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2^D SESSION**S. 1288****[Report No. 109-233]**

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements to protect natural resources of units of the National Park System through collaborative efforts on land inside and outside of units of the National Park System.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 22, 2005

Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. AKAKA) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

APRIL 20, 2006

Reported under authority of the order of the Senate of April 7, 2006, by Mr. DOMENICI, with amendments

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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 “Natural Resource Pro-
 5 tection Cooperative Agreement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS FOR NATIONAL PARK**

7 **NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior (re-
 9 ferred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) may enter into
 10 cooperative agreements with State, local, or tribal govern-
 11 ments, *other Federal agencies*, other public entities, edu-
 12 cational institutions, private nonprofit organizations, or
 13 willing private landowners to protect natural resources of
 14 units of the National Park System through collaborative
 15 efforts on land inside and outside of National Park System
 16 units.

17 (b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—A cooperative agree-
 18 ment entered into under subsection (a) shall—

19 (1) provide for—

20 ~~(A) the conservation of natural resources~~
 21 ~~in units of the National Park System;~~

22 (A) *clear and direct benefits to natural re-*
 23 *sources of a unit of the National Park System;*

1 (B) the preservation, conservation, and
2 restoration of coastal and riparian systems, wa-
3 tersheds, and wetlands;

4 (C) preventing, controlling or eradicating
5 invasive exotic species that occupy land within
6 a unit of the National Park System or adjacent
7 to a unit of the National Park System; or

8 (D) restoration of natural resources, in-
9 cluding native wildlife habitat;

10 (2) include a statement of purpose dem-
11 onstrating how the agreement will—

12 (A) enhance science-based natural resource
13 stewardship at the unit of the National Park
14 System; and

15 (B) benefit the parties to the agreement;

16 (3) specify any staff required and technical as-
17 sistance to be provided by the Secretary or other
18 parties to the agreement in support of activities in-
19 side and outside the unit of the National Park Sys-
20 tem that will—

21 (A) protect natural resources of the unit;

22 and

23 (B) benefit the parties to the agreement;

1 (4) identify any materials, supplies, or equip-
2 ment that will be contributed by the parties to the
3 agreement or by other Federal agencies;

4 (5) describe any financial assistance to be pro-
5 vided by the Secretary or the partners to implement
6 the agreement;

7 (6) ensure that any expenditure by the Sec-
8 retary pursuant to the agreement is determined by
9 the Secretary to support the purposes of natural re-
10 source stewardship at a unit of the National Park
11 System; and

12 (7) shall include such terms and conditions that
13 are agreed to by the Secretary and the other parties
14 to the agreement.

15 (c) LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary shall not use any
16 amounts associated with an agreement entered into under
17 subsection ~~(b)~~ (a) for the purposes of land acquisition, reg-
18 ulatory activity, or the development, maintenance, or oper-
19 ation of infrastructure, except for ancillary support facili-
20 ties that the Secretary determines to be necessary for the
21 completion of projects or activities identified in the agree-
22 ment.

23 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
24 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-
25 essary to carry out this Act.

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