORTING.—Each participating organi-  
10 zation shall be required to submit an annual report  
11 evaluating the scope, size, and quality of the pro-  
12 gram, including the value of work contributed by the  
13 resource assistants and consulting interns, to the  
14 mission of the agency.”.

15       (h) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—The Act is amended  
16 by redesignating sections 207 through 211 (16 U.S.C.  
17 1726 through 1730) as sections 209 through 213, respec-  
18 tively.

19       (i) INDIAN YOUTH SERVICE CORPS.—The Act is  
20 amended by inserting after section 206 (16 U.S.C. 1725)  
21 the following:

22 **“SEC. 207. INDIAN YOUTH SERVICE CORPS.**

23       “(a) AUTHORIZATION OF COOPERATIVE AGREE-  
24 MENTS AND COMPETITIVE GRANTS.—The Secretary is au-  
25 thorized to enter into cooperative agreements with, or

1 make competitive grants to, Indian tribes and qualified  
2 youth or conservation corps for the establishment and ad-  
3 ministration of Indian Youth Service Corps programs to  
4 carry out appropriate natural and cultural resources con-  
5 servation projects on Indian lands.

6 “(b) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive assist-  
7 ance under this section, an Indian tribe or a qualified  
8 youth or conservation corps shall submit to the Secretary  
9 an application in such manner and containing such infor-  
10 mation as the Secretary may require, including—

11 “(1) a description of the methods by which In-  
12 dian youth will be recruited for and retained in the  
13 Indian Youth Service Corps;

14 “(2) a description of the projects to be carried  
15 out by the Indian Youth Service Corps;

16 “(3) a description of how the projects were  
17 identified; and

18 “(4) an explanation of the impact of, and the  
19 direct community benefits provided by, the proposed  
20 projects.”.

21 (j) GUIDANCE.—The Act is amended by inserting  
22 after section 207 (as amended by subsection (i)) the fol-  
23 lowing:

1 **“SEC. 208. GUIDANCE.**

2 “Not later than 18 months after the date on which  
3 funds are made available to the Secretary to carry out this  
4 Act, the Secretary shall issue guidelines for the manage-  
5 ment of programs under the jurisdiction of the Secretary  
6 that are authorized under this Act.”.

7 (k) LIVING ALLOWANCES AND TERMS OF SERV-  
8 ICE.—Section 209 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1726) (as redes-  
9 ignated by subsection (h)) is amended by striking sub-  
10 sections (a), (b), and (c) and inserting the following:

11 “(a) LIVING ALLOWANCES.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide  
13 each Corps participant with a living allowance in an  
14 amount established by the Secretary.

15 “(2) TRAVEL COSTS.—The Secretary may reim-  
16 burse Corps participants for travel costs at the be-  
17 ginning and end of the term of service of the Corps  
18 participants.

19 “(b) TERMS OF SERVICE.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each Corps participant  
21 shall agree to participate for such term of service as  
22 may be established by the Secretary.

23 “(2) CONSULTATIONS.—With respect to the In-  
24 dian Youth Service Corps, the term of service shall  
25 be established in consultation with the affected In-  
26 dian tribe or tribally authorized organization.

1       “(c) HIRING PREFERENCE AND FUTURE EMPLOY-  
2     MENT.—The Secretary may—

3           “(1) grant to a Corps participant credit for  
4     time served as a Corps participant, which may be  
5     used toward future Federal hiring;

6           “(2) provide to a former participant of the  
7     Corps or the Indian Youth Service Corps non-  
8     competitive hiring status for a period of not more  
9     than 2 years after the date on which the service of  
10    the candidate in the Corps or the Indian Youth  
11    Service Corps was complete, if the candidate—

12           “(A) has served a minimum of 960 hours  
13    on an appropriate natural or cultural resources  
14    conservation project that included at least 120  
15    hours through the Corps or the Indian Youth  
16    Service Corps; and

17           “(B) meets Office of Personnel Manage-  
18    ment qualification standards for the position for  
19    which the candidate is applying;

20           “(3) provide to a former resource assistant or  
21    consulting intern noncompetitive hiring status for a  
22    period of not more than 2 years after the date on  
23    which the individual has completed an under-  
24    graduate or graduate degree, respectively, from an  
25    accredited institution, if the candidate—

1           “(A) successfully fulfilled the resource as-  
2           sistant or consulting intern program require-  
3           ments; and

4           “(B) meets Office of Personnel Manage-  
5           ment qualification standards for the position for  
6           which the candidate is applying; and

7           “(4) provide, or enter into contracts or coopera-  
8           tive agreements with qualified employment agencies  
9           to provide, alumni services such as job and edu-  
10          cation counseling, referrals, verification of service,  
11          communications, and other appropriate services to  
12          Corps participants who have completed the term of  
13          service.”.

14          (l) NATIONAL SERVICE EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—  
15          Section 210 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1727) (as redesignated  
16          by subsection (h)) is amended—

17                 (1) in subsection (a) (as amended by subsection  
18                 (a)(4)), in the first sentence—

19                         (A) by striking “participant in the Corps  
20                         or a resource assistant” and inserting “Corps  
21                         participant”; and

22                         (B) by striking “participant or resource as-  
23                         sistant” and inserting “Corps participant”; and

24                 (2) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) by striking “either participants in the  
2 Corps or resource assistants” and inserting  
3 “Corps participants”; and

4 (B) by striking “or a resource assistant”.

5 (m) NONDISPLACEMENT.—Section 211 of the Act  
6 (16 U.S.C. 1728) (as redesignated by subsection (h)) is  
7 amended by striking “activities carried out” and all that  
8 follows through the period and inserting “Corps partici-  
9 pants.”.

10 (n) FUNDING.—Section 212 of the Act (16 U.S.C.  
11 1729) (as redesignated by subsection (h)) is amended—

12 (1) in subsection (a)—

13 (A) in paragraph (1)—

14 (i) in the second sentence, by striking  
15 “nonfederal sources” and inserting  
16 “sources other than the Secretary”; and

17 (ii) by inserting after the second sen-  
18 tence the following: “The Secretary may  
19 pay up to 90 percent of the costs of a  
20 project if the Secretary determines that the  
21 reduction is necessary to enable participa-  
22 tion from a greater range of organizations  
23 or individuals.”; and



1 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “or In-  
2 dian Youth Service Corps” after “Corps” each  
3 place it appears;

4 (2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the  
5 following:

6 “(b) FUNDS AVAILABLE UNDER NATIONAL AND  
7 COMMUNITY SERVICE ACT.—To carry out this Act, the  
8 Secretary shall be eligible to apply for and receive assist-  
9 ance under section 121(b) of the National and Community  
10 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 12571(b)).”; and

11 (3) in subsection (c)—

12 (A) by striking “section 211” and insert-  
13 ing “section 213”; and

14 (B) by inserting “or Indian Youth Service  
15 Corps” after “Corps”.

16 (o) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
17 213 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1730) (as redesignated by sub-  
18 section (h)) is amended—

19 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “year” and all  
20 that follows through the period and inserting  
21 “year.”;

22 (2) by striking subsection (b); and

23 (3) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-  
24 section (b).

1 **SEC. 424. DIRECT HIRE AUTHORITY.**

2 Section 121(a) of the Consolidated Appropriations  
3 Act, 2012 (16 U.S.C. 1725a(a)), is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (1)—

5 (A) by inserting “and the Secretary of Ag-  
6 riculture” after “Secretary of the Interior”;

7 (B) by striking “paragraph (1)” and in-  
8 serting “paragraph (2)”; and

9 (C) by inserting “or the Department of  
10 Agriculture, as applicable,” after “Department  
11 of the Interior”; and

12 (2) in paragraph (2), in the matter preceding  
13 subparagraph (A), by inserting “or consulting in-  
14 tern” after “resource assistant”.

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