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H. R. 298

To require the Secretary of the Interior to provide public access to Farallon National Wildlife Refuge, Navassa National Wildlife Refuge, and Desecheo National Wildlife Refuge.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 25, 2005

Mr. RAHALL (for himself and Mr. POMBO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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. ACCESS TO FARALLON, NAVASSA, AND**
4 **DESECHEO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES.**

5 (a) ACCESS, GENERALLY.—The Secretary of the In-
6 terior, acting through the Director of the United States
7 Fish and Wildlife Service (in this section referred to as
8 the “Secretary”), shall provide public access to, use of,

1 and recreational opportunities at Farallon National Wild-
2 life Refuge, Navassa National Wildlife Refuge, and
3 Desecheo National Wildlife Refuge under special use per-
4 mits issued under the first section of Public Law 87–714
5 (16 U.S.C. 460k), popularly known as the Refuge Recre-
6 ation Act, section 4 of the National Wildlife Refuge Sys-
7 tem Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd), and
8 regulations issued under this section.

9 (b) TIME LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary—

10 (1) subject to paragraph (2), may limit access
11 to such refuges to specific time periods in any year;
12 and

13 (2) shall provide access to each refuge during at
14 least one period each year.

15 (c) PRIORITY.—In issuing special use permits under
16 this section, the Secretary shall give priority to consider-
17 ation of permit applications that do not negatively impact
18 opportunities for wildlife-dependent recreation.

19 (d) CONDITIONS.—The Secretary may include in any
20 permit issued under this section conditions that the Sec-
21 retary determines are necessary to protect fish and wildlife
22 populations and their habitat or public health and safety.

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