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To protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

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

DECEMBER 16, 2015

Reported by Ms. MURKOWSKI, with an amendment and an amendment to the title

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

A BILL

To protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

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

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

4 (a) ~~SHORT TITLE.—~~This Act may be cited as the

5 ~~“Bipartisan Sportsmen’s Act of 2015”.~~

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

See. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—REGULATORY REFORMS

See. 101. Recreational fishing, hunting, and recreational shooting on Federal public land.

See. 102. Annual permit and fee for film crews of 5 persons or fewer.

See. 103. Federal action transparency.

See. 104. Bows in the Parks.

TITLE II—HABITAT CONSERVATION

See. 201. Availability of Land and Water Conservation Fund for recreational public access projects.

See. 202. Identifying opportunities for recreation, hunting, and fishing on Federal land.

See. 203. Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act.

3 **TITLE I—REGULATORY** 4 **REFORMS**

5 **SEC. 101. RECREATIONAL FISHING, HUNTING, AND REC-** 6 **REATIONAL SHOOTING ON FEDERAL PUBLIC** 7 **LAND.**

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 (1) FEDERAL PUBLIC LAND.—

10 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “Federal
 11 public land” means any land or water that is—

12 (i) owned by the United States; and

13 (ii) managed by a Federal agency (in-
 14 cluding the Department of the Interior and
 15 the Forest Service) for purposes that in-
 16 clude the conservation of natural resources.

17 (B) EXCLUSIONS.—The term “Federal
 18 public land” does not include—

1 (i) land or water held or managed in
 2 trust for the benefit of Indian tribes or in-
 3 dividual Indians;

4 (ii) land or water managed by the Di-
 5 rector of the National Park Service or the
 6 Director of the United States Fish and
 7 Wildlife Service;

8 (iii) fish hatcheries; or

9 (iv) conservation easements on private
 10 land.

11 (2) HUNTING.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “hunting”
 13 means use of a firearm, bow, or other author-
 14 ized means in the lawful—

15 (i) pursuit, shooting, capture, collec-
 16 tion, trapping, or killing of wildlife; or

17 (ii) attempt to pursue, shoot, capture,
 18 collect, trap, or kill wildlife.

19 (B) EXCLUSION.—The term “hunting”
 20 does not include the use of skilled volunteers to
 21 cull excess animals (as defined by Federal law
 22 (including regulations)).

23 (3) RECREATIONAL FISHING.—The term “rec-
 24 reational fishing” means—

1 (A) an activity for sport or pleasure that
2 involves the lawful—

3 (i) catching, taking, or harvesting of
4 fish; or

5 (ii) attempted catching, taking, or
6 harvesting of fish; or

7 (B) any other activity for sport or pleasure
8 that can reasonably be expected to result in the
9 lawful catching, taking, or harvesting of fish.

10 (4) RECREATIONAL SHOOTING.—The term
11 “recreational shooting” means any form of sport,
12 training, competition, or pastime, whether formal or
13 informal, that involves—

14 (A) the discharge of a rifle, handgun, or
15 shotgun; or

16 (B) the use of a bow and arrow.

17 (b) RECREATIONAL FISHING, HUNTING, AND REC-
18 REATIONAL SHOOTING.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing
20 rights, and in cooperation with the respective State
21 fish and wildlife agency, a Federal public land man-
22 agement official shall exercise the authority of the
23 official under existing law (including provisions re-
24 garding land use planning) to facilitate use of and
25 access to Federal public land for recreational fish-

1 ing, hunting, and recreational shooting except as
2 limited by—

3 (A) any Federal law (including regula-
4 tions) that authorizes action or withholding ac-
5 tion for reasons of national security, public
6 safety, or resource conservation;

7 (B) any other Federal law (including regu-
8 lations) that precludes recreational fishing,
9 hunting, or recreational shooting on specific
10 Federal public land units of Federal public
11 land, or water; or

12 (C) discretionary limitations on rec-
13 reational fishing, hunting, and recreational
14 shooting determined to be necessary and rea-
15 sonable, as supported by the best scientific evi-
16 dence and advanced through a transparent pub-
17 lic process.

18 ~~(2) MANAGEMENT.~~—Consistent with paragraph
19 (1), the head of each Federal public land manage-
20 ment agency shall exercise the land management dis-
21 cretion of the head—

22 (A) in a manner that supports and facili-
23 tates recreational fishing, hunting, and rec-
24 reational shooting opportunities;

1 (B) to the extent authorized under applica-
2 ble State law; and

3 (C) in accordance with applicable Federal
4 law.

5 (3) PLANNING.—

6 (A) EFFECTS OF PLANS AND ACTIVI-
7 TIES.—

8 (i) EVALUATION OF EFFECTS ON OP-
9 PORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE IN REC-
10 REATIONAL FISHING, HUNTING, OR REC-
11 REATIONAL SHOOTING.—Federal public
12 land planning documents (including land
13 resources management plans, resource
14 management plans, travel management
15 plans, and energy development plans) shall
16 include a specific evaluation of the effects
17 of the plans on opportunities to engage in
18 recreational fishing, hunting, or rec-
19 reational shooting.

20 (ii) OTHER ACTIVITY NOT CONSID-
21 ERED.—

22 (H) IN GENERAL.—Federal public
23 land management officials shall not be
24 required to consider the existence or
25 availability of recreational fishing;

1 hunting, or recreational shooting op-
2 portunities on private or public land
3 that is located adjacent to, or in the
4 vicinity of, Federal public land for
5 purposes of—

6 (aa) planning for or deter-
7 mining which units of Federal
8 public land are open for rec-
9 reational fishing, hunting, or rec-
10 reational shooting; or

11 (bb) setting the levels of use
12 for recreational fishing, hunting,
13 or recreational shooting on Fed-
14 eral public land.

15 (H) ENHANCED OPPORTUNI-
16 TIES.—Federal public land manage-
17 ment officials may consider the oppor-
18 tunities described in subclause (I) if
19 the combination of those opportunities
20 would enhance the recreational fish-
21 ing, hunting, or shooting opportunities
22 available to the public.

23 (B) USE OF VOLUNTEERS.—If hunting is
24 prohibited by law, all Federal public land plan-
25 ning documents described in subparagraph

1 (A)(i) of an agency shall, after appropriate co-
 2 ordination with State fish and wildlife agencies,
 3 allow the participation of skilled volunteers in
 4 the culling and other management of wildlife
 5 populations on Federal public land unless the
 6 head of the agency demonstrates, based on the
 7 best scientific data available or applicable Fed-
 8 eral law, why skilled volunteers should not be
 9 used to control overpopulation of wildlife on the
 10 land that is the subject of the planning docu-
 11 ment.

12 (4) BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT AND FOR-
 13 EST SERVICE LAND.—

14 (A) LAND OPEN.—

15 (i) IN GENERAL.—Land under the ju-
 16 risdiction of the Bureau of Land Manage-
 17 ment or the Forest Service (including a
 18 component of the National Wilderness
 19 Preservation System, land designated as a
 20 wilderness study area or administratively
 21 classified as wilderness eligible or suitable,
 22 and primitive or semiprimitive areas, but
 23 excluding land on the outer Continental
 24 Shelf) shall be open to recreational fishing,
 25 hunting, and recreational shooting unless

1 the managing Federal public land agency
2 acts to close the land to the activity.

3 (ii) ~~MOTORIZED ACCESS.~~—Nothing in
4 this subparagraph authorizes or requires
5 motorized access or the use of motorized
6 vehicles for recreational fishing, hunting,
7 or recreational shooting purposes within
8 land designated as a wilderness study area
9 or administratively classified as wilderness
10 eligible or suitable.

11 (B) ~~CLOSURE OR RESTRICTION.~~—Land de-
12 scribed in subparagraph (A)(i) may be subject
13 to closures or restrictions if determined by the
14 head of the agency to be necessary and reason-
15 able and supported by facts and evidence for
16 purposes including resource conservation, public
17 safety, energy or mineral production, energy
18 generation or transmission infrastructure, water
19 supply facilities, protection of other permittees,
20 protection of private property rights or inter-
21 ests, national security, or compliance with other
22 law, as determined appropriate by the Director
23 of the Bureau of Land Management or the
24 Chief of the Forest Service, as applicable.

25 (C) ~~SHOOTING RANGES.~~—

1 (i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided
2 in clause (iii), the head of each Federal
3 public land agency may use the authorities
4 of the head, in a manner consistent with
5 this section and other applicable law—

6 (I) to lease or permit use of land
7 under the jurisdiction of the head for
8 shooting ranges; and

9 (II) to designate specific land
10 under the jurisdiction of the head for
11 recreational shooting activities.

12 (ii) LIMITATION ON LIABILITY.—Any
13 designation under clause (i)(II) shall not
14 subject the United States to any civil ac-
15 tion or claim for monetary damages for in-
16 jury or loss of property or personal injury
17 or death caused by any recreational shoot-
18 ing activity occurring at or on the des-
19 ignated land.

20 (iii) EXCEPTION.—The head of each
21 Federal public land agency shall not lease
22 or permit use of Federal public land for
23 shooting ranges or designate land for rec-
24 reational shooting activities within a com-
25 ponent of the National Wilderness Preser-

1 vation System, land designated as a wilder-
2 ness study area or administratively classi-
3 fied as wilderness eligible or suitable, and
4 primitive or semiprimitive areas.

5 (5) REPORT.—Not later than October 1 of
6 every other year, beginning with the second October
7 1 after the date of enactment of this Act, the head
8 of each Federal public land agency who has author-
9 ity to manage Federal public land on which rec-
10 reational fishing, hunting, or recreational shooting
11 occurs shall submit to the Committee on Natural
12 Resources of the House of Representatives and the
13 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the
14 Senate a report that describes—

15 (A) any Federal public land administered
16 by the agency head that was closed to rec-
17 reational fishing, hunting, or recreational shoot-
18 ing at any time during the preceding year; and

19 (B) the reason for the closure.

20 (6) CLOSURES OR SIGNIFICANT RESTRICTIONS
21 OF 1,280 OR MORE ACRES.—

22 (A) IN GENERAL.—Other than closures es-
23 tablished or prescribed by land planning actions
24 referred to in paragraph (4)(B) or emergency
25 closures described in subparagraph (C), a per-

1 manent or temporary withdrawal, change of
2 classification, or change of management status
3 of Federal public land or water that effectively
4 closes or significantly restricts 1,280 or more
5 contiguous acres of Federal public land or
6 water to access or use for recreational fishing
7 or hunting or activities relating to fishing or
8 hunting shall take effect only if, before the date
9 of withdrawal or change, the head of the Fed-
10 eral public land agency that has jurisdiction
11 over the Federal public land or water—

12 (i) publishes appropriate notice of the
13 withdrawal or change, respectively;

14 (ii) demonstrates that coordination
15 has occurred with a State fish and wildlife
16 agency; and

17 (iii) submits to the Committee on
18 Natural Resources of the House of Rep-
19 resentatives and the Committee on Energy
20 and Natural Resources of the Senate writ-
21 ten notice of the withdrawal or change, re-
22 spectively.

23 (B) AGGREGATE OR CUMULATIVE EF-
24 FECTS.—If the aggregate or cumulative effect
25 of separate withdrawals or changes effectively

1 closes or significantly restricts or affects 1,280
2 or more acres of land or water, the withdrawals
3 and changes shall be treated as a single with-
4 drawal or change for purposes of subparagraph
5 (A).

6 (C) EMERGENCY CLOSURES.—

7 (i) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this sec-
8 tion prohibits a Federal public land man-
9 agement agency from establishing or im-
10 plementing emergency closures or restric-
11 tions of the smallest practicable area of
12 Federal public land to provide for public
13 safety, resource conservation, national se-
14 curity, or other purposes authorized by
15 law.

16 (ii) TERMINATION.—An emergency
17 closure under clause (i) shall terminate
18 after a reasonable period of time unless the
19 temporary closure is converted to a perma-
20 nent closure consistent with this section.

21 (7) NO PRIORITY.—Nothing in this section re-
22 quires a Federal agency to give preference to rec-
23 reational fishing, hunting, or recreational shooting
24 over other uses of Federal public land or over land

1 or water management priorities established by other
2 Federal law.

3 (8) CONSULTATION WITH COUNCILS.—In ear-
4 rying out this section, the heads of Federal public
5 land agencies shall consult with the appropriate ad-
6 visory councils established under Executive Order
7 12962 (16 U.S.C. 1801 note; relating to recreational
8 fisheries) and Executive Order 13443 (16 U.S.C.
9 661 note; relating to facilitation of hunting heritage
10 and wildlife conservation).

11 (9) AUTHORITY OF STATES.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this section
13 interferes with, diminishes, or conflicts with the
14 authority, jurisdiction, or responsibility of any
15 State to manage, control, or regulate fish and
16 wildlife under State law (including regulations)
17 on land or water within the State, including on
18 Federal public land.

19 (B) FEDERAL LICENSES.—

20 (i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided
21 in clause (ii), nothing in this subsection
22 authorizes the head of a Federal public
23 land agency head to require a license, fee,
24 or permit to fish, hunt, or trap on land or

1 water in a State, including on Federal pub-
 2 lie land in the State.

3 (ii) **MIGRATORY BIRD STAMPS.**—Noth-
 4 ing in this subparagraph affects any mi-
 5 gratory bird stamp requirement of the Mi-
 6 gratory Bird Hunting and Conservation
 7 Stamp Act (16 U.S.C. 718a et seq.).

8 **SEC. 102. ANNUAL PERMIT AND FEE FOR FILM CREWS OF**
 9 **5 PERSONS OR FEWER.**

10 (a) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose of this section is to pro-
 11 vide commercial film crews of 5 persons or fewer access
 12 to film in areas designated for public use during public
 13 hours on Federal land and waterways.

14 (b) **NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM LAND.**—Section
 15 100905 of title 54, United States Code, is amended—

16 (1) in subsection (a)—

17 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “The
 18 Secretary” and inserting “Except as provided
 19 in paragraph (3), the Secretary”; and

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

21 “(3) **SPECIAL RULES FOR FILM CREWS OF 5**
 22 **PERSONS OR FEWER.**—

23 “(A) **DEFINITION OF FILM CREW.**—In this
 24 paragraph, the term ‘film crew’ means any per-
 25 sons present on Federal land or waterways

1 under the jurisdiction of the Secretary who are
2 associated with the production of a film.

3 “(B) REQUIRED PERMIT AND FEE.—For
4 any film crew of 5 persons or fewer, the Sec-
5 retary shall require a permit and assess an an-
6 nual fee of \$200 for commercial filming activi-
7 ties or similar projects on Federal land and wa-
8 terways administered by the Secretary.

9 “(C) COMMERCIAL FILMING ACTIVITIES.—
10 A permit issued under subparagraph (B) shall
11 be valid for commercial filming activities or
12 similar projects that occur in areas designated
13 for public use during public hours on all Fed-
14 eral land and waterways administered by the
15 Secretary for a 1-year period beginning on the
16 date of issuance of the permit.

17 “(D) NO ADDITIONAL FEES.—For persons
18 holding a permit issued under this paragraph,
19 during the effective period of the permit, the
20 Secretary shall not assess any fees in addition
21 to the fee assessed under subparagraph (B).

22 “(E) USE OF CAMERAS.—The Secretary
23 shall not prohibit, as a mechanized apparatus
24 or under any other purposes, use of cameras or
25 related equipment used for the purpose of com-

1 commercial filming activities or similar projects in
2 accordance with this paragraph on Federal land
3 and waterways administered by the Secretary.

4 “(F) NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.—A film
5 crew of 5 persons or fewer subject to a permit
6 issued under this paragraph shall notify the ap-
7 plicable land management agency with jurisdic-
8 tion over the Federal land at least 48 hours be-
9 fore entering the Federal land.

10 “(G) DENIAL OF ACCESS.—The head of
11 the applicable land management agency may
12 deny access to a film crew under this paragraph
13 if—

14 “(i) there is a likelihood of resource
15 damage that cannot be mitigated;

16 “(ii) there would be an unreasonable
17 disruption of the use and enjoyment of the
18 site by the public;

19 “(iii) the activity poses health or safe-
20 ty risks to the public; or

21 “(iv) the filming includes the use of
22 models or props that are not part of the
23 natural or cultural resources or adminis-
24 trative facilities of the Federal land.”; and

1 (2) in the first sentence of subsection (b), by
2 striking “collect any costs” and inserting “recover
3 any costs”.

4 (c) OTHER FEDERAL LAND.—Section 4 of Public
5 Law 106–206 (16 U.S.C. 460l–6d) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)—

7 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “The
8 Secretary” and inserting “Except as provided
9 in paragraph (3), the Secretary”; and

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

11 “(3) SPECIAL RULES FOR FILM CREWS OF 5
12 PERSONS OR FEWER.—

13 “(A) DEFINITION OF FILM CREW.—In this
14 paragraph, the term ‘film crew’ means any per-
15 sons present on Federal land or waterways
16 under the jurisdiction of the Secretary who are
17 associated with the production of a film.

18 “(B) REQUIRED PERMIT AND FEE.—For
19 any film crew of 5 persons or fewer, the Sec-
20 retary shall require a permit and assess an an-
21 nual fee of \$200 for commercial filming activi-
22 ties or similar projects on Federal land and wa-
23 terways administered by the Secretary.

24 “(C) COMMERCIAL FILMING ACTIVITIES.—

25 A permit issued under subparagraph (B) shall

1 be valid for commercial filming activities or
2 similar projects that occur in areas designated
3 for public use during public hours on all Fed-
4 eral land and waterways administered by the
5 Secretary for a 1-year period beginning on the
6 date of issuance of the permit.

7 “(D) NO ADDITIONAL FEES.—For persons
8 holding a permit issued under this paragraph,
9 during the effective period of the permit, the
10 Secretary shall not assess any fees in addition
11 to the fee assessed under subparagraph (B).

12 “(E) USE OF CAMERAS.—The Secretary
13 shall not prohibit, as a mechanized apparatus
14 or under any other purposes, use of cameras or
15 related equipment used for the purpose of com-
16 mercial filming activities or similar projects in
17 accordance with this paragraph on Federal land
18 and waterways administered by the Secretary.

19 “(F) NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.—A film
20 crew of 5 persons or fewer subject to a permit
21 issued under this paragraph shall notify the ap-
22 plicable land management agency with jurisdic-
23 tion over the Federal land at least 48 hours be-
24 fore entering the Federal land.

1 “(G) DENIAL OF ACCESS.—The head of
2 the applicable land management agency may
3 deny access to a film crew under this paragraph
4 if—

5 “(i) there is a likelihood of resource
6 damage that cannot be mitigated;

7 “(ii) there would be an unreasonable
8 disruption of the use and enjoyment of the
9 site by the public;

10 “(iii) the activity poses health or safe-
11 ty risks to the public; or

12 “(iv) the filming includes the use of
13 models or props that are not part of the
14 natural or cultural resources or adminis-
15 trative facilities of the Federal land.”; and

16 (2) in the first sentence of subsection (b)—

17 (A) by striking “collect any costs” and in-
18 serting “recover any costs”; and

19 (B) by striking “similar project” and in-
20 serting “similar projects”.

21 **SEC. 103. FEDERAL ACTION TRANSPARENCY.**

22 (a) MODIFICATION OF EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE
23 PROVISIONS.—

24 (1) AGENCY PROCEEDINGS.—Section 504 of
25 title 5, United States Code, is amended—

1 (A) in subsection (e)(1), by striking “,
2 United States Code”;

3 (B) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-
4 section (i); and

5 (C) by striking subsection (e) and inserting
6 the following:

7 “(e)(1) Not later than March 31 of the first fiscal
8 year beginning after the date of enactment of the Bipar-
9 tisan Sportsmen’s Act of 2015, and every fiscal year there-
10 after, the Chairman of the Administrative Conference of
11 the United States, after consultation with the Chief Coun-
12 sel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration,
13 shall submit to Congress and make publicly available on-
14 line a report on the amount of fees and other expenses
15 awarded during the preceding fiscal year under this sec-
16 tion.

17 “(2) Each report under paragraph (1) shall describe
18 the number, nature, and amount of the awards, the claims
19 involved in the controversy, and any other relevant infor-
20 mation that may aid Congress in evaluating the scope and
21 impact of such awards.

22 “(3)(A) Each report under paragraph (1) shall ac-
23 count for all payments of fees and other expenses awarded
24 under this section that are made pursuant to a settlement
25 agreement, regardless of whether the settlement agree-

1 ment is sealed or otherwise subject to a nondisclosure pro-
2 vision.

3 ~~“(B) The disclosure of fees and other expenses re-~~
4 ~~quired under subparagraph (A) shall not affect any other~~
5 ~~information that is subject to a nondisclosure provision in~~
6 ~~a settlement agreement.~~

7 ~~“(f) As soon as practicable, and in any event not later~~
8 ~~than the date on which the first report under subsection~~
9 ~~(e)(1) is required to be submitted, the Chairman of the~~
10 ~~Administrative Conference of the United States shall cre-~~
11 ~~ate and maintain online a searchable database containing,~~
12 ~~with respect to each award of fees and other expenses~~
13 ~~under this section made on or after the date of enactment~~
14 ~~of the Bipartisan Sportsmen’s Act of 2015, the following~~
15 ~~information:~~

16 ~~“(1) The case name and number of the adver-~~
17 ~~sary adjudication, if available, hyperlinked to the~~
18 ~~case, if available.~~

19 ~~“(2) The name of the agency involved in the~~
20 ~~adversary adjudication.~~

21 ~~“(3) A description of the claims in the adver-~~
22 ~~sary adjudication.~~

23 ~~“(4) The name of each party to whom the~~
24 ~~award was made.~~

25 ~~“(5) The amount of the award.~~

1 ~~“(6) The basis for the finding that the position~~
2 ~~of the agency concerned was not substantially justi-~~
3 ~~fied.~~

4 ~~“(g) The online searchable database described in sub-~~
5 ~~section (f) may not reveal any information the disclosure~~
6 ~~of which is prohibited by law or a court order.~~

7 ~~“(h) The head of each agency shall provide to the~~
8 ~~Chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United~~
9 ~~States in a timely manner all information requested by~~
10 ~~the Chairman to comply with the requirements of sub-~~
11 ~~sections (e), (f), and (g).”.~~

12 ~~(2) COURT CASES.—Section 2412(d) of title 28,~~
13 ~~United States Code, is amended by adding at the~~
14 ~~end the following:~~

15 ~~“(5)(A) Not later than March 31 of the first fiscal~~
16 ~~year beginning after the date of enactment of the Bipar-~~
17 ~~tisan Sportsmen’s Act of 2015, and every fiscal year there-~~
18 ~~after, the Chairman of the Administrative Conference of~~
19 ~~the United States shall submit to Congress and make pub-~~
20 ~~licly available online a report on the amount of fees and~~
21 ~~other expenses awarded during the preceding fiscal year~~
22 ~~pursuant to this subsection.~~

23 ~~“(B) Each report under subparagraph (A) shall de-~~
24 ~~scribe the number, nature, and amount of the awards, the~~
25 ~~claims involved in the controversy, and any other relevant~~

1 information that may aid Congress in evaluating the scope
2 and impact of such awards.

3 “(C)(i) Each report under subparagraph (A) shall ac-
4 count for all payments of fees and other expenses awarded
5 under this subsection that are made pursuant to a settle-
6 ment agreement, regardless of whether the settlement
7 agreement is sealed or otherwise subject to a nondisclosure
8 provision.

9 “(ii) The disclosure of fees and other expenses re-
10 quired under clause (i) shall not affect any other informa-
11 tion that is subject to a nondisclosure provision in a settle-
12 ment agreement.

13 “(D) The Chairman of the Administrative Conference
14 of the United States shall include and clearly identify in
15 each annual report under subparagraph (A), for each case
16 in which an award of fees and other expenses is included
17 in the report—

18 “(i) any amounts paid under section 1304 of
19 title 31 for a judgment in the case;

20 “(ii) the amount of the award of fees and other
21 expenses; and

22 “(iii) the statute under which the plaintiff filed
23 suit.

24 “(6) As soon as practicable, and in any event not
25 later than the date on which the first report under para-

1 graph (5)(A) is required to be submitted, the Chairman
2 of the Administrative Conference of the United States
3 shall create and maintain online a searchable database
4 containing, with respect to each award of fees and other
5 expenses under this subsection made on or after the date
6 of enactment of the Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act of 2015,
7 the following information:

8 “(A) The case name and number, hyperlinked
9 to the case, if available.

10 “(B) The name of the agency involved in the
11 case.

12 “(C) The name of each party to whom the
13 award was made.

14 “(D) A description of the claims in the case.

15 “(E) The amount of the award.

16 “(F) The basis for the finding that the position
17 of the agency concerned was not substantially justi-
18 fied.

19 “(7) The online searchable database described in
20 paragraph (6) may not reveal any information the diselo-
21 sure of which is prohibited by law or a court order.

22 “(8) The head of each agency (including the Attorney
23 General of the United States) shall provide to the Chair-
24 man of the Administrative Conference of the United
25 States in a timely manner all information requested by

1 the Chairman to comply with the requirements of para-
 2 graphs (5), (6), and (7).”.

3 (3) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMEND-
 4 MENTS.—Section 2412 of title 28, United States
 5 Code, is amended—

6 (A) in subsection (d)(3), by striking
 7 “United States Code,”; and

8 (B) in subsection (e)—

9 (i) by striking “of section 2412 of
 10 title 28, United States Code,” and insert-
 11 ing “of this section”; and

12 (ii) by striking “of such title” and in-
 13 serting “of this title”.

14 (b) JUDGMENT FUND TRANSPARENCY.—Section
 15 1304 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by add-
 16 ing at the end the following:

17 “(d) Beginning not later than the date that is 60
 18 days after the date of enactment of the Bipartisan Sports-
 19 men’s Act of 2015, and unless the disclosure of such infor-
 20 mation is otherwise prohibited by law or a court order,
 21 the Secretary of the Treasury shall make available to the
 22 public on a website, as soon as practicable, but not later
 23 than 30 days after the date on which a payment under
 24 this section is tendered, the following information with re-
 25 gard to that payment:

1 ~~“(1) The name of the specific agency or entity~~
2 ~~whose actions gave rise to the claim or judgment.~~

3 ~~“(2) The name of the plaintiff or claimant.~~

4 ~~“(3) The name of counsel for the plaintiff or~~
5 ~~claimant.~~

6 ~~“(4) The amount paid representing principal li-~~
7 ~~ability, and any amounts paid representing any an-~~
8 ~~ciillary liability, including attorney fees, costs, and~~
9 ~~interest.~~

10 ~~“(5) A brief description of the facts that gave~~
11 ~~rise to the claim.~~

12 ~~“(6) The name of the agency that submitted~~
13 ~~the claim.”.~~

14 **SEC. 104. BOWS IN THE PARKS.**

15 (a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

16 (1) **DIRECTOR.**—The term “Director” means
17 the Director of the National Park Service.

18 (2) **NOT READY FOR IMMEDIATE USE.**—The
19 term “not ready for immediate use” means—

20 (A) a bow or crossbow, the arrows of which
21 are secured or stowed in a quiver or other
22 arrow transport case; and

23 (B) with respect to a crossbow, uncocked.

24 (b) **VEHICULAR TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED.**—

25 The Director shall not promulgate or enforce any regula-

1 tion that prohibits an individual from transporting bows
 2 and crossbows that are not ready for immediate use across
 3 any unit of the National Park System in the vehicle of
 4 the individual if—

5 (1) the individual is not otherwise prohibited by
 6 law from possessing the bows and crossbows;

7 (2) the bows or crossbows that are not ready
 8 for immediate use remain inside the vehicle of the
 9 individual throughout the period during which the
 10 bows or crossbows are transported across National
 11 Park System land; and

12 (3) the possession of the bows and crossbows is
 13 in compliance with the law of the State in which the
 14 unit of the National Park System is located.

15 **TITLE II—HABITAT**

16 **CONSERVATION**

17 **SEC. 201. AVAILABILITY OF LAND AND WATER CONSERVA-**
 18 **TION FUND FOR RECREATIONAL PUBLIC AC-**
 19 **CESS PROJECTS.**

20 (a) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Section 200303 of
 21 title 54, United States Code, is amended to read as fol-
 22 lows:

23 **“§ 200303. Availability of funds for certain projects**

24 **“Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the**
 25 **Secretary and the Secretary of Agriculture shall ensure**

1 that, of the amounts appropriated for the fund for each
 2 fiscal year, not less than the greater of 1.5 percent of the
 3 amounts or \$10,000,000 shall be made available for
 4 projects that secure public access to Federal land for hunt-
 5 ing, fishing, and other recreational purposes through ease-
 6 ments, rights-of-way, or fee title acquisitions from willing
 7 sellers.”.

8 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

9 (1) AVAILABILITY OF DEPOSITS.—Section
 10 200302(e)(3) of title 54, United States Code, is
 11 amended by striking “Notwithstanding section
 12 200303 of this title, money” and inserting “Money”.

13 (2) CONTRACTS FOR ACQUISITION OF LAND
 14 AND WATER.—Section 200308 of title 54, United
 15 States Code, is amended in the first sentence, by
 16 striking “by section 200303 of this title”.

17 (3) CONTRACTS FOR OPTIONS TO ACQUIRE
 18 LAND AND WATER IN SYSTEM.—Section 200309 of
 19 title 54, United States Code, is amended in the third
 20 sentence by striking “by section 200303 of this
 21 title”.

22 **SEC. 202. IDENTIFYING OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECREATION,**
 23 **HUNTING, AND FISHING ON FEDERAL LAND.**

24 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) FEDERAL PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT
2 AGENCY.—The term “Federal public land manage-
3 ment agency” means any of the National Park Serv-
4 ice, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the
5 Forest Service, and the Bureau of Land Manage-
6 ment.

7 (2) STATE OR REGIONAL OFFICE.—The term
8 “State or regional office” means—

9 (A) a State office of the Bureau of Land
10 Management; or

11 (B) a regional office of the National Park
12 Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife
13 Service, or the Forest Service.

14 (3) TRAVEL MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The term
15 “travel management plan” means a plan for the
16 management of travel—

17 (A) with respect to land under the jurisdic-
18 tion of the National Park Service, on park
19 roads and designated routes under section 4.10
20 of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations (or suc-
21 cessor regulations);

22 (B) with respect to land under the jurisdic-
23 tion of the United States Fish and Wildlife
24 Service, on the land under a comprehensive con-
25 servation plan prepared under section 4(e) of

1 the National Wildlife Refuge System Adminis-
2 tration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd(e));

3 (C) with respect to land under the jurisdic-
4 tion of the Forest Service, on National Forest
5 System land under part 212 of title 36, Code
6 of Federal Regulations (or successor regula-
7 tions); and

8 (D) with respect to land under the jurisdic-
9 tion of the Bureau of Land Management, under
10 a resource management plan developed under
11 the Federal Land Policy and Management Act
12 of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.).

13 (b) PRIORITY LISTS REQUIRED.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
15 after the date of enactment of this Act, annually
16 during the 10-year period beginning on the date on
17 which the first priority list is completed, and every
18 5 years after the end of the 10-year period, each
19 head of each State or regional office shall prepare a
20 priority list, to be made publicly available on the
21 website of the applicable Federal public land man-
22 agement agency, which shall identify the location
23 and acreage of land under the jurisdiction of the
24 State or regional office on which the public is at-

1 lowed, under Federal or State law, to hunt, fish, or
2 use the land for other recreational purposes but—

3 (A) to which there is no public access or
4 egress; or

5 (B) to which public access or egress to the
6 legal boundaries of the land is significantly re-
7 stricted (as determined by the head of the State
8 or regional office).

9 (2) ~~MINIMUM SIZE.~~—Any land identified under
10 paragraph (1) shall consist of contiguous acreage of
11 at least 640 acres.

12 (3) ~~CONSIDERATIONS.~~—In preparing the pri-
13 ority list required under paragraph (1), the head of
14 the State or regional office shall consider with re-
15 spect to the land—

16 (A) whether access is absent or merely re-
17 stricted, including the extent of the restriction;

18 (B) the likelihood of resolving the absence
19 of or restriction to public access;

20 (C) the potential for recreational use;

21 (D) any information received from the
22 public or other stakeholders during the nomina-
23 tion process described in paragraph (5); and

24 (E) any other factor as determined by the
25 head of the State or regional office.

1 (4) ADJACENT LAND STATUS.—For each parcel
2 of land on the priority list, the head of the State or
3 regional office shall state whether resolving the issue
4 of public access or egress to the land would require
5 acquisition of an easement, right-of-way, or fee title
6 from—

7 (A) another Federal agency;

8 (B) a State, local, or tribal government; or

9 (C) a private landowner.

10 (5) NOMINATION PROCESS.—In preparing a pri-
11 ority list under this section, the head of the State
12 or regional office shall provide an opportunity for
13 members of the public to nominate parcels for inclu-
14 sion on the priority list.

15 (c) ACCESS OPTIONS.—With respect to land included
16 on a priority list described in subsection (b), the head of
17 the State or regional office shall develop and submit to
18 the Committees on Appropriations and Energy and Nat-
19 ural Resources of the Senate and the Committees on Ap-
20 propriations and Natural Resources of the House of Rep-
21 resentatives a report on options for providing access
22 that—

23 (1) identifies how public access and egress
24 could reasonably be provided to the legal boundaries

1 of the land in a manner that minimizes the impact
2 on wildlife habitat and water quality;

3 ~~(2)~~ specifies the steps recommended to secure
4 the access and egress, including acquiring an ease-
5 ment, right-of-way, or fee title from a willing owner
6 of any land that abuts the land or the need to co-
7 ordinate with State land management agencies or
8 other Federal, State, or tribal governments to allow
9 for such access and egress; and

10 ~~(3)~~ is consistent with the travel management
11 plan in effect on the land.

12 ~~(d) PROTECTION OF PERSONALLY IDENTIFYING IN-~~
13 ~~FORMATION.—~~In making the priority list and report pre-
14 pared under subsections (b) and (c) available, the head
15 of the State or regional office shall ensure that no person-
16 ally identifying information is included, such as names or
17 addresses of individuals or entities.

18 ~~(e) WILLING OWNERS.—~~For purposes of providing
19 any permits to, or entering into agreements with, a State,
20 local, or tribal government or private landowner with re-
21 spect to the use of land under the jurisdiction of the gov-
22 ernment or landowner, a Federal land management agen-
23 cy shall not take into account whether the State, local,
24 or tribal government or private landowner has granted or
25 denied public access or egress to the land.

1 (f) MEANS OF PUBLIC ACCESS AND EGRESS IN-
 2 ELUDED.—In considering public access and egress under
 3 subsections (b) and (c), the head of the applicable Federal
 4 public land management agency shall consider public ac-
 5 cess and egress to the legal boundaries of the land de-
 6 scribed in those subsections, including access and egress—

7 (1) by motorized or non-motorized vehicles; and

8 (2) on foot or horseback.

9 (g) EFFECT.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—This section shall have no
 11 effect on whether a particular recreational use shall
 12 be allowed on the land included in a priority list
 13 under this section.

14 (2) EFFECT OF ALLOWABLE USES ON AGENCY
 15 CONSIDERATION.—In preparing the priority list
 16 under subsection (b), the head of the applicable
 17 State or regional office shall only consider rec-
 18 reational uses that are allowed on the land at the
 19 time that the priority list is prepared.

20 **SEC. 203. FEDERAL LAND TRANSACTION FACILITATION**
 21 **ACT.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Federal Land Transaction
 23 Facilitation Act is amended—

1 (1) in section 203(2) (~~43 U.S.C. 2302(2)~~), by
2 striking “on the date of enactment of this Act was”
3 and inserting “is”;

4 (2) in section 205 (~~43 U.S.C. 2304~~)—

5 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “(as in
6 effect on the date of enactment of this Act)”;

7 and

8 (B) by striking subsection (d);

9 (3) in section 206 (~~43 U.S.C. 2305~~), by striking
10 subsection (f); and

11 (4) in section 207(b) (~~43 U.S.C. 2306(b)~~)—

12 (A) in paragraph (1)—

13 (i) by striking “96-568” and insert-
14 ing “96-586”; and

15 (ii) by striking “; or” and inserting a
16 semicolon;

17 (B) in paragraph (2)—

18 (i) by inserting “Public Law 105-
19 263,” before “112 Stat.”; and

20 (ii) by striking the period at the end
21 and inserting a semicolon; and

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

23 “~~(3) the White Pine County Conservation,~~
24 ~~Recreation, and Development Act of 2006 (Public~~
25 ~~Law 109-432; 120 Stat. 3028);~~”

1 “(4) the Lincoln County Conservation, Recre-
2 ation, and Development Act of 2004 (Public Law
3 108–424; 118 Stat. 2403);

4 “(5) subtitle F of title I of the Omnibus Public
5 Land Management Act of 2009 (16 U.S.C. 1132
6 note; Public Law 111–11);

7 “(6) subtitle O of title I of the Omnibus Public
8 Land Management Act of 2009 (16 U.S.C. 460www
9 note, 1132 note; Public Law 111–11);

10 “(7) section 2601 of the Omnibus Public Land
11 Management Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–11; 123
12 Stat. 1108); or

13 “(8) section 2606 of the Omnibus Public Land
14 Management Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–11; 123
15 Stat. 1121).”.

16 (b) FUNDS TO THE TREASURY.—Of the amounts de-
17 posited in the Federal Land Disposal Account, there shall
18 be transferred to the Treasury \$1,000,000 for each of fis-
19 cal years 2016 through 2025.

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

21 (a) *SHORT TITLE.*—*This Act may be cited as the*
22 *“Sportsmen’s Act of 2015”.*

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

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

*TITLE I—NATIONAL POLICY**Sec. 101. Congressional declaration of national policy.**TITLE II—SPORTSMEN'S ACCESS TO FEDERAL LAND**Sec. 201. Definitions.**Sec. 202. Federal land open to hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting.**Sec. 203. Closure of Federal land to hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting.**Sec. 204. Shooting ranges.**Sec. 205. Federal action transparency.**TITLE III—FILMING ON FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY
LAND**Sec. 301. Commercial filming.**TITLE IV—BOWS, WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT, AND ACCESS
OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECREATION, HUNTING, AND FISHING**Sec. 401. Bows in parks.**Sec. 402. Wildlife management in parks.**Sec. 403. Identifying opportunities for recreation, hunting, and fishing on Federal land.**TITLE V—FEDERAL LAND TRANSACTION FACILITATION ACT**Sec. 501. Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act.**TITLE VI—CONSERVATION REAUTHORIZATION**Sec. 601. National Park Service Maintenance and Revitalization Conservation Fund.**Sec. 602. Land and Water Conservation Fund.**Sec. 603. Historic Preservation Fund.**TITLE VII—MISCELLANEOUS**Sec. 701. Respect for treaties and rights.**Sec. 702. No priority.***1 TITLE I—NATIONAL POLICY****2 SEC. 101. CONGRESSIONAL DECLARATION OF NATIONAL**
3 POLICY.**4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Congress declares that it is the pol-**
5 icity of the United States that Federal departments and agen-
6 cies, in accordance with the missions of the departments
7 and agencies, Executive Orders 12962 and 13443 (60 Fed.

1 *Reg. 30769 (June 7, 1995); 72 Fed. Reg. 46537 (August*
2 *16, 2007)), and applicable law, shall—*

3 *(1) facilitate the expansion and enhancement of*
4 *hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting opportuni-*
5 *ties on Federal land, in consultation with the Wildlife*
6 *and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council, the*
7 *Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council,*
8 *State and tribal fish and wildlife agencies, and the*
9 *public;*

10 *(2) conserve and enhance aquatic systems and*
11 *the management of game species and the habitat of*
12 *those species on Federal land, including through*
13 *hunting and fishing, in a manner that respects—*

14 *(A) State management authority over wild-*
15 *life resources; and*

16 *(B) private property rights; and*

17 *(3) consider hunting, fishing, and recreational*
18 *shooting opportunities as part of all Federal plans for*
19 *land, resource, and travel management.*

20 *(b) EXCLUSION.—In this Act, the term “fishing” does*
21 *not include commercial fishing in which fish are harvested,*
22 *either in whole or in part, that are intended to enter com-*
23 *merce through sale.*

1 **TITLE II—SPORTSMEN’S ACCESS**
2 **TO FEDERAL LAND**

3 **SEC. 201. DEFINITIONS.**

4 *In this title:*

5 (1) *FEDERAL LAND.*—*The term “Federal land”*
6 *means—*

7 (A) *any land in the National Forest System*
8 *(as defined in section 11(a) of the Forest and*
9 *Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of*
10 *1974 (16 U.S.C. 1609(a)) that is administered*
11 *by the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through*
12 *the Chief of the Forest Service; and*

13 (B) *public lands (as defined in section 103*
14 *of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act*
15 *of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1702)), the surface of which*
16 *is administered by the Secretary of the Interior,*
17 *acting through the Director of the Bureau of*
18 *Land Management.*

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

21 (A) *the Secretary of Agriculture, with re-*
22 *spect to land described in paragraph (1)(A); and*

23 (B) *the Secretary of the Interior, with re-*
24 *spect to land described in paragraph (1)(B).*

1 **SEC. 202. FEDERAL LAND OPEN TO HUNTING, FISHING, AND**
2 **RECREATIONAL SHOOTING.**

3 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Subject to subsection (b), Federal
4 land shall be open to hunting, fishing, and recreational
5 shooting, in accordance with applicable law, unless the Sec-
6 retary concerned closes an area in accordance with section
7 203.

8 (b) *EFFECT OF TITLE.*—Nothing in this title opens to
9 hunting, fishing, or recreational shooting any land that is
10 not open to those activities as of the date of enactment of
11 this Act.

12 **SEC. 203. CLOSURE OF FEDERAL LAND TO HUNTING, FISH-**
13 **ING, AND RECREATIONAL SHOOTING.**

14 (a) *AUTHORIZATION.*—

15 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Subject to paragraph (2) and
16 in accordance with section 302(b) of the Federal Land
17 Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.
18 1732(b)), the Secretary concerned may designate any
19 area on Federal land in which, and establish any pe-
20 riod during which, for reasons of public safety, ad-
21 ministration, or compliance with applicable laws, no
22 hunting, fishing, or recreational shooting shall be per-
23 mitted.

24 (2) *REQUIREMENT.*—In making a designation
25 under paragraph (1), the Secretary concerned shall
26 designate the smallest area for the least amount of

1 *time that is required for public safety, administra-*
2 *tion, or compliance with applicable laws.*

3 *(b) CLOSURE PROCEDURES.—*

4 *(1) IN GENERAL.—Except in an emergency, be-*
5 *fore permanently or temporarily closing any Federal*
6 *land to hunting, fishing, or recreational shooting, the*
7 *Secretary concerned shall—*

8 *(A) consult with State fish and wildlife*
9 *agencies; and*

10 *(B) provide public notice and opportunity*
11 *for comment under paragraph (2).*

12 *(2) PUBLIC NOTICE AND COMMENT.—*

13 *(A) IN GENERAL.—Public notice and com-*
14 *ment shall include—*

15 *(i) a notice of intent—*

16 *(I) published in advance of the*
17 *public comment period for the clo-*
18 *sure—*

19 *(aa) in the Federal Register;*

20 *(bb) on the website of the ap-*
21 *plicable Federal agency;*

22 *(cc) on the website of the*
23 *Federal land unit, if available;*
24 *and*

1 *(dd) in at least 1 local news-*
2 *paper;*

3 *(II) made available in advance of*
4 *the public comment period to local of-*
5 *fices, chapters, and affiliate organiza-*
6 *tions in the vicinity of the closure that*
7 *are signatories to the memorandum of*
8 *understanding entitled “Federal Lands*
9 *Hunting, Fishing, and Shooting*
10 *Sports Roundtable Memorandum of*
11 *Understanding”;* and

12 *(III) that describes—*

13 *(aa) the proposed closure;*
14 *and*

15 *(bb) the justification for the*
16 *proposed closure, including an ex-*
17 *planation of the reasons and ne-*
18 *cessity for the decision to close the*
19 *area to hunting, fishing, or rec-*
20 *reational shooting; and*

21 *(ii) an opportunity for public comment*
22 *for a period of—*

23 *(I) not less than 60 days for a*
24 *permanent closure; or*

1 (II) *not less than 30 days for a*
2 *temporary closure.*

3 (B) *FINAL DECISION.*—*In a final decision*
4 *to permanently or temporarily close an area to*
5 *hunting, fishing, or recreation shooting, the Sec-*
6 *retary concerned shall—*

7 (i) *respond in a reasoned manner to*
8 *the comments received;*

9 (ii) *explain how the Secretary con-*
10 *cerned resolved any significant issues raised*
11 *by the comments; and*

12 (iii) *show how the resolution led to the*
13 *closure.*

14 (c) *TEMPORARY CLOSURES.*—

15 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*A temporary closure under*
16 *this section may not exceed a period of 180 days.*

17 (2) *RENEWAL.*—*Except in an emergency, a tem-*
18 *porary closure for the same area of land closed to the*
19 *same activities—*

20 (A) *may not be renewed more than 3 times*
21 *after the first temporary closure; and*

22 (B) *must be subject to a separate notice and*
23 *comment procedure in accordance with sub-*
24 *section (b)(2).*

1 (3) *EFFECT OF TEMPORARY CLOSURE.*—Any
2 *Federal land that is temporarily closed to hunting,*
3 *fishing, or recreational shooting under this section*
4 *shall not become permanently closed to that activity*
5 *without a separate public notice and opportunity to*
6 *comment in accordance with subsection (b)(2).*

7 (d) *REPORTING.*—On an annual basis, the Secretaries
8 concerned shall—

9 (1) *publish on a public website a list of all areas*
10 *of Federal land temporarily or permanently subject to*
11 *a closure under this section; and*

12 (2) *submit to the Committee on Energy and Nat-*
13 *ural Resources and the Committee on Agriculture,*
14 *Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate and the Com-*
15 *mittee on Natural Resources and the Committee on*
16 *Agriculture of the House of Representatives a report*
17 *that identifies—*

18 (A) *a list of each area of Federal land tem-*
19 *porarily or permanently subject to a closure;*

20 (B) *the acreage of each closure; and*

21 (C) *a survey of—*

22 (i) *the aggregate areas and acreage*
23 *closed under this section in each State; and*

24 (ii) *the percentage of Federal land in*
25 *each State closed under this section with re-*

1 *spect to hunting, fishing, and recreational*
2 *shooting.*

3 (e) *APPLICATION.*—*This section shall not apply if the*
4 *closure is—*

5 (1) *less than 14 days in duration; and*

6 (2) *covered by a special use permit.*

7 **SEC. 204. SHOOTING RANGES.**

8 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Except as provided in subsection*
9 *(b), the Secretary concerned may, in accordance with this*
10 *section and other applicable law, lease or permit the use*
11 *of Federal land for a shooting range.*

12 (b) *EXCEPTION.*—*The Secretary concerned shall not*
13 *lease or permit the use of Federal land for a shooting range,*
14 *within—*

15 (1) *a component of the National Landscape Con-*
16 *servation System;*

17 (2) *a component of the National Wilderness Pres-*
18 *ervation System;*

19 (3) *any area that is—*

20 (A) *designated as a wilderness study area;*

21 (B) *administratively classified as—*

22 (i) *wilderness-eligible; or*

23 (ii) *wilderness-suitable; or*

24 (C) *a primitive or semiprimitive area;*

1 (4) *a national monument, national volcanic*
2 *monument, or national scenic area; or*

3 (5) *a component of the National Wild and Sce-*
4 *nic Rivers System (including areas designated for*
5 *study for potential addition to the National Wild and*
6 *Scenic Rivers System).*

7 **SEC. 205. FEDERAL ACTION TRANSPARENCY.**

8 (a) *MODIFICATION OF EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE*
9 *PROVISIONS.—*

10 (1) *AGENCY PROCEEDINGS.—Section 504 of title*
11 *5, United States Code, is amended—*

12 (A) *in subsection (c)(1), by striking “,*
13 *United States Code”;*

14 (B) *by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-*
15 *section (i); and*

16 (C) *by striking subsection (e) and inserting*
17 *the following:*

18 “(e)(1) *Not later than March 31 of the first fiscal year*
19 *beginning after the date of enactment of the Sportsmen’s*
20 *Act of 2015, and every fiscal year thereafter, the Chairman*
21 *of the Administrative Conference of the United States, after*
22 *consultation with the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the*
23 *Small Business Administration, shall submit to Congress*
24 *and make publicly available online a report on the amount*

1 *of fees and other expenses awarded during the preceding fis-*
2 *cal year under this section.*

3 “(2) *Each report under paragraph (1) shall describe*
4 *the number, nature, and amount of the awards, the claims*
5 *involved in the controversy, and any other relevant infor-*
6 *mation that may aid Congress in evaluating the scope and*
7 *impact of such awards.*

8 “(3)(A) *Each report under paragraph (1) shall ac-*
9 *count for all payments of fees and other expenses awarded*
10 *under this section that are made pursuant to a settlement*
11 *agreement, regardless of whether the settlement agreement*
12 *is sealed or otherwise subject to a nondisclosure provision.*

13 “(B) *The disclosure of fees and other expenses required*
14 *under subparagraph (A) shall not affect any other informa-*
15 *tion that is subject to a nondisclosure provision in a settle-*
16 *ment agreement.*

17 “(f) *As soon as practicable, and in any event not later*
18 *than the date on which the first report under subsection*
19 *(e)(1) is required to be submitted, the Chairman of the Ad-*
20 *ministrative Conference of the United States shall create*
21 *and maintain online a searchable database containing,*
22 *with respect to each award of fees and other expenses under*
23 *this section made on or after the date of enactment of the*
24 *Sportsmen’s Act of 2015, the following information:*

1 “(1) *The case name and number of the adversary*
2 *adjudication, if available, hyperlinked to the case, if*
3 *available.*

4 “(2) *The name of the agency involved in the ad-*
5 *versary adjudication.*

6 “(3) *A description of the claims in the adversary*
7 *adjudication.*

8 “(4) *The name of each party to whom the award*
9 *was made.*

10 “(5) *The amount of the award.*

11 “(6) *The basis for the finding that the position*
12 *of the agency concerned was not substantially justi-*
13 *fied.*

14 “(g) *The online searchable database described in sub-*
15 *section (f) may not reveal any information the disclosure*
16 *of which is prohibited by law or a court order.*

17 “(h) *The head of each agency shall provide to the*
18 *Chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United*
19 *States in a timely manner all information requested by the*
20 *Chairman to comply with the requirements of subsections*
21 *(e), (f), and (g).”.*

22 (2) *COURT CASES.—Section 2412(d) of title 28,*
23 *United States Code, is amended by adding at the end*
24 *the following:*

1 “(5)(A) Not later than March 31 of the first fiscal year
2 beginning after the date of enactment of the Sportsmen’s
3 Act of 2015, and every fiscal year thereafter, the Chairman
4 of the Administrative Conference of the United States shall
5 submit to Congress and make publicly available online a
6 report on the amount of fees and other expenses awarded
7 during the preceding fiscal year pursuant to this subsection.

8 “(B) Each report under subparagraph (A) shall de-
9 scribe the number, nature, and amount of the awards, the
10 claims involved in the controversy, and any other relevant
11 information that may aid Congress in evaluating the scope
12 and impact of such awards.

13 “(C)(i) Each report under subparagraph (A) shall ac-
14 count for all payments of fees and other expenses awarded
15 under this subsection that are made pursuant to a settle-
16 ment agreement, regardless of whether the settlement agree-
17 ment is sealed or otherwise subject to a nondisclosure provi-
18 sion.

19 “(ii) The disclosure of fees and other expenses required
20 under clause (i) shall not affect any other information that
21 is subject to a nondisclosure provision in a settlement agree-
22 ment.

23 “(D) The Chairman of the Administrative Conference
24 of the United States shall include and clearly identify in
25 each annual report under subparagraph (A), for each case

1 *in which an award of fees and other expenses is included*
2 *in the report—*

3 “(i) *any amounts paid under section 1304 of*
4 *title 31 for a judgment in the case;*

5 “(ii) *the amount of the award of fees and other*
6 *expenses; and*

7 “(iii) *the statute under which the plaintiff filed*
8 *suit.*

9 “(6) *As soon as practicable, and in any event not later*
10 *than the date on which the first report under paragraph*
11 *(5)(A) is required to be submitted, the Chairman of the Ad-*
12 *ministrative Conference of the United States shall create*
13 *and maintain online a searchable database containing,*
14 *with respect to each award of fees and other expenses under*
15 *this subsection made on or after the date of enactment of*
16 *the Sportsmen’s Act of 2015, the following information:*

17 “(A) *The case name and number, hyperlinked to*
18 *the case, if available.*

19 “(B) *The name of the agency involved in the*
20 *case.*

21 “(C) *The name of each party to whom the award*
22 *was made.*

23 “(D) *A description of the claims in the case.*

24 “(E) *The amount of the award.*

1 “(F) *The basis for the finding that the position*
2 *of the agency concerned was not substantially justi-*
3 *fied.*

4 “(7) *The online searchable database described in para-*
5 *graph (6) may not reveal any information the disclosure*
6 *of which is prohibited by law or a court order.*

7 “(8) *The head of each agency (including the Attorney*
8 *General of the United States) shall provide to the Chairman*
9 *of the Administrative Conference of the United States in*
10 *a timely manner all information requested by the Chair-*
11 *man to comply with the requirements of paragraphs (5),*
12 *(6), and (7).”.*

13 (3) *TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMEND-*
14 *MENTS.—Section 2412 of title 28, United States Code,*
15 *is amended—*

16 (A) *in subsection (d)(3), by striking*
17 *“United States Code,”; and*

18 (B) *in subsection (e)—*

19 (i) *by striking “of section 2412 of title*
20 *28, United States Code,” and inserting “of*
21 *this section”; and*

22 (ii) *by striking “of such title” and in-*
23 *serting “of this title”.*

1 (b) *JUDGMENT FUND TRANSPARENCY.*—*Section 1304*
2 *of title 31, United States Code, is amended by adding at*
3 *the end the following:*

4 “(d) *Beginning not later than the date that is 60 days*
5 *after the date of enactment of the Sportsmen’s Act of 2015,*
6 *and unless the disclosure of such information is otherwise*
7 *prohibited by law or a court order, the Secretary of the*
8 *Treasury shall make available to the public on a website,*
9 *as soon as practicable, but not later than 30 days after the*
10 *date on which a payment under this section is tendered,*
11 *the following information with regard to that payment:*

12 “(1) *The name of the specific agency or entity*
13 *whose actions gave rise to the claim or judgment.*

14 “(2) *The name of the plaintiff or claimant.*

15 “(3) *The name of counsel for the plaintiff or*
16 *claimant.*

17 “(4) *The amount paid representing principal li-*
18 *ability, and any amounts paid representing any an-*
19 *cillary liability, including attorney fees, costs, and*
20 *interest.*

21 “(5) *A brief description of the facts that gave rise*
22 *to the claim.*

23 “(6) *The name of the agency that submitted the*
24 *claim.”.*

1 **TITLE III—FILMING ON FEDERAL**
 2 **LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY**
 3 **LAND**

4 **SEC. 301. COMMERCIAL FILMING.**

5 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 1 of Public Law 106–206
 6 (16 U.S.C. 460l–6d) is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating subsections (a) through (f)
 8 as subsections (b) through (g), respectively;

9 (2) by inserting before subsection (b) (as so re-
 10 designated) the following:

11 “(a) *DEFINITION OF SECRETARY.*—The term ‘Sec-
 12 retary’ means the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary
 13 of Agriculture, as applicable, with respect to land under
 14 the respective jurisdiction of the Secretary.”;

15 (3) in subsection (b) (as so redesignated)—

16 (A) in paragraph (1)—

17 (i) in the first sentence, by striking “of
 18 the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture
 19 (hereafter individually referred to as the
 20 ‘Secretary’ with respect to land (except land
 21 in a System unit as defined in section
 22 100102 of title 54, United States Code)
 23 under their respective jurisdictions)”;

24 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by inserting
 25 “, except in the case of film crews of 3 or

1 *fewer individuals” before the period at the*
2 *end; and*

3 *(B) by adding at the end the following:*

4 “(3) *FEE SCHEDULE.—Not later than 180 days*
5 *after the date of enactment of the Sportsmen’s Act of*
6 *2015, to enhance consistency in the management of*
7 *Federal land, the Secretaries shall publish a single*
8 *joint land use fee schedule for commercial filming and*
9 *still photography.”;*

10 *(4) in subsection (c) (as so redesignated), in the*
11 *second sentence, by striking “subsection (a)” and in-*
12 *serting “subsection (b)”;*

13 *(5) in subsection (d) (as so redesignated), in the*
14 *heading, by inserting “Commercial” before “Still”;*

15 *(6) in paragraph (1) of subsection (f) (as so re-*
16 *designated), by inserting “in accordance with the*
17 *Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16*
18 *U.S.C. 6801 et seq.),” after “without further appro-*
19 *priation,”;*

20 *(7) in subsection (g) (as so redesignated)—*

21 *(A) by striking “The Secretary shall” and*
22 *inserting the following:*

23 *“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall”; and*

24 *(B) by adding at the end the following:*

1 “(2) *CONSIDERATIONS.*—*The Secretary shall not*
2 *consider subject matter or content as a criterion for*
3 *issuing or denying a permit under this Act.*”; and

4 (8) *by adding at the end the following:*

5 “(h) *EXEMPTION FROM COMMERCIAL FILMING OR*
6 *STILL PHOTOGRAPHY PERMITS AND FEES.*—*The Secretary*
7 *shall not require persons holding commercial use authoriza-*
8 *tions or special recreation permits to obtain an additional*
9 *permit or pay a fee for commercial filming or still photog-*
10 *raphy under this Act if the filming or photography con-*
11 *ducted is—*

12 “(1) *incidental to the permitted activity that is*
13 *the subject of the commercial use authorization or spe-*
14 *cial recreation permit; and*

15 “(2) *the holder of the commercial use authoriza-*
16 *tion or special recreation permit is an individual or*
17 *small business concern (within the meaning of section*
18 *3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632)).*

19 “(i) *EXCEPTION FROM CERTAIN FEES.*—*Commercial*
20 *filming or commercial still photography shall be exempt*
21 *from fees under this Act, but not from recovery of costs*
22 *under subsection (c), if the activity—*

23 “(1) *is conducted by an entity that is a small*
24 *business concern (within the meaning of section 3 of*
25 *the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632));*

1 “(2) is conducted by a crew of not more than 3
2 individuals; and

3 “(3) uses only a camera and tripod.

4 “(j) *APPLICABILITY TO NEWS GATHERING ACTIVI-*
5 *TIES.*—

6 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*News gathering shall not be*
7 *considered a commercial activity.*

8 “(2) *INCLUDED ACTIVITIES.*—*In this subsection,*
9 *the term ‘news gathering’ includes, at a minimum,*
10 *the gathering, recording, and filming of news and in-*
11 *formation related to news in any medium.”.*

12 (b) *CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.*—*Chapter 1009 of*
13 *title 54, United States Code, is amended—*

14 (1) *by striking section 100905; and*

15 (2) *in the table of contents, by striking the item*
16 *relating to section 100905.*

17 **TITLE IV—BOWS, WILDLIFE MAN-**
18 **AGEMENT, AND ACCESS OP-**
19 **PORTUNITIES FOR RECRE-**
20 **ATION, HUNTING, AND FISH-**
21 **ING**

22 **SEC. 401. BOWS IN PARKS.**

23 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Chapter 1049 of title 54, United*
24 *States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:*

1 **“§ 104908. Bows in parks**

2 “(a) *DEFINITION OF NOT READY FOR IMMEDIATE*
 3 *USE.*—*The term ‘not ready for immediate use’ means—*

4 “(1) *a bow or crossbow, the arrows of which are*
 5 *secured or stowed in a quiver or other arrow trans-*
 6 *port case; and*

7 “(2) *with respect to a crossbow, uncocked.*

8 “(b) *VEHICULAR TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED.*—
 9 *The Director shall not promulgate or enforce any regulation*
 10 *that prohibits an individual from transporting bows and*
 11 *crossbows that are not ready for immediate use across any*
 12 *System unit in the vehicle of the individual if—*

13 “(1) *the individual is not otherwise prohibited*
 14 *by law from possessing the bows and crossbows;*

15 “(2) *the bows or crossbows that are not ready for*
 16 *immediate use remain inside the vehicle of the indi-*
 17 *vidual throughout the period during which the bows*
 18 *or crossbows are transported across System land; and*

19 “(3) *the possession of the bows and crossbows is*
 20 *in compliance with the law of the State in which the*
 21 *System unit is located.”.*

22 (b) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—*The table of sections for*
 23 *chapter 1049 of title 54, United States Code, is amended*
 24 *by inserting after the item relating to section 104907 the*
 25 *following:*

“104908. *Bows in parks.*”.

1 **SEC. 402. WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT IN PARKS.**

2 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Chapter 1049 of title 54, United
3 States Code (as amended by section 401(a)), is amended
4 by adding at the end the following:

5 **“SEC. 104909. WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT IN PARKS.**

6 “(a) *USE OF QUALIFIED VOLUNTEERS.*—If the Sec-
7 retary determines it is necessary to reduce the size of a wild-
8 life population on System land in accordance with applica-
9 ble law (including regulations), the Secretary may use
10 qualified volunteers to assist in carrying out wildlife man-
11 agement on System land.

12 “(b) *REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALIFIED VOLUNTEERS.*—
13 Qualified volunteers providing assistance under subsection
14 (a) shall be subject to—

15 “(1) any training requirements or qualifications
16 established by the Secretary; and

17 “(2) any other terms and conditions that the
18 Secretary may require.”.

19 (b) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—The table of sections for
20 chapter 1049 of title 54 (as amended by section 401(b)),
21 United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item
22 relating to section 104907 the following:

“104909 . Wildlife management in parks. ”.

23 **SEC. 403. IDENTIFYING OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECREATION,**
24 **HUNTING, AND FISHING ON FEDERAL LAND.**

25 (a) *DEFINITIONS.*—In this section:

1 (1) *SECRETARY.*—*The term “Secretary”*
2 *means—*

3 (A) *the Secretary of the Interior, with re-*
4 *spect to land administered by—*

5 (i) *the Director of the National Park*
6 *Service;*

7 (ii) *the Director of the United States*
8 *Fish and Wildlife Service; and*

9 (iii) *the Director of the Bureau of*
10 *Land Management; and*

11 (B) *the Secretary of Agriculture, with re-*
12 *spect to land administered by the Chief of the*
13 *Forest Service.*

14 (2) *STATE OR REGIONAL OFFICE.*—*The term*
15 *“State or regional office” means—*

16 (A) *a State office of the Bureau of Land*
17 *Management; or*

18 (B) *a regional office of—*

19 (i) *the National Park Service;*

20 (ii) *the United States Fish and Wild-*
21 *life Service; or*

22 (iii) *the Forest Service.*

23 (3) *TRAVEL MANAGEMENT PLAN.*—*The term*
24 *“travel management plan” means a plan for the*
25 *management of travel—*

1 (A) *with respect to land under the jurisdic-*
2 *tion of the National Park Service, on park roads*
3 *and designated routes under section 4.10 of title*
4 *36, Code of Federal Regulations (or successor*
5 *regulations);*

6 (B) *with respect to land under the jurisdic-*
7 *tion of the United States Fish and Wildlife Serv-*
8 *ice, on the land under a comprehensive conserva-*
9 *tion plan prepared under section 4(e) of the Na-*
10 *tional Wildlife Refuge System Administration*
11 *Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd(e));*

12 (C) *with respect to land under the jurisdic-*
13 *tion of the Forest Service, on National Forest*
14 *System land under part 212 of title 36, Code of*
15 *Federal Regulations (or successor regulations);*
16 *and*

17 (D) *with respect to land under the jurisdic-*
18 *tion of the Bureau of Land Management, under*
19 *a resource management plan developed under the*
20 *Federal Land Policy and Management Act of*
21 *1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.).*

22 (b) *PRIORITY LISTS REQUIRED.—*

23 (1) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after*
24 *the date of enactment of this Act, annually during the*
25 *10-year period beginning on the date on which the*

1 *first priority list is completed, and every 5 years after*
2 *the end of the 10-year period, the Secretary shall pre-*
3 *pare a priority list, to be made publicly available on*
4 *the website of the applicable Federal agency referred*
5 *to in subsection (a)(1), which shall identify the loca-*
6 *tion and acreage of land within the jurisdiction of*
7 *each State or regional office on which the public is al-*
8 *lowed, under Federal or State law, to hunt, fish, or*
9 *use the land for other recreational purposes but—*

10 *(A) to which there is no public access or*
11 *egress; or*

12 *(B) to which public access or egress to the*
13 *legal boundaries of the land is significantly re-*
14 *stricted (as determined by the Secretary).*

15 *(2) MINIMUM SIZE.—Any land identified under*
16 *paragraph (1) shall consist of contiguous acreage of*
17 *at least 640 acres.*

18 *(3) CONSIDERATIONS.—In preparing the pri-*
19 *ority list required under paragraph (1), the Secretary*
20 *shall consider with respect to the land—*

21 *(A) whether access is absent or merely re-*
22 *stricted, including the extent of the restriction;*

23 *(B) the likelihood of resolving the absence of*
24 *or restriction to public access;*

25 *(C) the potential for recreational use;*

1 (D) any information received from the pub-
2 lic or other stakeholders during the nomination
3 process described in paragraph (5); and

4 (E) any other factor as determined by the
5 Secretary.

6 (4) *ADJACENT LAND STATUS*.—For each parcel of
7 land on the priority list, the Secretary shall include
8 in the priority list whether resolving the issue of pub-
9 lic access or egress to the land would require acquisi-
10 tion of an easement, right-of-way, or fee title from—

11 (A) another Federal agency;

12 (B) a State, local, or tribal government; or

13 (C) a private landowner.

14 (5) *NOMINATION PROCESS*.—In preparing a pri-
15 ority list under this section, the Secretary shall pro-
16 vide an opportunity for members of the public to
17 nominate parcels for inclusion on the priority list.

18 (c) *ACCESS OPTIONS*.—With respect to land included
19 on a priority list described in subsection (b), the Secretary
20 shall develop and submit to the Committees on Appropria-
21 tions and Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and
22 the Committees on Appropriations and Natural Resources
23 of the House of Representatives a report on options for pro-
24 viding access that—

1 (1) *identifies how public access and egress could*
2 *reasonably be provided to the legal boundaries of the*
3 *land in a manner that minimizes the impact on wild-*
4 *life habitat and water quality;*

5 (2) *specifies the steps recommended to secure the*
6 *access and egress, including acquiring an easement,*
7 *right-of-way, or fee title from a willing owner of any*
8 *land that abuts the land or the need to coordinate*
9 *with State land management agencies or other Fed-*
10 *eral, State, or tribal governments to allow for such ac-*
11 *cess and egress; and*

12 (3) *is consistent with the travel management*
13 *plan in effect on the land.*

14 (d) *PROTECTION OF PERSONALLY IDENTIFYING INFOR-*
15 *MATION.—In making the priority list and report prepared*
16 *under subsections (b) and (c) available, the Secretary shall*
17 *ensure that no personally identifying information is in-*
18 *cluded, such as names or addresses of individuals or enti-*
19 *ties.*

20 (e) *WILLING OWNERS.—For purposes of providing any*
21 *permits to, or entering into agreements with, a State, local,*
22 *or tribal government or private landowner with respect to*
23 *the use of land under the jurisdiction of the government or*
24 *landowner, the Secretary shall not take into account wheth-*
25 *er the State, local, or tribal government or private land-*

1 owner has granted or denied public access or egress to the
2 land.

3 (f) *MEANS OF PUBLIC ACCESS AND EGRESS IN-*
4 *CLUDED.*—*In considering public access and egress under*
5 *subsections (b) and (c), the Secretary shall consider public*
6 *access and egress to the legal boundaries of the land de-*
7 *scribed in those subsections, including access and egress—*

8 (1) *by motorized or non-motorized vehicles; and*

9 (2) *on foot or horseback.*

10 (g) *EFFECT.*—

11 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*This section shall have no ef-*
12 *fect on whether a particular recreational use shall be*
13 *allowed on the land included in a priority list under*
14 *this section.*

15 (2) *EFFECT OF ALLOWABLE USES ON AGENCY*
16 *CONSIDERATION.*—*In preparing the priority list*
17 *under subsection (b), the Secretary shall only consider*
18 *recreational uses that are allowed on the land at the*
19 *time that the priority list is prepared.*

20 **TITLE V—FEDERAL LAND TRANS-**
21 **ACTION FACILITATION ACT**

22 **SEC. 501. FEDERAL LAND TRANSACTION FACILITATION**
23 **ACT.**

24 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Federal Land Transaction Fa-*
25 *cilitation Act is amended—*

1 (1) *in section 203(2) (43 U.S.C. 2302(2)), by*
2 *striking “on the date of enactment of this Act was”*
3 *and inserting “is”;*

4 (2) *in section 205 (43 U.S.C. 2304)—*

5 (A) *in subsection (a), by striking “(as in ef-*
6 *fect on the date of enactment of this Act)”;* and

7 (B) *by striking subsection (d);*

8 (3) *in section 206 (43 U.S.C. 2305), by striking*
9 *subsection (f); and*

10 (4) *in section 207(b) (43 U.S.C. 2306(b))—*

11 (A) *in paragraph (1)—*

12 (i) *by striking “96–568” and inserting*
13 *“96–586”;* and

14 (ii) *by striking “; or” and inserting a*
15 *semicolon;*

16 (B) *in paragraph (2)—*

17 (i) *by inserting “Public Law 105–*
18 *263;” before “112 Stat.”;* and

19 (ii) *by striking the period at the end*
20 *and inserting a semicolon; and*

21 (C) *by adding at the end the following:*

22 “(3) *the White Pine County Conservation, Recre-*
23 *ation, and Development Act of 2006 (Public Law*
24 *109–432; 120 Stat. 3028);*

1 “(4) *the Lincoln County Conservation, Recre-*
2 *ation, and Development Act of 2004 (Public Law*
3 *108–424; 118 Stat. 2403);*

4 “(5) *subtitle F of title I of the Omnibus Public*
5 *Land Management Act of 2009 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note;*
6 *Public Law 111–11);*

7 “(6) *subtitle O of title I of the Omnibus Public*
8 *Land Management Act of 2009 (16 U.S.C. 460www*
9 *note, 1132 note; Public Law 111–11);*

10 “(7) *section 2601 of the Omnibus Public Land*
11 *Management Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–11; 123*
12 *Stat. 1108); or*

13 “(8) *section 2606 of the Omnibus Public Land*
14 *Management Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–11; 123*
15 *Stat. 1121).”.*

16 ***(b) FUNDS TO TREASURY.***—*Of the amounts deposited*
17 *in the Federal Land Disposal Account, there shall be trans-*
18 *ferred to the general fund of the Treasury \$1,000,000 for*
19 *each of fiscal years 2016 through 2025.*

1 **TITLE VI—CONSERVATION**
 2 **REAUTHORIZATION**

3 **SEC. 601. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE MAINTENANCE AND RE-**
 4 **VITALIZATION CONSERVATION FUND.**

5 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Chapter 1049 of title 54, United
 6 States Code (as amended by section 402(a)), is amended
 7 by adding at the end the following:

8 **“§ 104910. National Park Service Maintenance and**
 9 **Revitalization Conservation Fund**

10 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—There is established in the Treas-
 11 ury a fund, to be known as the ‘National Park Service Crit-
 12 ical Maintenance and Revitalization Conservation Fund’
 13 (referred to in this section as the ‘Fund’).

14 “(b) *DEPOSITS TO FUND.*—Notwithstanding any pro-
 15 vision of law providing that the proceeds shall be credited
 16 to miscellaneous receipts of the Treasury, for each fiscal
 17 year, there shall be deposited in the Fund, from revenues
 18 due and payable to the United States under section 9 of
 19 the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1338)
 20 \$150,000,000.

21 “(c) *USE AND AVAILABILITY.*—

22 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—Amounts deposited in the
 23 Fund shall—

24 “(A) be used only for the purposes described
 25 in subsection (d); and

1 “(B) be available for expenditure only after
2 the amounts are appropriated for those purposes.

3 “(2) AVAILABILITY.—Any amounts in the Fund
4 not appropriated shall remain available in the Fund
5 until appropriated.

6 “(3) NO LIMITATION.—Appropriations from the
7 Fund pursuant to this section may be made without
8 fiscal year limitation.

9 “(d) NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM CRITICAL DEFERRED
10 MAINTENANCE.—The Secretary shall use amounts appro-
11 priated from the Fund for high-priority deferred mainte-
12 nance needs of the Service that support critical infrastruc-
13 ture and visitor services.

14 “(e) LAND ACQUISITION PROHIBITION.—Amounts in
15 the Fund shall not be used for land acquisition.”.

16 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for
17 chapter 1049 of title 54, United States Code (as amended
18 by section 402(b)), is amended by inserting after the item
19 relating to section 104907 the following:

“104910. National Park Service Maintenance and Revitalization Conservation
Fund.”.

20 **SEC. 602. LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND.**

21 (a) REAUTHORIZATION.—Section 200302 of title 54,
22 United States Code, is amended—

23 (1) in subsection (b), in the matter preceding
24 paragraph (1), by striking “During the period ending

1 *September 30, 2015, there” and inserting “There”;*
2 *and*

3 *(2) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “through*
4 *September 30, 2015”.*

5 ***(b) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—Section 200304 of title***
6 ***54, United States Code, is amended—***

7 *(1) by striking “There” and inserting “(a) IN*
8 ***GENERAL.—There”;*** *and*

9 *(2) by striking the second sentence and inserting*
10 *the following:*

11 ***“(b) ALLOCATION.—Of the appropriations from the***
12 ***Fund—***

13 *“(1) not less than 40 percent shall be used collec-*
14 *tively for Federal purposes under section 200306;*

15 *“(2) not less than 40 percent shall be used collec-*
16 *tively—*

17 *“(A) to provide financial assistance to*
18 *States under section 200305;*

19 *“(B) for the Forest Legacy Program estab-*
20 *lished under section 7 of the Cooperative For-*
21 *estry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2103c);*

22 *“(C) for cooperative endangered species*
23 *grants authorized under section 6 of the Endan-*
24 *gered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1535); and*

1 “(D) for the American Battlefield Protection
2 Program established under chapter 3081; and

3 “(3) not less than 1.5 percent or \$10,000,000,
4 whichever is greater, shall be used for projects that se-
5 cure recreational public access to Federal public land
6 for hunting, fishing, or other recreational purposes.”.

7 (c) CONSERVATION EASEMENTS.—Section 200306 of
8 title 54, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
9 end the following:

10 “(c) CONSERVATION EASEMENTS.—The Secretary and
11 the Secretary of Agriculture shall consider the acquisition
12 of conservation easements and other similar interests in
13 land where appropriate and feasible.”.

14 (d) ACQUISITION CONSIDERATIONS.—Section 200306
15 of title 54, United States Code (as amended by subsection
16 (c)), is amended by adding at the end of the following:

17 “(d) ACQUISITION CONSIDERATIONS.—The Secretary
18 and the Secretary of Agriculture shall take into account the
19 following in determining the land or interests in land to
20 acquire:

21 “(1) Management efficiencies.

22 “(2) Management cost savings.

23 “(3) Geographic distribution.

24 “(4) Significance of the acquisition.

25 “(5) Urgency of the acquisition.

1 “(6) Threats to the integrity of the land to be ac-
2 quired.

3 “(7) The recreational value of the land.”.

4 **SEC. 603. HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND.**

5 Section 303102 of title 54, United States Code, is
6 amended by striking “of fiscal years 2012 to 2015” and
7 inserting “fiscal year”.

8 **TITLE VII—MISCELLANEOUS**

9 **SEC. 701. RESPECT FOR TREATIES AND RIGHTS.**

10 Nothing in this Act or the amendments made by this
11 Act—

12 (1) affects or modifies any treaty or other right
13 of any federally recognized Indian tribe; or

14 (2) modifies any provision of Federal law relat-
15 ing to migratory birds or to endangered or threatened
16 species.

17 **SEC. 702. NO PRIORITY.**

18 Nothing in this Act or the amendments made by this
19 Act provides a preference to hunting, fishing, or rec-
20 reational shooting over any other use of Federal land or
21 water.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to protect and enhance opportunities for hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting, and for other purposes.”.

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To protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

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