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To establish 5-year terms for, and require the advice and consent of the Senate in the appointment of, the heads of the land management agencies.

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Mr. HANSEN (for himself, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. BAKER of Louisiana, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. POMBO, and Mrs. VUCANOVICH) introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Natural Resources, Merchant Marine and Fisheries, and Agriculture

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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Federal Land Manage-
5 ment Professionalization Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.**

7 The first section of the Act entitled “An Act to estab-
8 lish a National Park Service, and for other purposes”, ap-

1 proved August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535; 16 U.S.C. 1; com-
2 monly referred to as the “National Park Service Organic
3 Act”), is amended—

4 (1) by striking “who shall be appointed by the
5 Secretary” and inserting “who shall be appointed by
6 the President, by and with the advise and consent of
7 the Senate, for a term of 5 years”; and

8 (2) by inserting after the first sentence the fol-
9 lowing: “The director shall have substantial experi-
10 ence in park management and natural or cultural re-
11 source conservation.”.

12 **SEC. 3. DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGE-**
13 **MENT.**

14 Section 301(a) of Federal Land Policy and Manage-
15 ment Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1731(a)) by striking “Sen-
16 ate.” and inserting “Senate, for a term of 5 years.”.

17 **SEC. 4. DIRECTOR OF THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE.**

18 Section 3(b) of the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956
19 (16 U.S.C. 742b(b)) is amended by striking “Senate.” and
20 inserting “Senate, for a term of 5 years.”.

21 **SEC. 5. CHIEF OF THE FOREST SERVICE.**

22 The Forest Service within the Department of Agri-
23 culture shall have as its head a Chief. The Chief of the
24 Forest Service shall be appointed by the President, by and
25 with the advice and consent of the Senate, for a term of

1 5 years and shall have substantial experience in forestry
2 management and Federal land conservation.

3 **SEC. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION.**

4 (a) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act and the amend-
5 ments made by this Act shall take effect on the date of
6 the enactment of this Act.

7 (b) APPLICATION.—The amendments made by sec-
8 tions 3 and 4 shall apply with respect to vacancies in the
9 office of the Director of the Bureau of Land Management
10 and the office of the Director of the United States Fish
11 and Wildlife Service occurring after the date of the enact-
12 ment of this Act, and section 5 and the amendments made
13 by section 2 shall apply with respect to the individual hold-
14 ing the office of Director of the National Park Service and
15 the individual holding the office of Chief of the Forest
16 Service on the date of enactment of this Act.

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