

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 3400
OFFERED BY MR. BISHOP OF UTAH**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

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

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

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Definitions.
- Sec. 3. Sense of Congress regarding outdoor recreation.

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- Sec. 506. Resource assistants.
- Sec. 507. Eligibility for noncompetitive hiring status.
- Sec. 508. National service educational awards.
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- Sec. 510. Funding.
- Sec. 511. Indian Youth 21st Century Conservation Service Corps; Rule of construction.
- Sec. 512. Direct hire authority.
- Sec. 513. National and community service programs.
- Sec. 514. Youth conservation corps.

TITLE VI—EVERY KID OUTDOORS

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

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY.—

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).

8 (2) FEDERAL RECREATIONAL LANDS AND
9 WATER.—The term “Federal recreational lands and

1 water” has the meaning given the term “Federal
2 recreational lands and waters” in section 802 of the
3 Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16
4 U.S.C. 6801).

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

7 (A) the Secretary of the Interior; and

8 (B) the Secretary of Agriculture

9 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING OUTDOOR**
10 **RECREATION.**

11 It is the sense of Congress that—

12 (1) outdoor recreation and the outdoor industry
13 that outdoor recreation supports are vital to the
14 United States;

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

19 (3) in addition to the overall economic benefit
20 of outdoor recreation, the economic benefits of out-
21 door recreation on Federal lands create significant
22 economic and employment benefits to rural econo-
23 mies;

24 (4) Congress supports the creation of outdoor
25 recreation sector leadership positions within the eco-

1 nomic development offices of States or in the office
2 of the Governor, as well as coordination with recre-
3 ation and tourism organizations within the State to
4 guide the growth of this sector, as evidenced by re-
5 cent examples in the States of Colorado, Utah, and
6 Washington;

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

9 (A) coordinating State outdoor recreation
10 policies, management, and promotion among
11 Federal, State, and local agencies and entities;

12 (B) disseminating information, increasing
13 awareness, and growing demand for outdoor
14 recreation experiences among visitors across the
15 United States and throughout the world;

16 (C) improving funding for, access to, and
17 participation in outdoor recreation; and

18 (D) promoting economic development in
19 the State by coordinating with stakeholders, im-
20 proving recreational opportunities, and recruit-
21 ing outdoor recreation businesses;

22 (6) Congress supports the coordination and col-
23 laboration of the Federal and State land and water
24 management agencies in the delivery of visitor serv-

1 ices and management of outdoor recreation for the
2 United States; and

3 (7) Congress recognizes—

4 (A) the growing role that recreation has on
5 public land and water;

6 (B) the need to provide adequate staffing
7 within Federal land management agencies to fa-
8 cilitate sustainable and accessible outdoor recre-
9 ation opportunities; and

10 (C) the important role that volunteers and
11 volunteer partnerships play in maintaining pub-
12 lic land.

13 **TITLE I—MODERNIZING** 14 **RECREATION PERMITTING**

15 **SEC. 101. DEFINITION.**

16 In this title the term “Secretary” means—

17 (1) the Secretary of the Interior, with respect
18 to a Federal land management agency (other than
19 the Forest Service); and

20 (2) the Secretary of Agriculture, with respect to
21 the Forest Service.

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

23 Subsection (h) of section 803 of the Federal Lands
24 Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C. 6802) is amend-
25 ed to read as follows:

1 “(h) SPECIAL RECREATION PERMIT AND FEE.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may—

3 “(A) issue a special recreation permit for
4 Federal recreational lands and waters; and

5 “(B) charge a special recreation permit fee
6 in connection with the issuance of the permit.

7 “(2) SPECIAL RECREATION PERMITS.—The
8 Secretary may issue special recreation permits in the
9 following circumstances:

10 “(A) For specialized individual and group
11 use of Federal facilities and Federal rec-
12 reational lands and waters, such as, but not
13 limited to, use of special areas or areas where
14 use is allocated, motorized recreational vehicle
15 use, and group activities or events.

16 “(B) To recreation service providers who
17 conduct outfitting, guiding, and other recre-
18 ation services on Federal recreational lands and
19 waters managed by the Forest Service, Bureau
20 of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation,
21 or the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

22 “(C) To recreation service providers who
23 conduct recreation or competitive events, which
24 may involve incidental sales on Federal rec-
25 reational lands and waters managed by the For-

1 est Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bu-
2 reau of Reclamation, or the United States Fish
3 and Wildlife Service.

4 “(3) REDUCTION IN FEDERAL COSTS.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—To reduce Federal
6 costs in administering this subsection, if the
7 Secretary determines that the activity to be au-
8 thorized by a special recreation permit under
9 paragraph (2) is the same as or similar to an
10 activity analyzed in a previous environmental
11 impact statement or environmental assessment,
12 then, to the extent environmental analysis is
13 necessary, the Secretary shall adopt or incor-
14 porate material from the previous analysis to
15 the maximum extent allowable under the Na-
16 tional Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42
17 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

18 “(B) DEFINITION.—For the purposes of
19 this paragraph, the term ‘similar’ means—

20 “(i) substantially similar in type, na-
21 ture, and scope; and

22 “(ii) will not result in significant new
23 impacts.

24 “(4) RELATION TO FEES FOR USE OF HIGH-
25 WAYS OR ROADS.—An entity that pays a special

1 recreation permit fee shall not be subject to a road
2 cost-sharing fee or a fee for the use of highways or
3 roads that are open to private, noncommercial use
4 within the boundaries of any Federal recreational
5 lands or waters, as authorized under section 6 of
6 Public Law 88-657 (16 U.S.C. 537).”.

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

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an activity requir-
9 ing permits pursuant to subsection (h) of section 803 of
10 the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16
11 U.S.C. 6802) for use of lands managed by both the Forest
12 Service and the Bureau of Land Management—

13 (1) the Secretaries may issue a joint permit
14 based upon a single application to both agencies
15 when issuance of a joint permit based upon a single
16 application will lower processing and other adminis-
17 tration costs for the permittee, provided that the
18 permit applicant shall have the option to apply for
19 separate permits rather than a joint permit; and

20 (2) the permit application required under para-
21 graph (1) shall be—

22 (A) the application required by the lead
23 agency; and

24 (B) submitted to the lead agency.

1 (b) REQUIREMENTS OF THE LEAD AGENCY.—The
2 lead agency for a permit under subsection (a) shall—

3 (1) coordinate with the associated agencies,
4 consistent with the authority of the Secretaries
5 under section 330 of the Department of the Interior
6 and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001 (43
7 U.S.C. 1703), to develop and issue the single, joint
8 permit that covers the entirety of the trip;

9 (2) in processing the joint permit application,
10 incorporate the findings, interests, and needs of the
11 associated agencies, provided that such coordination
12 shall not be subject to cost recovery; and

13 (3) complete the permitting process within a
14 reasonable time after receiving the permit applica-
15 tion.

16 (c) EFFECT ON REGULATIONS.—Nothing in this sec-
17 tion shall alter, expand, or limit the applicability of any
18 Federal law (including regulations) to lands administered
19 by the relevant Secretaries.

20 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 (1) ASSOCIATED AGENCY.—The term “associ-
22 ated agency” means an agency that manages the
23 land on which the trip of the special recreation per-
24 mit applicant will enter after leaving the land man-
25 aged by the lead agency.

1 (2) LEAD AGENCY.—The term “lead agency”
2 means the agency that manages the land on which
3 the trip of the special recreation permit applicant
4 will begin.

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

6 (a) GUIDELINES AND EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN REV-
7 ENUES.—The Secretary shall—

8 (1) publish guidelines in the Federal Register
9 for establishing recreation permit fees; and

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

13 (A) revenue from goods, services, and ac-
14 tivities provided by a recreation service provider
15 outside Federal recreational lands and waters,
16 such as costs for transportation, lodging, and
17 other services before or after a trip; and

18 (B) fees to be paid by permit holder under
19 applicable law to provide services on other Fed-
20 eral lands, if separate permits are issued to
21 that permit holder for a single event or trip.

22 (b) FEE CONDITIONS.—The fee charged by the Sec-
23 retary for a permit issued under section 803(h) of the
24 Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C.
25 6802(h)) shall not exceed 3 percent of the recreational

1 service provider's annual gross revenue for activities au-
2 thorized by the permit on Federal lands, plus applicable
3 revenue additions, minus applicable revenue exclusions or
4 a similar flat per person fee.

5 (c) DISCLOSURE OF FEES.—A holder of a special
6 recreation permit may inform its customers of the various
7 fees charged by the Secretary under section 803(h) of the
8 Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C.
9 6802(h)).

10 **SEC. 105. USE OF PERMIT FEES FOR PERMIT ADMINISTRA-**
11 **TION.**

12 (a) DEPOSITS.—Subject to subsection (b), revenues
13 from special recreation permits issued to recreation service
14 providers under subparagraphs (B) and (C) of section
15 803(h)(2) of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement
16 Act (16 U.S.C. 6802(h)(2)) shall be held in special ac-
17 counts established for each specific unit or area for which
18 such revenues are collected, and shall remain available for
19 expenditure, without further appropriation, until ex-
20 pended.

21 (b) USE OF PERMIT FEES.—Revenues from special
22 recreation permits issued to recreation service providers
23 under subparagraphs (B) and (C) of section 803(h)(2) of
24 the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16
25 U.S.C. 6802(h)(2)) shall be used only—

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

3 (2) to improve and streamline the permitting
4 process; and

5 (3) for related recreation infrastructure and
6 other recreation purposes specifically to support
7 recreation activities at the specific site or unit where
8 use is authorized under the permit, after obtaining
9 input from any related permittees; provided, how-
10 ever, that the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5
11 U.S.C. App. 1 et seq.) shall not apply to any advi-
12 sory committee or other group established to carry
13 out this paragraph.

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

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

20 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—To the extent that the Secretary
21 utilizes permit use reviews, in reviewing and adjusting al-
22 locations of use for permits for special uses of Federal rec-
23 reational lands and waters managed by the Forest Service,
24 and in renewing such permits, the Secretary of Agriculture
25 shall allocate to a permit holder a level of use that is no

1 less than the highest amount of actual annual use over
2 the reviewed period plus 25 percent, capped at the amount
3 of use allocated when the permit was issued. If additional
4 capacity is available, the Secretary may at any time, as-
5 sign such remaining use to qualified service providers, in-
6 cluding to any qualified permit holder whose allocation
7 would otherwise be capped at the amount of use allocated
8 when the permit was issued.

9 (b) WAIVER.—Use reviews under subsection (a) may
10 be waived for periods in which circumstances that pre-
11 vented use of assigned capacity, such as weather, fire, nat-
12 ural disasters, wildlife displacement, business interrup-
13 tions, insufficient availability of hunting and fishing li-
14 censes, or when allocations on permits include significant
15 shoulder seasons. The Secretary may approve non-use
16 without reducing the number of service days assigned to
17 the permit in such circumstances at the request of the per-
18 mit holder. Approved non-use may be temporarily assigned
19 to other qualified permit holders when conditions warrant.

20 **SEC. 107. AUTHORIZATION OF TEMPORARY PERMITS FOR**
21 **NEW USES FOR THE FOREST SERVICE AND**
22 **BLM.**

23 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
24 ment of this Act, the Secretaries shall each establish and
25 implement a program to authorize temporary permits for

1 new recreational uses of Federal recreational lands and
2 waters managed by the Forest Service or the Bureau of
3 Land Management, respectively, and to provide for the
4 conversions of such temporary permits to long-term per-
5 mits after 2 years of satisfactory operation where appro-
6 priate. The issuance and conversion of such permits shall
7 be subject to subsection (h)(3) of section 803 of the Fed-
8 eral Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C.
9 6802).

10 **SEC. 108. INDEMNIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.**

11 (a) INDEMNIFICATION.—A permit holder that is pro-
12 hibited by a State from providing indemnification to the
13 Federal Government shall be considered to be in compli-
14 ance with indemnification requirements of the Department
15 of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture if the
16 permit holder carries the required minimum amount of li-
17 ability insurance coverage or is self-insured for the same
18 minimum amount.

19 (b) EXCULPATORY AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary
20 shall not implement, administer or enforce any regulation
21 or policy prohibiting the use of exculpatory agreements be-
22 tween recreation service providers and their customers for
23 services provided under a special recreation permit.

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

2 (a) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after
3 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
4 Agriculture shall revise part 251, subpart B, of title 36
5 Code of Federal Regulations, and the Secretary of the In-
6 terior shall revise subpart 2932, of title 43, Code of Fed-
7 eral Regulations, to streamline the processes for the
8 issuance and renewal of outfitter and guide special use
9 permits. Such amended regulations shall—

10 (1) shorten application processing times and
11 minimize application and administration costs; and

12 (2) provide for the use of programmatic envi-
13 ronmental assessments and categorical exclusions for
14 environmental reviews under the National Environ-
15 mental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.)
16 for the issuance or renewal of outfitter and guide
17 and similar recreation special use permits, to the
18 maximum extent allowable under applicable law, in-
19 cluding, but not limited to, the adoption or incorpo-
20 ration of previously completed analyses under para-
21 graph (3)(A) of subsection (h) of section 803 of the
22 Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16
23 U.S.C. 6802) for activities that are substantially the
24 same as an activity analyzed in previous environ-
25 mental impact statement or environmental assess-
26 ment conducted under similar circumstances.

1 (b) ONLINE APPLICATIONS.—To the maximum ex-
2 tent practicable, where feasible and efficient, the Secretary
3 shall make special recreation permit applications available
4 to be filled out and submitted online.

5 **SEC. 110. COST RECOVERY REFORM.**

6 (a) REGULATORY PROCESS.—Not later than 180
7 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
8 of Agriculture shall revise section 251.58 of title 36, Code
9 of Federal Regulations, and the Secretary of the Interior
10 shall revise section 2932.31(e) and (f) of title 43, Code
11 of Federal Regulations, to reduce costs and minimize the
12 burden of cost recovery on small businesses and adverse
13 impacts of cost recovery on jobs in the outfitting and guid-
14 ing industry and on rural economies provided, however,
15 that nothing in the revised regulations shall further limit
16 the Secretary's authority to issue or renew recreation spe-
17 cial use permits.

18 (b) DE MINIMIS EXEMPTION.—

19 (1) COST RECOVERY LIMITATION.—Any regula-
20 tions issued by the Secretary of the Interior or the
21 Secretary of Agriculture to establish fees to recover
22 processing costs for recreation special use applica-
23 tions and monitoring costs for recreation special use
24 authorizations shall include an exemption providing
25 that at least the first 50 hours of work necessary in

1 any one year to process or monitor such an applica-
2 tion shall not be subject to cost recovery. The appli-
3 cation of a 50-hour credit per permit shall also apply
4 to any monitoring fees on a per annum basis during
5 the term of each permit.

6 (2) APPLICATION OF EXEMPTION.—An exemp-
7 tion under paragraph (1) shall apply to the proc-
8 essing of each recreation special use permit applica-
9 tion and monitoring of each recreation special use
10 authorization for which cost recovery is required, in-
11 cluding any application or authorization requiring
12 more than 50 hours (or such other greater number
13 of hours specified for exemption) to process or mon-
14 itor. In the event that the amount of work required
15 to process such an application or monitor such an
16 authorization exceeds the specified exemption, the
17 amount of work for which cost recovery is required
18 shall be reduced by the amount of the exemption.

19 (3) MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS.—In situations
20 involving multiple recreation special use applications
21 for similar services in the same unit or area that re-
22 quire more than 50 hours (or such other greater
23 number of hours specified for exemption) in the ag-
24 gregate to process, the Secretary shall, regardless of

1 whether the applications are solicited or unsolicited
2 and whether there is competitive interest—

3 (A) determine the share of the aggregate
4 amount to be allocated to each application, on
5 an equal or prorated basis, as appropriate; and

6 (B) for each application, apply a separate
7 exemption of up to 50 hours (or such other
8 greater number of hours specified for exemp-
9 tion) to the share allocated to such application.

10 (4) COST REDUCTION.—The agency processing
11 a recreation special use application shall utilize ex-
12 isting studies and analysis to the greatest extent
13 practicable to reduce the amount of work and cost
14 necessary to process the application.

15 (5) LIMITATION.—The Secretary of the Interior
16 and the Secretary of Agriculture may not recover as
17 processing costs for recreation special use applica-
18 tions and monitoring costs for recreation special use
19 authorizations any costs for consultations conducted
20 under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of
21 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1536) or for biological monitoring
22 on Federal recreational lands and waters under such
23 Act for listed, proposed, or candidate species.

24 (6) WAIVER OF COST RECOVERY.—The Sec-
25 retary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agri-

1 culture may waive the recovery of costs for proc-
2 essing recreation special use permit applications and
3 renewals, on a categorical or case-by-case basis as
4 appropriate, if the Secretary determines that—

5 (A) such costs would impose a significant
6 economic burden on any small business or cat-
7 egory of small businesses;

8 (B) such cost recovery could threaten the
9 ability of an applicant or permittee to provide,
10 in a particular area, a particular outdoor rec-
11 reational activity that is consistent with the
12 public interest and with applicable resource
13 management plans; or

14 (C) prevailing economic conditions are un-
15 favorable, such as during economic recessions,
16 or when drought, fire, or other natural disasters
17 have depressed economic activity in the area of
18 operation.

19 **SEC. 111. EXTENSION OF FOREST SERVICE RECREATION**
20 **PRIORITY USE PERMITS.**

21 Where the holder of a special use permit for outfitting
22 and guiding that authorizes priority use has submitted a
23 request for renewal of such permit in accordance with ap-
24 plicable laws and regulations, the Secretary of Agriculture
25 shall have the authority to grant the holder one or more

1 extensions of the existing permit for additional terms not
2 to exceed 5 years in the aggregate, as necessary to allow
3 the Secretary of Agriculture to complete the renewal proc-
4 ess and to avoid the interruption of services under such
5 permit. Before granting an extension under this section,
6 the Secretary of Agriculture shall take all reasonable and
7 appropriate steps to complete the renewal process before
8 the expiration of the special use permit.

9 **SEC. 112. AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL AND STATE RECRE-**
10 **ATION PASSES.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Federal Lands Recreation
12 Enhancement Act is amended by inserting after section
13 805 (16 U.S.C. 6804) the following:

14 **“SEC. 805A. AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL AND STATE RECRE-**
15 **ATION PASSES.**

16 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To improve the procure-
18 ment of Federal and State outdoor recreation
19 passes, the Secretaries are encouraged to consult
20 with States to coordinate the availability of Federal
21 and State recreation passes in a way that allows a
22 purchaser to buy a Federal recreation pass and a
23 State recreation pass at Federal and State facilities
24 in the same transaction.

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

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

6 “(B) a pass that shall cover any fees
7 charged by participating States and localities
8 for entrance and recreational use of parks and
9 public land in the participating States.

10 “(b) AGREEMENTS WITH STATES.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretaries, after con-
12 sultation with the States, may enter into agreements
13 with States to coordinate the availability of passes
14 as described in subsection (a)(1).

15 “(2) REVENUE FROM PASS SALES.—The agree-
16 ments between the Secretaries and the States shall
17 ensure that—

18 “(A) funds from the sale of State passes
19 are transferred to the appropriate State agency;

20 “(B) funds from the sale of Federal passes
21 are transferred to the appropriate Federal
22 agency; and

23 “(C) fund transfers are completed by the
24 end of a fiscal year for all pass sales occurring
25 during the fiscal year.

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

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

9 **SEC. 113. ONLINE PURCHASES OF NATIONAL PARKS AND**
10 **FEDERAL RECREATIONAL LANDS PASS.**

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

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

18 “(i) at all Federal recreational lands
19 and waters at which an entrance fee or a
20 standard amenity recreation fee is charged
21 where feasible to do so;

22 “(ii) at such other locations as the
23 Secretaries consider appropriate and fea-
24 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 servicemembers and

1 veterans have access to outdoor recreation and to outdoor-
2 related volunteer and wellness programs as a part of the
3 basic services provided to servicemembers and veterans.

4 (b) INCLUSION OF INFORMATION.—Each branch of
5 the Armed Forces is encouraged to include information
6 regarding outdoor recreation and outdoors-based careers
7 in the materials and counseling services focused on resil-
8 ience and career readiness provided in transition pro-
9 grams, including—

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

12 (2) resources to access guided outdoor trips and
13 other outdoor programs connected to the local office
14 of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

15 (3) information regarding programs and jobs
16 focused on continuing national service such as the
17 Public Land Corps of the National Park Service,
18 AmeriCorps, or a conservation corps program.

19 (c) OUTDOOR RECREATION PROGRAM ATTEND-
20 ANCE.—Each branch of the Armed Forces is encouraged
21 to permit members of the Armed Forces on active duty
22 status, at the discretion of the commander of the member,
23 to use not more than 7 days of a permissive temporary
24 duty assignment or terminal leave allotted to the member
25 to participate in a program related to environmental stew-

1 ardship or guided outdoor recreation following deploy-
2 ment.

3 (d) VETERAN HIRING.—The Secretaries are strongly
4 encouraged to hire veterans in all positions related to the
5 management of Federal land.

6 **TITLE III—MAKING RECREATION**
7 **A PRIORITY**

8 **SEC. 301. EXTENSION OF SEASONAL RECREATION OPPOR-**
9 **TUNITIES.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—

11 (1) EXTENSION OF RECREATIONAL SEASON.—

12 The relevant unit managers of land managed by the
13 Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management,
14 and the National Park Service may—

15 (A) identify areas of Federal recreational
16 land and water in which recreation use is highly
17 seasonal;

18 (B) where appropriate, extend the recre-
19 ation season or increase recreation use in a sus-
20 tainable manner during the offseason either
21 through a land management planning process
22 or otherwise; and

23 (C) make information about extended sea-
24 son schedules and related recreational opportu-

1 nities available to the public and local commu-
2 nities.

3 (2) CLARIFICATION.—Nothing in this sub-
4 section shall preclude the Secretaries from providing
5 for additional recreational opportunities and uses at
6 times other than those referred to in paragraph (1).

7 (b) INCLUSIONS.— An extension under subsection
8 (a)(1) may include—

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

11 (2) improvement of access to the area to extend
12 the season.

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

16 **SEC. 302. RECREATION PERFORMANCE METRICS.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Chief of the Forest Service
18 and the Director of the Bureau of Land Management shall
19 evaluate land managers under their jurisdiction based on
20 the achievement of applicable agency recreational and
21 tourism goals as described in applicable land management
22 plans.

23 (b) METRICS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The metrics used to evaluate
25 recreation and tourism outcomes shall ensure—

1 (A) the advancement of recreation and
2 tourism goals; and

3 (B) the ability of the land manager to en-
4 hance the outdoor experience of the visitor.

5 (2) INCLUSIONS.—The metrics referred to para-
6 graph (1) may include, to the maximum extent prac-
7 ticable—

8 (A) the extent of positive economic im-
9 pacts;

10 (B) visitation by families;

11 (C) the number of school and youth groups
12 that visited;

13 (D) the number of available recreational
14 opportunities;

15 (E) the quality of visitor experience;

16 (F) the number of recreational and envi-
17 ronmental educational programs offered and the
18 success of those programs;

19 (G) visitor satisfaction; and

20 (H) the maintenance and expansion of ex-
21 isting recreation infrastructure.

22 **SEC. 303. RECREATION MISSION.**

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

25 (1) the Corps of Engineers;

- 1 (2) the Bureau of Reclamation;
- 2 (3) the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission;
- 3 and
- 4 (4) the Department of Transportation.

5 (b) MISSION.—With respect to the mission of the

6 Federal agency, each Federal agency shall consider how

7 land and water management decisions can enhance recre-

8 ation opportunities and the recreation economy.

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

10 (a) DECLARATION OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the

11 United States that—

12 (1) certain natural landscapes possess remark-

13 able recreational values and should be managed

14 for—

15 (A) sustainable outdoor recreational uses

16 by the people of the United States;

17 (B) the recreational, social, and health

18 benefits people receive from the landscapes

19 through outdoor recreation; and

20 (C) the specific and meaningful experiences

21 made possible by unique and varied landscapes;

22 (2) the remarkable recreational values described

23 in paragraph (1) may include—

24 (A) areas with unique ecological, geologi-

25 cal, hydrological, scenic, cultural, recreational,

1 or historic features or attributes that support
2 high-quality outdoor recreation opportunities
3 and experiences;

4 (B) areas offering outstanding existing or
5 prospective recreation opportunities and uses;

6 (C) areas that play, or have the potential
7 to play, a role in addressing high or unmet de-
8 mand for recreational opportunities;

9 (D) areas that play an important role in
10 and contribute significantly to the outdoor
11 recreation economy; and

12 (E) areas with high fish and wildlife val-
13 ues; and

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

18 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) NATURAL FEATURE.—The term “natural
20 feature” means an ecological, geological,
21 hydrological, scenic, cultural, recreational, or historic
22 feature or attribute of a specific area.

23 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary”
24 means—

1 (A) the Secretary of the Interior, acting
2 through the Director of the Bureau of Land
3 Management with respect to land administered
4 by the Bureau of Land Management; and

5 (B) the Secretary of Agriculture, acting
6 through the Chief of the Forest Service, with
7 respect to National Forest System land.

8 (3) SYSTEM.—The term “System” means the
9 National Recreation Area System established by
10 subsection (c).

11 (4) SYSTEM UNIT.—The term “System unit”
12 means a System unit designated pursuant to sub-
13 section (c).

14 (c) COMPOSITION.—There is established a National
15 Recreation Area System, to be comprised of—

16 (1) existing National Recreation Areas de-
17 scribed in subsection (g); and

18 (2) new System units designated by Congress
19 on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

20 (d) ADMINISTRATION.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing
22 rights, the Secretary shall manage each System unit
23 in a manner that:

24 (A) prioritizes the sustainable enjoyment
25 and enhancement of the remarkable rec-

1 reational values and uses of the System unit
2 (including natural features that support the
3 recreation experiences) consistent with sub-
4 section (a) and

5 (B) protects the unit for a variety of rec-
6 reational uses in locations where those uses are
7 appropriate and are conducted in accordance
8 with the applicable land management plan.
9 These uses may include outfitting and guiding
10 and motorized recreation in locations where
11 these activities are consistent with the applica-
12 ble land management plan and are conducted in
13 accordance with all applicable Federal and
14 State laws and regulations.

15 (2) GRAZING.—Livestock grazing within System
16 units, where established before the date of the enact-
17 ment of this Act, shall be permitted if it complies
18 with all applicable laws and regulations.

19 (3) STATE, TRIBAL, AND LOCAL INVOLVE-
20 MENT.—The Secretary shall collaborate with States,
21 political subdivisions of States, affected Indian
22 tribes, adjacent landowners, and the public in the
23 planning and administration of System units.

24 (4) FISH AND WILDLIFE.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this section
2 affects the jurisdiction or responsibilities of a
3 State with respect to fish and wildlife in a Sys-
4 tem unit in the State.

5 (B) ADMINISTRATION.—Hunting and fish-
6 ing may be allowed on System units if per-
7 mitted under applicable Federal and State laws
8 (including regulations) and conducted in ac-
9 cordance with the applicable land management
10 plans.

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

14 (6) SKI AREA LANDS.—This section shall not
15 apply to ski area lands, including ski area special
16 use permit boundaries, master development plan
17 boundaries and any acres allocated for resort devel-
18 opment in a Forest Plan.

19 (e) COMPONENTS OF NATIONAL RECREATION AREA
20 SYSTEM.—

21 (1) MAP; LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

22 (A) IN GENERAL.—For System units es-
23 tablished on or after the date of enactment of
24 this Act, as soon as practicable after the date
25 of designation of a System unit, the Secretary

1 shall prepare a map and legal description of the
2 System unit.

3 (B) FORCE OF LAW.—The map and legal
4 description filed under subparagraph (A) shall
5 have the same force and effect as if included in
6 this section, except that the Secretary may cor-
7 rect typographical errors in the map and legal
8 description.

9 (C) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The map and
10 legal description filed under subparagraph (A)
11 shall be on file and available for public inspec-
12 tion in the appropriate offices of the Bureau of
13 Land Management and the Forest Service.

14 (2) COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—For System units des-
16 ignated by Congress after the date of enact-
17 ment of this Act the Secretary with jurisdiction
18 over the System unit shall prepare a com-
19 prehensive management plan for the unit that
20 fulfills the requirements of subsection (d)(1)
21 and subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

22 (B) TIMING.—

23 (i) IN GENERAL.—The comprehensive
24 management plan described in subpara-
25 graph (A) shall be completed as part of the

1 regular land management planning process
2 of the applicable agency for the public land
3 unit on which the System unit is located.

4 (ii) DELAY IN PLAN REVISION.—If the
5 planning cycle of the applicable agency
6 does not coincide with the designation of
7 the System unit, the initial plan for the
8 unit shall be completed not later than 3
9 years after the date of designation of the
10 System unit.

11 (C) REQUIREMENTS.—A comprehensive
12 management plan prepared under subparagraph
13 (A) shall—

14 (i) identify the existing, and to the ex-
15 tent practicable, prospective remarkable
16 recreational values and uses of the System
17 unit;

18 (ii) ensure the System unit is man-
19 aged to protect and enhance the purposes
20 for which the System unit was established;

21 (iii) ensure the System unit is man-
22 aged to protect and enhance the resources
23 that make the area suitable for designation
24 under subsection (c)(2) in accordance with
25 subsection (a);

1 (iv) Describe the circumstances and
2 locations in which the activities described
3 in subsection (d)(1)(B) and (d)(2) are per-
4 mitted on the System unit.

5 (v) be coordinated with resource man-
6 agement planning for affected adjacent
7 Federal land;

8 (vi) be prepared—

9 (I) in accordance with the Fed-
10 eral Land Policy and Management
11 Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.)
12 or section 6 of the Forest and Range-
13 land Renewable Resources Planning
14 Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 1604), and
15 other applicable laws and regulations;
16 and

17 (II) in collaboration with States,
18 political subdivisions of States, af-
19 fected Indian tribes, adjacent land-
20 owners, and the public; and

21 (vii) designate a sustainable road and
22 trail network, consistent with subsection
23 (a) and the purposes for which the System
24 was established and with all applicable
25 laws and regulations.

1 (D) REVIEW.—A comprehensive manage-
2 ment plan described in subparagraph (A) shall
3 be regularly reviewed and updated as part of
4 the regular land management planning process
5 of the applicable agency.

6 (E) MANAGEMENT BY SECRETARY.—The
7 Secretary shall manage each National Recre-
8 ation Area in accordance with the management
9 plan for the National Recreation Area in effect
10 at the time of the designation, until the plan is
11 revised or superseded by a new comprehensive
12 management plan issued in accordance with
13 this subsection. If components of the existing
14 plan conflict with the terms of the designation,
15 the Secretary shall revise the plan within two
16 years to make the plan consistent with the des-
17 ignation.

18 (F) NOTICE.—The Secretary shall publish
19 in the Federal Register notice of the completion
20 and availability of a plan prepared under this
21 paragraph.

22 (f) POTENTIAL ADDITIONS TO NATIONAL RECRE-
23 ATION AREA SYSTEM.—

24 (1) ELIGIBLE AREA.—An area eligible for inclu-
25 sion in the System is an area that possesses one or

1 more of the remarkable recreational values described
2 in subsection (a)(2).

3 (2) POTENTIAL ADDITIONS.—In carrying out
4 the land management planning process, the Sec-
5 retary shall—

6 (A) identify eligible areas that possess re-
7 markable recreational values described in sub-
8 section (a)(2);

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

11 (C) consider input from the Governor of,
12 political subdivisions of, and affected Indian
13 tribes located in, the State in which the eligible
14 areas are located; and

15 (D) transmit to Congress lists of eligible
16 areas for consideration.

17 (g) EXISTING NATIONAL RECREATION AREAS.—
18 Each National Recreation Area established before the date
19 of enactment of this Act that is administered by the Sec-
20 retary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the For-
21 est Service, or the Secretary of the Interior, acting
22 through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management
23 shall be—

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

25 (2) notwithstanding subsection (d)—

1 (A) administered under the law pertaining
2 to the applicable System unit; and

3 (B) managed in accordance with the pur-
4 poses set forth in the original designation of the
5 National Recreation Area.

6 (h) STANDARD FEES.—In accordance with sections
7 803 through 808 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act,
8 2005 (16 U.S.C. 6802-6807), the Secretary may establish
9 a standard amenity fee at each National Recreation Area
10 designated after the date of enactment of this Act that
11 is managed by the Bureau of Land Management or the
12 Forest Service, if—

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

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

17 (i) COMPLIANCE WITH EXISTING LAWS.—Nothing in
18 this section modifies any obligation—

19 (1) of the Secretary to prepare or implement a
20 land use plan in accordance with section 202 of the
21 Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976
22 (43 U.S.C. 1712) or section 6 of the Forest and
23 Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of
24 1974 (16 U.S.C. 1604);

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

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

5 (4) under any other applicable law.

6 (j) APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAND MANAGEMENT
7 DESIGNATIONS.—Nothing in this section affects—

8 (1) any other land or water management des-
9 ignation under any other provision of law; or

10 (2) any obligation to comply with a requirement
11 applicable to such a designation.

12 (k) NATIVE AMERICAN TREATY RIGHTS.—Nothing
13 in this section alters, modifies, enlarges, diminishes, or ab-
14 rogates the treaty rights of any Indian tribe, including any
15 off-reservation reserved rights.

16 **TITLE IV—MAINTENANCE OF** 17 **PUBLIC LAND**

18 **Subtitle A—Volunteers**

19 **SEC. 401. PRIVATE-SECTOR VOLUNTEER ENHANCEMENT** 20 **PROGRAM.**

21 (a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to pro-
22 mote private-sector volunteer programs within the Depart-
23 ment of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture
24 to enhance stewardship, recreation access, and sustain-
25 ability of the resources, values, and facilities of the Fed-

1 eral land managed by the Federal land management agen-
2 cies.

3 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Federal land”
5 means any land—

6 (A) owned by the United States; and

7 (B) managed by the head of a Federal
8 land management agency.

9 (2) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term “Sec-
10 retary concerned” means—

11 (A) the Secretary of Agriculture (acting
12 through the Chief of the Forest Service), with
13 respect to National Forest System land; and

14 (B) the Secretary of the Interior, with re-
15 spect to land managed by the Bureau of Land
16 Management.

17 (3) VOLUNTEER.—The term “volunteer” means
18 any individual who performs volunteer services under
19 this section and section 204 of the Public Lands
20 Corps Act of 1993, as amended by this Act.

21 (c) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary concerned
22 shall develop an initiative to further enhance private-sector
23 volunteer programs and to actively promote private-sector
24 volunteer opportunities and provide outreach and coordi-
25 nation to the private sector.

1 (d) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS FOR STEWARDSHIP
2 OF FEDERAL LAND.—

3 (1) AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AGREE-
4 MENTS.—The Secretary concerned may enter into
5 cooperative agreements (in accordance with section
6 6305 of title 31, United States Code) with private
7 agencies, organizations, institutions, corporations,
8 individuals, or other entities to carry out 1 or more
9 projects or programs with a Federal land manage-
10 ment agency in accordance with this section.

11 (2) PROJECT AND PROGRAM INSTRUCTIONS.—
12 The Secretary concerned shall include in the cooper-
13 ative agreement the desired outcomes of the project
14 or program and the guidelines for the volunteers to
15 follow, including—

16 (A) the physical boundaries of the project
17 or program;

18 (B) the equipment the volunteers are au-
19 thorized to use to complete the project or pro-
20 gram;

21 (C) the training the volunteers are re-
22 quired to complete, including agency consider-
23 ation and incorporation of training offered by
24 qualified nongovernmental organizations and
25 volunteer partner organizations;

1 (D) the actions the volunteers are author-
2 ized to take to complete the project or program;
3 and

4 (E) any other information that the Sec-
5 retary concerned determines necessary for the
6 volunteer group to complete the project or pro-
7 gram.

8 (3) AUTHORIZED PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS.—
9 Subject to paragraph (4), the Secretary concerned
10 may use a cooperative agreement to carry out
11 projects and programs for Federal land that—

12 (A) promote the stewardship of resources
13 of Federal land by volunteers;

14 (B) support maintaining the resources,
15 trails, and facilities on Federal land in a sus-
16 tainable manner;

17 (C) increase awareness, understanding,
18 and stewardship of Federal land through the
19 development, publication, or distribution of edu-
20 cational materials and products; and

21 (D) advance education concerning the Fed-
22 eral land and the missions of the Federal land
23 management agencies through the use of the
24 Federal land as outdoor classrooms and devel-
25 opment of other educational programs.

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

6 (A) complies with all Federal laws (includ-
7 ing regulations) and policies;

8 (B) is consistent with an applicable man-
9 agement plan for any Federal land and waters
10 involved;

11 (C) is monitored by the relevant Federal
12 land management agency during the project
13 and after project completion to determine com-
14 pliance with the instructions under paragraph
15 (2); and

16 (D) satisfies such other terms and condi-
17 tions as the Secretary concerned determines to
18 be appropriate.

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

21 **SEC. 411. INTERAGENCY TRAIL MANAGEMENT.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretaries shall establish an
23 interagency trail management plan under which Federal
24 land management agencies shall coordinate so that trails
25 that cross jurisdictional boundaries between the Federal

1 land management agencies are managed and maintained
2 in a uniform manner.

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

6 **TITLE V—21ST CENTURY** 7 **CONSERVATION SERVICE CORPS**

8 **SEC. 501. SHORT TITLE.**

9 This title may be cited as the “21st Century Con-
10 servation Service Corps Act”.

11 **SEC. 502. PURPOSES.**

12 Section 202 of the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993
13 (16 U.S.C. 1721) is amended to read as follows:

14 **“SEC. 202. PURPOSES.**

15 “The purposes of this title are—

16 “(1) to engage youth and veterans in the
17 United States in civilian national service positions to
18 conserve, rebuild, and enhance the outdoors, natural
19 resources, infrastructure, and recreation assets of
20 the United States;

21 “(2) to increase public access to, and use of,
22 public and tribal land and water, infrastructure, and
23 natural, cultural, and historical resources and treas-
24 ures, while spurring economic development and out-

1 door recreation and addressing backlogged mainte-
2 nance on public land;

3 “(3) to conserve, restore, and enhance public
4 and tribal land and water, infrastructure, and nat-
5 ural, cultural, and historical resources and treasures
6 by carrying out high-quality, cost-effective 21st Cen-
7 tury Conservation Service Corps projects;

8 “(4) to ensure that, in any State or territory of
9 the United States or on any tribal land, the activi-
10 ties and expertise of Corpsmembers will be accessible
11 to any public organization, nonprofit organization,
12 or tribal agency responsible for the stewardship of
13 land and water that is—

14 “(A) public;

15 “(B) tribal; or

16 “(C) private and has a direct or recognized
17 public benefit, in coordination with the owner of
18 the land or water;

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

1 “(6) to provide youth and veterans placed in ci-
2 vilian national service positions with opportunities to
3 gain in-demand skills, credentials, and education to
4 prepare for, and transition to, success in the 21st
5 century workforce; and

6 “(7) to channel widespread interest among
7 youth and veterans in serving in civilian national
8 service positions to help conserve, restore, and en-
9 hance public and tribal land and water, infrastruc-
10 ture, and natural, cultural, and historical resources
11 and treasures—

12 “(A) for the enjoyment and use of future
13 generations; and

14 “(B) to develop the next generation of out-
15 door stewards, entrepreneurs, recreationists,
16 and sportsmen and sportswomen.”.

17 **SEC. 503. DEFINITIONS.**

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

21 **“SEC. 203. DEFINITIONS.**

22 “In this title:

23 “(1) 21CSC.—The term ‘21CSC’ means the
24 21st Century Conservation Service Corps established
25 by section 204(a).

1 “(2) 21CSC ORGANIZATION.—The term
2 ‘21CSC organization’ means an organization or as-
3 sociation that meets the requirements described in
4 section 204(d).

5 “(3) 21CSC PROJECT.—The term ‘21CSC
6 project’ means a project that is carried out by a
7 21CSC organization.

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

11 “(5) INDIAN.—The term ‘Indian’ has the mean-
12 ing given the term in section 101 of the National
13 and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.
14 12511).

15 “(6) INDIAN YOUTH 21ST CENTURY CONSERVA-
16 TION SERVICE CORPS.—The term ‘Indian Youth
17 21st Century Conservation Service Corps’ means a
18 program of a 21CSC organization that—

19 “(A) enrolls participants, the majority of
20 whom are Indians; and

21 “(B) is established pursuant to an agree-
22 ment between a tribal agency and a 21CSC or-
23 ganization for the benefit of the members of the
24 tribal agency.

25 “(7) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘institution
2 of higher education’ has the meaning given the
3 term in section 102 of the Higher Education
4 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002).

5 “(B) EXCLUSION.—The term ‘institution
6 of higher education’ does not include an institu-
7 tion outside the United States, as described in
8 section 102(a)(1)(C) of that Act (20 U.S.C.
9 1002(a)(1)(C)).

10 “(8) PARTICIPATING ENTITY.—The term ‘par-
11 ticipating entity’ means a Federal entity described in
12 section 204(c)(2).

13 “(9) PRIORITY PROJECT.—The term ‘priority
14 project’ means a 21CSC project conducted to further
15 1 or more of the purposes described in section 202
16 or in section 2 of the Healthy Forests Restoration
17 Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C. 6501), including by—

18 “(A) reducing wildfire risk to a commu-
19 nity, municipal water supply, or at-risk land;

20 “(B) protecting a watershed;

21 “(C) addressing a threat to forest land or
22 rangeland health, including catastrophic wild-
23 fire;

1 “(D) addressing the impact of insect or
2 disease infestation or any other damaging agent
3 on forest land, water, or rangeland health; or

4 “(E) conserving, restoring, or enhancing a
5 forest ecosystem or an ecosystem on public, pri-
6 vate, or tribal land—

7 “(i) to improve biological diversity; or

8 “(ii) to enhance—

9 “(I) the productivity of fish and
10 wildlife habitat;

11 “(II) the recovery of a species; or

12 “(III) carbon sequestration.

13 “(10) RESOURCE ASSISTANT.—The term ‘re-
14 source assistant’ means a resource assistant selected
15 under section 206.

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

17 “(A) each of the several States of the
18 United States;

19 “(B) the District of Columbia;

20 “(C) the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;

21 “(D) the United States Virgin Islands;

22 “(E) Guam;

23 “(F) American Samoa; and

24 “(G) the Commonwealth of the Northern
25 Mariana Islands.

1 “(12) TRIBAL AGENCY.—The term ‘tribal agen-
2 cy’ has the meaning given the term ‘Indian tribe’ in
3 section 101 of the National and Community Service
4 Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12511).

5 “(13) TRIBAL LAND OR WATER.—The term
6 ‘tribal land or water’ means any real property or
7 water—

8 “(A) owned by a tribal agency;

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

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

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

17 “(15) YOUTH.—The term ‘youth’ means an in-
18 dividual who is not younger than age 15 and not
19 older than age 30.”

20 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 623(i)(6)
21 of title 40, United States Code, is amended by striking
22 “any public lands (as defined in section 203 of the Public
23 Lands Corps Act of 1993 (16 U.S.C. 1722))” and insert-
24 ing “any land or water (or interest in land or water)

1 owned or administered by the United States (other than
2 Indian land)”.

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

4 Section 204 of the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993
5 (16 U.S.C. 1723) is amended to read as follows:

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

7 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established the
8 21st Century Conservation Service Corps, to be comprised
9 of 21CSC organizations and Corpsmembers, to carry out,
10 in partnership with participating entities, the purposes of
11 this title.

12 “(b) DESIGNATION OF COORDINATORS.—The head of
13 each participating entity, and the head of any bureau or
14 subdivision of each participating entity, shall designate a
15 21CSC coordinator to coordinate any activity of the
16 21CSC or a 21CSC project carried out by the partici-
17 pating entity or the bureau or subdivision of the partici-
18 pating entity.

19 “(c) PARTICIPATING ENTITIES.—

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

24 “(2) LIST OF PARTICIPATING ENTITIES.—The
25 participating entities shall be—

- 1 “(A) the Department of the Interior;
- 2 “(B) the Department of Agriculture;
- 3 “(C) the Department of Transportation;
- 4 “(D) the Department of Labor;
- 5 “(E) the Department of Energy;
- 6 “(F) the Department of Defense;
- 7 “(G) the Department of Veterans Affairs;
- 8 “(H) the Department of Commerce;
- 9 “(I) the Department of Education;
- 10 “(J) the Department of Housing and
- 11 Urban Development;
- 12 “(K) the Corporation for National and
- 13 Community Service;
- 14 “(L) the Office of the Assistant Secretary
- 15 of the Army for Civil Works;
- 16 “(M) the Federal Emergency Management
- 17 Agency; and
- 18 “(N) any other Federal agency designated
- 19 by the President as necessary to carry out a
- 20 21CSC project.
- 21 “(3) SUPPORT FOR THE 21CSC.—
- 22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The head of a partici-
- 23 pating entity may provide support to the
- 24 21CSC by—

1 “(i) establishing standards for the
2 21CSC;

3 “(ii) establishing a process for an or-
4 ganization to apply and be approved to be-
5 come a 21CSC organization;

6 “(iii) developing and supporting a
7 public-private partnership referred to in
8 paragraph (5)(A)(i);

9 “(iv) using or leveraging existing
10 funds, or acquiring funds and other re-
11 sources, under section 210 to support
12 21CSC projects through entering into a co-
13 operative agreement under paragraph
14 (5)(A)(i);

15 “(v) leveraging existing resources de-
16 scribed in section 210(b) to expand the use
17 of the 21CSC to meet the mission of the
18 participating entity;

19 “(vi) using technology to support
20 21CSC projects; and

21 “(vii) collecting performance data on
22 21CSC projects—

23 “(I) to prepare the reports re-
24 ferred to in subparagraph (C)(i)(I);
25 and

1 “(II) to demonstrate the impact
2 of the 21CSC projects.

3 “(B) COORDINATION.—

4 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The heads of each
5 of the participating entities shall, to the
6 maximum extent practicable, coordinate
7 with each other or the head of any other
8 Federal agency that is affected by, or car-
9 rying out, an activity that is similar to a
10 21CSC project—

11 “(I) to minimize, to the max-
12 imum extent practicable, the duplica-
13 tion of any specific project performed
14 by any other participating entity or
15 Federal agency; and

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

20 “(ii) APPROVAL AND DATA COLLEC-
21 TION.—The head of each participating en-
22 tity shall, to the maximum extent prac-
23 ticable, coordinate with each other head of
24 a participating entity—

1 “(I) to approve organizations as
2 21CSC organizations; and

3 “(II) to collect the data, when
4 practicable in coordination with a na-
5 tional non-Federal 21CSC organiza-
6 tion coordinating entity, referred to in
7 items (aa) through (dd) of subpara-
8 graph (C)(i)(I).

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

12 “(I) the Corporation for National
13 and Community Service;

14 “(II) the Departments of Vet-
15 erans Affairs and Labor on methods
16 to increase the participation of vet-
17 erans in 21CSC projects;

18 “(III) the Secretary of the Inte-
19 rior, acting through the Assistant Sec-
20 retary for Indian Affairs, on methods
21 to increase the participation of Indi-
22 ans in 21CSC projects;

23 “(IV) the Secretary of Defense
24 on participation for the 21CSC in the
25 Skillbridge program (DoD Instruction

1 1322.29), and on recruiting generally,
2 to encourage more veteran and
3 transitioning service member engage-
4 ment in 21CSC projects;

5 “(V) the Secretary of Labor and
6 the Secretary of Agriculture on meth-
7 ods to increase rural youth engage-
8 ment in 21CSC projects;

9 “(VI) the Secretary of Labor on
10 methods to increase the creation of
11 apprenticeships through 21CSC orga-
12 nizations, private-sector employer
13 partnerships, and identifying career
14 pathways aligned with 21CSC
15 projects; and

16 “(VII) the Secretary of Edu-
17 cation on methods to increase the rec-
18 ognition of Corpsmembers’ experience
19 with 21CSC projects as post-sec-
20 ondary credit at higher education in-
21 stitutions.

22 “(C) REPORTING.—

23 “(i) 21CSC REPORTS.—

24 “(I) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—As
25 soon as practicable after the date of

1 enactment of the 21st Century Con-
2 servation Service Corps Act, the Chief
3 Executive Officer of the Corporation
4 for National and Community Service,
5 in coordination with the head of each
6 participating entity, shall submit to
7 Congress a report that includes data,
8 for the year covered by the report, in-
9 cluding—

10 “(aa) the number of Corps-
11 members that carried out 21CSC
12 projects and the length of the
13 term of service for each Corps-
14 member;

15 “(bb) the total amount of
16 funding provided by participating
17 entities for the service of Corps-
18 members;

19 “(cc) the type of service per-
20 formed by Corpsmembers and the
21 impact and accomplishments of
22 the service; and

23 “(dd) any other similar data
24 determined by the Chief Execu-
25 tive Officer of the Corporation

1 for National and Community
2 Service or the head of a partici-
3 pating entity to be appropriate,
4 including data sufficient to deter-
5 mine the effectiveness of 21CSC
6 organizations in carrying out ac-
7 tivities to achieve the purposes of
8 this title in a manner that—

9 “(AA) is cost-effective;
10 and

11 “(BB) does not unduly
12 duplicate or overlap with
13 any other activity or pro-
14 gram carried out by any
15 other Federal agency.

16 “(II) DATA FROM PARTICIPATING
17 ENTITIES.—Not later than 1 year
18 after the date of enactment of the
19 21st Century Conservation Service
20 Corps Act, and annually thereafter,
21 the head of each participating entity
22 shall submit to the Chief Executive
23 Officer of the Corporation for Na-
24 tional and Community Service the

1 data described in items (aa) through
2 (dd) of subclause (I).

3 “(III) DATA COLLECTION.—The
4 Chief Executive Officer of the Cor-
5 poration for National and Community
6 Service may coordinate with individual
7 21CSC organizations to improve the
8 collection of the required data de-
9 scribed in items (aa) through (dd) of
10 subclause (I).

11 “(ii) COMPTROLLER GENERAL RE-
12 PORTS.—

13 “(I) IN GENERAL.—The Comp-
14 troller General of the United States
15 shall prepare and submit to Con-
16 gress—

17 “(aa) not later than 3 years
18 after the date of submission of
19 the first report under clause
20 (i)(I), an interim report; and

21 “(bb) not later than 5 years
22 after the date of submission of
23 the first report under that clause,
24 a final report.

1 “(II) CONTENTS.—The interim
2 and final reports referred to in sub-
3 clause (I) shall include—

4 “(aa) an assessment, based
5 on the data described in items
6 (aa) through (dd) of clause (i)(I),
7 of the effectiveness of 21CSC or-
8 ganizations in achieving the pur-
9 poses of this title in a manner
10 that—

11 “(AA) is cost-effective;
12 and

13 “(BB) does not unduly
14 duplicate or overlap with
15 any other activity or pro-
16 gram carried out by any
17 other Federal agency; and

18 “(bb) recommendations on
19 how to more effectively manage
20 and carry out 21CSC projects to
21 achieve the purposes of this title
22 in the manner described in item
23 (aa).

24 “(III) ADDITIONAL REPORTS.—
25 The Comptroller General of the

1 United States may submit to Con-
2 gress any additional report that in-
3 cludes the content described in sub-
4 clause (II), as the Comptroller Gen-
5 eral determines to be necessary.

6 “(4) GIFTS AND DONATIONS.—The head of a
7 participating entity may accept, use, or dispose of a
8 contribution that is a gift or donation of money,
9 services, or property to support the development, im-
10 plementation, and expansion of a 21CSC project, in
11 accordance with applicable law (including regula-
12 tions).

13 “(5) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH 21CSC
14 ORGANIZATIONS.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The head of each par-
16 ticipating entity may—

17 “(i) develop a public-private partner-
18 ship with a 21CSC organization by enter-
19 ing into a cooperative agreement with the
20 21CSC organization to support and carry
21 out 21CSC projects; and

22 “(ii) leverage existing resources de-
23 scribed in section 210(b) to support a co-
24 operative agreement.

1 “(B) TYPE OF COOPERATIVE AGREE-
2 MENT.—A cooperative agreement under this
3 paragraph may—

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

6 “(ii) be a broad agreement covering
7 multiple planned or future 21CSC projects;
8 or

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

12 “(I) the Federal Government;

13 “(II) a State government; or

14 “(III) a tribal agency.

15 “(C) SET SHARE.—A cooperative agree-
16 ment under this paragraph shall include a pro-
17 vision specifying the cost share that the 21CSC
18 organization will provide under section 210(e).

19 “(d) 21CSC ORGANIZATIONS.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To be considered and ap-
21 proved as a 21CSC organization, an organization
22 shall, to the maximum extent practicable, dem-
23 onstrate the ability to meet, and provide assurances
24 that the organization will meet, each requirement
25 described in paragraphs (2) through (6).

1 “(2) 21CSC CORPSMEMBERS ENGAGED BY
2 21CSC ORGANIZATIONS.—

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In addition to meeting
4 the requirement of subparagraph (B), any indi-
5 vidual selected by a 21CSC organization to
6 carry out a 21CSC project shall, to the max-
7 imum extent practicable, be—

8 “(i) a youth, notwithstanding para-
9 graphs (3) and (4) of section 137(a) of the
10 National and Community Service Act of
11 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12591(a)) in the case of
12 any Corpsmember participating in a
13 21CSC project supported and carried out
14 by the Corporation for National and Com-
15 munity Service; or

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

17 “(B) CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT.—Any
18 individual selected as a Corpsmember shall be—

19 “(i) a citizen or national of the United
20 States;

21 “(ii) a lawful permanent resident of
22 the United States; or

23 “(iii) a citizen of the Republic of the
24 Marshall Islands, the Federated States of
25 Micronesia, or the Republic of Palau and

1 admitted to the United States as a non-
2 immigrant under the terms of the applica-
3 ble Compact of Free Association with the
4 United States.

5 “(C) EMPHASIS ON DIVERSITY AND INCLU-
6 SION.—In selecting a Corpsmember, a 21CSC
7 organization shall make deliberate outreach ef-
8 forts to engage an individual who—

9 “(i) lives in the State or region of the
10 21CSC organization; and

11 “(ii) represents a traditionally under-
12 served population, including veterans, Indi-
13 ans, and disadvantaged youth (as defined
14 in section 101 of the National and Com-
15 munity Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.
16 12511)).

17 “(3) COMPENSATION FOR PARTICIPANTS.—A
18 21CSC organization shall provide compensation to
19 each Corpsmember that includes 1 or more of the
20 following:

21 “(A) A wage.

22 “(B) A stipend.

23 “(C) A living allowance.

24 “(D) An educational credit that may be
25 applied towards a program of postsecondary

1 education at an institution of higher education
2 that agrees to award the credit for participation
3 in a 21CSC project.

4 “(4) ORGANIZATION OF SERVICE FOR PARTICI-
5 PANTS.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out a
7 21CSC project, a 21CSC organization shall, to
8 the maximum extent practicable, organize each
9 Corpsmember as—

10 “(i) a crew-based participant who—

11 “(I) serves together with other
12 crew-based participants; and

13 “(II) is directly supervised by a
14 trained and experienced crew-based
15 leader or conservation professional; or

16 “(ii) an individual or small team-
17 based participant who serves—

18 “(I) individually or in a coordi-
19 nated small team, as applicable;

20 “(II) under the direction of a
21 conservation professional; and

22 “(III) on an initiative that re-
23 quires specific skills and dedicated at-
24 tention.

1 “(B) VETERAN AND CIVILIAN COOPERA-
2 TION.—A 21CSC organization shall, to the
3 maximum extent practicable, encourage co-
4 operation among veteran and civilian Corps-
5 members.

6 “(5) 21CSC PROJECTS.—A 21CSC organization
7 shall carry out a 21CSC project that includes na-
8 tional service, and may be a priority project, involv-
9 ing—

10 “(A) the conservation, restoration, and en-
11 hancement of—

12 “(i) a unit of the National Park Sys-
13 tem or National Forest System;

14 “(ii) public or tribal land or water; or

15 “(iii) natural, cultural, or historical
16 resources or treasures;

17 “(B) the conservation, restoration, man-
18 agement, and development of the natural re-
19 sources and infrastructure of the United States,
20 including—

21 “(i) removal of invasive species;

22 “(ii) wildfire prevention and response;

23 “(iii) disaster resiliency, mitigation,
24 response, and recovery;

- 1 “(iv) trail development and mainte-
2 nance;
3 “(v) coastal restoration and resiliency;
4 “(vi) historic preservation;
5 “(vii) public safety;
6 “(viii) energy efficiency and alter-
7 native energy;
8 “(ix) water infrastructure;
9 “(x) construction, repair, rehabilita-
10 tion, or maintenance of—
11 “(I) a road;
12 “(II) a campground; or
13 “(III) any other recreation or vis-
14 itor facility or housing structure; and
15 “(xi) any other related project that
16 furthers the purposes of this title;
17 “(C) the support, development, and en-
18 hancement of outdoor recreation or urban green
19 space for the purpose of public access;
20 “(D) service that is primarily indoors, such
21 as service in a science, policy, or program in-
22 ternship, with a clear benefit for natural, cul-
23 tural, or historic resources or treasures, which
24 may include the provision of interpretation and
25 education services to—

1 “(i) the public; or

2 “(ii) a cooperating association, edu-
3 cational institution, friends group, or simi-
4 lar nonprofit partner organization; and

5 “(E) notwithstanding section 132A of the
6 National and Community Service Act of 1990
7 (42 U.S.C. 12584a), a project described in this
8 paragraph on private land or water in partner-
9 ship with a private entity if—

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

12 “(ii) the funding for the project origi-
13 nated from a governmental entity, regard-
14 less of the end payor.

15 “(6) 21CSC CORPSMEMBERS.—In carrying out
16 a 21CSC project, a 21CSC organization shall pro-
17 vide each Corpsmember with—

18 “(A) in-demand skills development, certifi-
19 cation and credentials, and education to prepare
20 the Corpsmember for success in transitioning to
21 the 21st century workforce;

22 “(B) community skill development to help
23 the Corpsmember—

24 “(i) acquire an ethic of service to oth-
25 ers and the United States; and

1 “(ii) become a more effective natural
2 resource and community steward; and

3 “(C) a greater understanding of the nat-
4 ural, cultural, or historic resources or treasures
5 of the United States.

6 “(e) CORPSMEMBER COMPENSATION AND EMPLOY-
7 MENT STANDARDS.—

8 “(1) CORPSMEMBER COMPENSATION STAND-
9 ARD.—

10 “(A) SPECIFIC WAGE RATES.—A form of
11 compensation provided under subparagraph (A),
12 (B), or (C) of subsection (d)(3) shall be consid-
13 ered to be established at a specific wage rate,
14 in the same manner as the compensation pro-
15 vided for a living allowance under section 140
16 of the National and Community Service Act of
17 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12594).

18 “(B) COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN CORPS-
19 MEMBERS.—The compensation provided under
20 subsection (d)(3) to a Corpsmember who is not
21 a participant in a 21CSC project supported by
22 the Corporation for National and Community
23 Service shall not be subject to any provision of
24 (including a regulation under) the National and
25 Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.

1 12501 et seq.) relating to a wage rate, but shall
2 be considered to be established at a specific
3 wage rate, in the manner described in subpara-
4 graph (A).

5 “(C) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing
6 in subparagraph (A) applies a specific wage
7 rate for a living allowance that is established
8 under section 140 of the National and Commu-
9 nity Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12594) to
10 the compensation of a Corpsmember under sub-
11 section (d)(3).

12 “(2) CORPSMEMBER EMPLOYMENT STAND-
13 ARD.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
15 subparagraphs (B) and (C), in parity with sec-
16 tion 101(30) of the National and Community
17 Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12511(30)), a
18 Corpsmember shall be considered to be a partic-
19 ipant (as defined in section 101 of the National
20 and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.
21 12511)), not an employee, of the 21CSC orga-
22 nization for which the Corpsmember serves.

23 “(B) FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT PROVI-
24 SIONS.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (A),
25 Federal employment provisions shall apply to a

1 Corpsmember to the extent that those provi-
2 sions apply to a participant or crew leader
3 under section 199M(b) of the National and
4 Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.
5 12655n(b)).

6 “(C) CHILD LABOR PROVISIONS.—Not-
7 withstanding subparagraph (A)—

8 “(i) the child labor provisions under
9 section 12 of the Fair Labor Standards
10 Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 212) (including
11 any order or regulation issued under the
12 authority of such section or section 3(l) of
13 such Act (29 U.S.C. 203(l))) shall apply to
14 a Corpsmember and the 21CSC organiza-
15 tion for which the Corpsmember serves in
16 the same manner as such provisions apply
17 to an employee and an employer under
18 such Act; and

19 “(ii) a violation of a section specified
20 in clause (i) by a 21CSC organization shall
21 be enforced by the Secretary of Labor in
22 the same manner, and subject to the same
23 penalties under the Fair Labor Standards
24 Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 201 et seq.), as a

1 violation by an employer of section 12 of
2 such Act (29 U.S.C. 212).

3 “(3) CIVIL SERVICE.—An individual may be en-
4 rolled as a Corpsmember without regard to the civil
5 service and classification laws, rules, or regula-
6 tions.”.

7 **SEC. 505. 21ST CENTURY CONSERVATION SERVICE CORPS**
8 **CONSERVATION CENTERS AND PROGRAM**
9 **SUPPORT.**

10 Section 205 of the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993
11 (16 U.S.C. 1724) is amended—

12 (1) in subsection (a)—

13 (A) by striking “Secretary” each place it
14 appears and inserting “head of a participating
15 entity”; and

16 (B) in paragraph (1)—

17 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
18 “Public Lands Corps” and inserting
19 “21CSC”; and

20 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
21 “conservation projects” and inserting
22 “21CSC projects”;

23 (2) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) in the heading, by inserting “, TEM-
2 PORARY HOUSING, AND TRANSPORTATION”
3 after “LOGISTICAL SUPPORT”;

4 (B) in the first sentence—

5 (i) by striking “The Secretary” and
6 inserting the following:

7 “(1) LOGISTICAL SUPPORT.—

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

10 (ii) by striking “the Corps” and in-
11 sserting “the 21CSC”;

12 (C) in the second sentence, by striking
13 “Logistical support” and inserting the fol-
14 lowing:

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

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

18 “(2) TEMPORARY HOUSING.—The head of a
19 participating entity may make arrangements with
20 another Federal agency or a State, local govern-
21 ment, or private organization to provide temporary
22 housing for Corpsmembers as needed and available.

23 “(3) TRANSPORTATION.—The head of a partici-
24 pating entity may provide transportation to and

1 from 21CSC project sites for Corpsmembers that re-
2 side in their own homes.”;

3 (3) in subsection (c)—

4 (A) by striking “The Secretary” and in-
5 serting “The head of a participating entity”;
6 and

7 (B) by striking “the Corps for training or
8 housing Corps participants” and inserting “the
9 21CSC for training or housing Corpsmembers”;
10 and

11 (4) in subsection (d), by striking “The Sec-
12 retary” and inserting “The head of a participating
13 entity”.

14 **SEC. 506. RESOURCE ASSISTANTS.**

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

17 (1) in subsection (a)—

18 (A) in the fourth sentence, by striking
19 “The Secretary” and inserting the following:

20 “(4) PREFERENCE.—The head of a partici-
21 pating entity”;

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

24 “(3) SELECTION.—The head of a participating
25 entity”;

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

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

4 (D) by striking the first sentence and in-
5 serting the following:

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The head of a participating
7 entity may provide individual placements of resource
8 assistants to carry out research or resource protec-
9 tion activities on behalf of the participating entity.”;
10 and

11 (2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the
12 following:

13 “(b) PREFERENCE FOR THE USE OF 21CSC ORGANI-
14 ZATIONS.—

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

21 “(2) CONTRIBUTION TO EXPENSES.—A 21CSC
22 organization providing recruitment and placement
23 services under paragraph (1) shall contribute to the
24 expenses of providing and supporting resource as-
25 sistants, through 1 or more private sources of fund-

1 ing, at a level equal to 25 percent of the total costs
2 of each participant in the resource assistant pro-
3 gram that has been recruited and placed through the
4 21CSC organization.

5 “(3) ANNUAL REPORT.—A 21CSC organization
6 providing recruitment and placement services under
7 paragraph (1) shall submit to the head of the appli-
8 cable participating entity an annual report that eval-
9 uates the scope, size, and quality of the resource as-
10 sistant program carried out by the 21CSC organiza-
11 tion, including a description of the value of the work
12 contributed by resource assistants to the mission of
13 the participating entity.”.

14 **SEC. 507. ELIGIBILITY FOR NONCOMPETITIVE HIRING STA-**
15 **TUS.**

16 Section 207 of the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993
17 (16 U.S.C. 1726) is amended to read as follows:

18 **“SEC. 207. ELIGIBILITY FOR NONCOMPETITIVE HIRING STA-**
19 **TUS.**

20 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

21 “(1) the terms ‘land management agency’ and
22 ‘time-limited appointment’ have the meanings given
23 those terms in section 9601 of title 5, United States
24 Code; and

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

5 “(b) HIRING.—

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

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

22 “(3) TIME-LIMITED APPOINTMENT.—For pur-
23 poses of section 9602 of title 5, United States Code,
24 a qualified Corpsmember hired by a participating
25 entity that is a land management agency for a time-

1 limited appointment shall be considered to be ap-
2 pointed initially under open, competitive examina-
3 tion.

4 “(c) SERVICE HOURS.—

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

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

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

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

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

1 of service by Corpsmembers required under sub-
2 section (a)(2).

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

8 “(d) GUIDANCE.—The head of each participating en-
9 tity, and any subdivision of a participating entity, shall
10 coordinate with the head of each other participating enti-
11 ty, and subdivision of each other participating entity, to
12 implement and issue guidance on eligibility for non-
13 competitive hiring status under subsection (b) in a uni-
14 form manner to—

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

17 “(2) minimize inconsistency.”.

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

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

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

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

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

3 (2) in subsection (b)—

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

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

8 **SEC. 509. NONDISPLACEMENT.**

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

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

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

16 **SEC. 510. FUNDING.**

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

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

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

23 “(a) INVESTMENTS.—

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

1 21CSC projects, each 21CSC organization shall le-
2 verage those funds by soliciting cash or in-kind con-
3 tributions from public or private sources.

4 “(2) METHODS.—A 21CSC organization may
5 leverage funds by soliciting contributions using inno-
6 vative strategies, such as crowd-funding.

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

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

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

19 (A) in paragraph (1)—

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

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

1 (B) in paragraph (2)—

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

5 (ii) in the first sentence—

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

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

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

13 (iii) in the second sentence, by strik-
14 ing “the Corps” and “the 21CSC”;

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

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

22 (A) by striking “section 211” and insert-
23 ing “section 213”; and

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

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

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

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

6 and

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

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

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

17 “(b) GUIDELINES.—Not later than 18 months after
18 the date of enactment of the 21st Century Conservation
19 Service Corps Act, the Secretary of the Interior, in con-
20 sultation with Indian tribes, shall issue guidelines for the
21 management of the Indian Youth 21st Century Conserva-
22 tion Service Corps, in accordance with this Act and any
23 other applicable Federal laws.

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

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

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

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

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

11 (1) in paragraph (1)—

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

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

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

1 **SEC. 513. NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE PRO-**
2 **GRAMS.**

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

10 (b) **COMPACT MIGRANT ELIGIBILITY.**—Section
11 137(a)(5) of the National and Community Service Act of
12 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12591(a)(5)) is amended to read as fol-
13 lows:

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

22 (c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
23 this section shall apply to any participant in a program
24 under the National and Community Service Act of 1990
25 (42 U.S.C. 12501 et seq.) selected after the date of enact-
26 ment of this section.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 United States as nonimmigrants under the
2 terms of the applicable Compact of Free Asso-
3 ciation with the United States)”.
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5 **TITLE VI—EVERY KID** 6 **OUTDOORS**

7 **SEC. 601. SHORT TITLE.**

8 This title may be cited as the “Every Kid Outdoors
9 Act”.

10 **SEC. 602. DEFINITIONS.**

11 In this title:

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

16 (2) **PROGRAM.**—The term “program” means
17 the Every Kid Outdoors program established under
18 section 603(a).

19 (3) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary”
20 means—

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

25 (i) the Director of the National Park
Service;

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

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

5 (iv) the Commissioner of Reclamation;

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 (b) ANNUAL PASSES.—

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

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

17 (i) any passengers accompanying the
18 student in a private, noncommercial vehi-
19 cle; or

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

22 (B) in the case of a per-person fee area,
23 not more than 3 adults accompanying the stu-
24 dent.

25 (2) TERM.—A pass described in this subsection
26 shall be effective during the period beginning on

1 September 1 and ending on August 31 of the fol-
2 lowing year.

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

8 (c) OTHER ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out the pro-
9 gram, each Secretary—

10 (1) may collaborate with State park systems
11 that opt to implement a complementary Every Kid
12 Outdoors State Park pass;

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

15 (3) shall maintain a publicly available website
16 with information about the program;

17 (4) may provide visitor services for the pro-
18 gram; and

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

22 (d) REPORTS.—The Secretary of the Interior, in co-
23 ordination with each Secretary, shall prepare a com-
24 prehensive report to Congress each year describing—

25 (1) the implementation of the program;

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

3 (3) the number of passes described in sub-
4 section (b)(1) that were distributed.

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

