

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**H. R.** _____

To prepare the National Park Service for its Centennial in 2016 and for a second century of promoting and protecting the natural, historic, and cultural resources of our National Parks for the enjoyment of present and future generations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BISHOP of Utah introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “National Park Service Centennial Act”.

1 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of
2 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Purpose.
- Sec. 3. Definitions.

TITLE I — NATIONAL PARK CENTENNIAL CHALLENGE FUND

- Sec. 101. National park centennial challenge fund.
- Sec. 102. Comparable pass cost for seniors.
- Sec. 103. Signature projects and programs.
- Sec. 104. Donations.
- Sec. 105. Summary to Congress.

TITLE II— NATIONAL PARK FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT

- Sec. 201. Short title.
- Sec. 202. Second century endowment for the national park service.

TITLE III— NATIONAL PARK NEXT GENERATION STEWARDS

- Sec. 401. National park service interpretation and education.
- Sec. 402. Public land corps amendments.
- Sec. 403. Volunteers in the parks.

TITLE IV—INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- Sec. 601. Reproductions of museum objects.

TITLE V—NATIONAL PARK FOUNDATION AUTHORITIES

- Sec. 701. Board of directors.
- Sec. 702. Authorization of appropriations.

3 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

4 It is the purpose of this Act to establish a fund in
5 the Treasury to finance signature projects and programs
6 to enhance the National Park System as it approaches its
7 centennial in 2016 and to prepare the parks for another
8 century of conservation, preservation, and enjoyment.

9 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

10 In this Act:

1 (1) CHALLENGE FUND.—The term “Challenge
2 Fund” means the National Park Centennial Chal-
3 lenge Fund established by title I.

4 (2) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means
5 the Director of the National Park Service.

6 (3) ENDOWMENT.—The term “Endowment”
7 means the Second Century Endowment for the Na-
8 tional Park Service established by title II.

9 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
10 the Secretary of the Interior.

11 (5) SIGNATURE PROJECT OR PROGRAM.—The
12 term “signature project or program” means any
13 project or program identified by the Secretary as
14 one that will help prepare the national parks for an-
15 other century of conservation, preservation, and en-
16 joyment.

17 (6) QUALIFIED DONATION.—The term “quali-
18 fied donation” means either a cash donation, or the
19 binding pledge of a cash donation that is guaranteed
20 by an irrevocable letter of credit, to the National
21 Park Service that the Director certifies is to be used
22 for a signature project or program.

1 **TITLE I — NATIONAL PARK**
2 **CENTENNIAL CHALLENGE FUND**

3 **SEC. 101. NATIONAL PARK CENTENNIAL CHALLENGE FUND.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established in
5 the Treasury a fund to be known as the “National Park
6 Centennial Challenge Fund”. The Challenge Fund shall
7 consist of—

8 (1) qualified donations that are transferred
9 from the National Park Service donation account in
10 accordance with section 104(a); and

11 (2) hereafter, an amount equal to the qualified
12 donations received under section 104(a), not to ex-
13 ceed amounts accumulated under section 102, in-
14 cluding any carryover from previous fiscal years.

15 (b) AVAILABILITY.—All amounts transferred or ap-
16 propriated to the Challenge Fund shall be available to the
17 Secretary for signature projects and programs without
18 further appropriation until expended.

19 **SEC. 102. COMPARABLE PASS COST FOR SENIORS.**

20 The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16
21 U.S.C. 6801, Public Law 108–447, division J, title VIII)
22 is amended—

23 (1) in section 805(b)(1), by striking “of
24 \$10.00” and inserting “equal to the price of the Na-

1 tional Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass”;
2 and

3 (2) in section 807(c)—

4 (A) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
5 paragraph (4), and

6 (B) by inserting after paragraph (2) the
7 following:

8 “(3) DISTRIBUTION OF AGE DISCOUNT FEES
9 FOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.—Any amounts over
10 \$10.00 that are collected by the National Park Serv-
11 ice for the purchase of the lifetime pass by citizens
12 62 years of age or older shall be deposited in the
13 National Park Centennial Challenge Fund estab-
14 lished in the ‘National Park Service Centennial
15 Act’.”.

16 **SEC. 103. SIGNATURE PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS.**

17 (a) LIST.—The Secretary shall develop a list of signa-
18 ture projects and programs eligible for funding from the
19 Challenge Fund. The list shall be submitted to the Com-
20 mittees on Appropriations and Natural Resources of the
21 House of Representatives and the Committees on Appro-
22 priations and Energy and Natural Resources of the Sen-
23 ate.

24 (b) UPDATES.—The Secretary may, from time-to-
25 time as the Secretary finds appropriate, add any signature

1 project or program to the list and provide notice of such
2 addition as required by subsection (a).

3 **SEC. 104. DONATIONS.**

4 (a) **QUALIFIED DONATIONS.**—The Secretary may
5 transfer to the Challenge Fund any qualified donation re-
6 ceived by the National Park Service.

7 (b) **SOLICITATION.**—Nothing in this title shall be
8 construed to expand the authority of the National Park
9 Service and its employees to receive or solicit donations.

10 **SEC. 105. SUMMARY TO CONGRESS.**

11 The Secretary shall provide with the submission of
12 the President’s budget a report on the status of the signa-
13 ture projects and programs and their funding.

14 **TITLE II— NATIONAL PARK**
15 **FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT**

16 **SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.**

17 This title may be cited as the “National Park Foun-
18 dation Endowment Act”.

19 **SEC. 202. SECOND CENTURY ENDOWMENT FOR THE NA-**
20 **TIONAL PARK SERVICE.**

21 Chapter 1011 of title 54, United States Code, is
22 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 **“§ 101121. Second century endowment for the na-**
2 **tional park service**

3 “(a) SECOND CENTURY ENDOWMENT.—To further
4 the mission of the Service, the National Park Foundation
5 shall establish a special account to be known as the ‘Sec-
6 ond Century Endowment for the National Park Service’.

7 “(1) FUNDS FOR THE ENDOWMENT.—

8 “(A) The Endowment shall consist of any
9 gifts, devises, or bequests that are provided to
10 the National Park Foundation for such pur-
11 pose.

12 “(B) The National Park Foundation shall
13 deposit any funds received for the Endowment
14 in a federally insured interest-bearing account
15 or may invest funds in appropriate security ob-
16 ligations, as directed by the Board of Directors.

17 “(C)(i) Within a System unit, the Sec-
18 retary, either directly or through a concessions
19 contract, lease, or similar instrument, may im-
20 pose a fee in addition to the daily cost of lodg-
21 ing of not more than 5 percent of the fee
22 charged for each night of lodging in facilities in
23 any unit of the National Park System. Such
24 fees shall be deposited into the Endowment.

1 “(ii) No fees may be charged under
2 this subparagraph within a unit of the Na-
3 tional Park System for—

4 “(I) employees of the National
5 Park System, including seasonal em-
6 ployees or employees of concessioners,
7 who live in housing provided in a na-
8 tional park due to their employment
9 and house guests of such employees;

10 “(II) persons engaged in residen-
11 tial educational and interpretive pro-
12 grams who are lodged in national
13 park facilities while participating in
14 these programs; and

15 “(III) lodging on private property
16 within a unit of the National Park
17 System.

18 “(D) Any accrued interest or dividends
19 earned on funds received for the Endowment
20 shall be added to the principal and form a part
21 of the Endowment.

22 “(2) USE OF FUNDS.—

23 “(A) The National Park Foundation shall
24 use funds deposited in the Endowment for
25 projects and activities approved by the Sec-

1 retary that further the mission and purposes of
2 the National Park Service.

3 “(B) Each fiscal year, the National Park
4 Foundation may not expend from the Endow-
5 ment more than 5 percent of the funds received
6 or added to the Endowment in that fiscal year.

7 “(C) No funds received for the Endowment
8 shall be used by the National Park Foundation
9 for administrative expenses of the Foundation,
10 including for salaries, travel and transportation
11 expenses, and other overhead expenses.

12 “(b) REPORT.—Beginning 2 years after the date of
13 the enactment of this title, the National Park Foundation
14 shall include with its annual report the status of the En-
15 dowment. The report shall include—

16 “(1) a statement of the amounts deposited in
17 the Endowment during the fiscal year;

18 “(2) the amount of the balance remaining in
19 the Endowment at the end of the fiscal year; and

20 “(3) a description of the sums and purposes of
21 the expenditures made from the Endowment for the
22 fiscal year.”.

1 **TITLE III— NATIONAL PARK**
2 **NEXT GENERATION STEWARDS**
3 **SEC. 401. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE INTERPRETATION AND**
4 **EDUCATION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title 54, United States Code, is
6 amended by inserting the following after Chapter 1007:

7 **“CHAPTER 1008—EDUCATION AND**
8 **INTERPRETATION**

“100801. Purposes.

“100802. Definitions.

“100803. Interpretation and education authority.

“100804. Interpretation and education evaluation and quality improvement.

“100805. Improved utilization of partners and volunteers in interpretation and education.

9 **“§ 100801. Purposes**

10 “The purposes of this chapter are—

11 “(1) to more effectively achieve the mission of
12 the Service by providing clear authority and direc-
13 tion for interpretation and education programs that
14 are carried out by the Service under separate au-
15 thorities;

16 “(2) to ensure that the public encounters a va-
17 riety of interpretive and educational opportunities
18 and services in their visits to our System units;

19 “(3) to recognize the Service provides lifelong
20 learning opportunities and contributes to inter-
21 disciplinary learning in traditional and non-tradi-
22 tional educational settings; and

1 “(4) to provide opportunities for all people to
2 find relevance in the System and to strengthen pub-
3 lic understanding of our natural and cultural herit-
4 age.

5 **“§ 100802. Definitions**

6 “As used in this chapter:

7 “(1) INTERPRETATION.—The term ‘interpreta-
8 tion’ means providing opportunities for people to
9 form intellectual and emotional connections to gain
10 awareness, appreciation, and understanding of the
11 resources of the System. ‘Interpretation’ may also
12 refer to the professional career field of Service em-
13 ployees, volunteers, and partners who interpret the
14 resources of the System.

15 “(2) EDUCATION.—The term ‘education’ means
16 enhancing public awareness, understanding, and ap-
17 preciation of the resources of the System through
18 learner-centered, place-based materials, programs,
19 and activities that achieve specific learning objectives
20 as identified in a curriculum.

21 “(3) RELATED AREAS.—The term ‘related
22 areas’ means:

23 “(A) national wild and scenic rivers and
24 national trails;

25 “(B) national heritage areas; and

1 “(C) affiliated areas administered in con-
2 nection with the System.

3 **“§ 100803. Interpretation and education authority**

4 “The Secretary shall ensure that management of Sys-
5 tem units and related areas is enhanced by the availability
6 and use of a broad program of the highest quality inter-
7 pretation and education.

8 **“§ 100804. Interpretation and education evaluation**
9 **and quality improvement**

10 “The Secretary may undertake a program of regular
11 evaluation of interpretation and education programs to en-
12 sure that they—

13 “(1) adjust to how people learn and engage
14 with the natural world and shared heritage as em-
15 bodied in the System;

16 “(2) reflect different cultural backgrounds,
17 ages, education, gender, abilities, ethnicity, and
18 needs;

19 “(3) demonstrate innovative approaches to
20 management and appropriately incorporate emerging
21 learning and communications technology; and

22 “(4) reflect current scientific and academic re-
23 search, content, methods, and audience analysis.

1 **“§ 100805. Improved use of partners and volunteers**
2 **in interpretation and education**

3 “The Secretary may—

4 “(1) coordinate with park partners and volun-
5 teers in the delivery of quality programs and services
6 to supplement those provided by the Service as part
7 of a park’s Long Range Interpretive Plan;

8 “(2) support interpretive partners by providing
9 opportunities to participate in interpretive training;
10 and

11 “(3) collaborate with other Federal and non-
12 Federal public or private agencies, organizations, or
13 institutions for the purposes of developing, pro-
14 moting, and making available educational opportuni-
15 ties related to resources of the System and pro-
16 grams.”.

17 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Title 54, United
18 States Code, is further amended in the matter before sub-
19 title I by inserting the following between Chapter 1007
20 and Chapter 1009:

“1008. Education and Interpretation ”.

21 **SEC. 402. PUBLIC LAND CORPS AMENDMENTS.**

22 The Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 (Public Law
23 103–82; 16 U.S.C. 1721) is amended—

24 (1) in section 203(10)(A), by striking “25” and
25 inserting “30”;

1 (2) in section 204(b), by striking “25” and in-
2 sserting “30”; and

3 (3) in section 207(c)(2), by striking “120 days”
4 and inserting “2 years”.

5 **SEC. 403. VOLUNTEERS IN THE PARKS.**

6 Section 102301(d) of title 54, United States Code,
7 is amended by striking “not more than \$3,500,000” and
8 inserting “such sums as may be necessary”.

9 **TITLE IV—INTELLECTUAL**
10 **PROPERTY**

11 **SEC. 601. REPRODUCTIONS OF MUSEUM OBJECTS.**

12 Chapter 1025 of title 54, United States Code is
13 amended by adding the following new section:

14 **“§ 102505. Reproductions of museum objects**

15 “(a) AGREEMENTS FOR REPRODUCTIONS.—With re-
16 spect to a museum object in which the object itself and
17 the object’s intellectual property rights, if any, are under
18 the control of the Secretary, the Secretary may enter into
19 agreements for the creation of reproductions of the object
20 with other Federal agencies, units of state or local govern-
21 ments, for-profit corporations, public and private founda-
22 tions, non-profit organizations, educational institutions,
23 and individuals. The agreements may include provisions
24 for the collection of fees or royalties.

1 “(b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—Any agreement
2 under subsection (a) shall provide for the protection of the
3 public interest in the museum object and any other terms
4 and conditions that the Secretary deems appropriate.

5 “(c) RETENTION OF FUNDS.—Any funds collected
6 pursuant to this section shall be retained, until expended
7 and without further appropriation, for use by the System
8 unit, office, or repository where the museum object is
9 held.”.

10 **TITLE V—NATIONAL PARK** 11 **FOUNDATION AUTHORITIES**

12 **SEC. 701. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

13 Chapter 1011 of title 54, United States Code, is
14 amended—

15 (1) in section 101112—

16 (A) by amending subsection (a) to read as
17 follows:

18 “(a) MEMBERSHIP.—The National Park Foundation
19 shall consist of a Board having as members no fewer than
20 6 private citizens of the United States appointed by the
21 Secretary. The Secretary and the Director shall be mem-
22 bers of the Board, *ex officio*.”; and

23 (B) by amending subsection (c) to read as
24 follows:

1 “(c) CHAIRMAN.—The Chairman shall be elected by
2 the Board from its members for a two-year term.”; and

3 (2) in section 101113 (a), by renumbering
4 paragraph (2) as paragraph (3) and by inserting the
5 following new paragraph:

6 “(2) COORDINATION WITH SERVICE.—Activities
7 of the National Park Foundation under paragraph
8 (1) shall be undertaken after consultation with the
9 Director to assure they are consistent with the pro-
10 grams and policies of the Service.”.

11 **SEC. 702. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

12 Chapter 1011 of title 54, United States Code, is fur-
13 ther amended by adding after section 101121 the fol-
14 lowing new section:

15 **“SEC. 101122. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

16 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be ap-
17 propriated to carry out this subchapter \$25,000,000 for
18 each of fiscal years 2016 through 2026.

19 “(b) REQUIREMENT OF ADVANCE PAYMENT.—The
20 amount made available for a fiscal year under subsection
21 (a) shall be provided to the National Park Foundation in
22 an advance payment of the entire amount on October 1
23 of the fiscal year, or as soon as practicable thereafter.

24 “(c) USE OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS.—Amounts
25 made available under subsection (a) shall be provided to

1 the National Park Foundation for use for matching, on
2 a 1-to-1 basis, contributions (whether in currency, serv-
3 ices, or property) made to the Foundation.

4 “(d) PROHIBITION USE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EX-
5 PENSES.—No Federal funds made available under sub-
6 section (a) shall be used by the National Park Foundation
7 for administrative expenses of the Foundation, including
8 for salaries, travel and transportation expenses, and other
9 overhead expenses.

10 “(e) PROHIBITION USE FOR INVESTMENT.—No Fed-
11 eral funds made available under subsection (a) shall be
12 put in a fund by the National Park Foundation that will
13 be invested or earn interest in any way.”