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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1612

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## AN ACT

To amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service opportunities for young Americans; help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational and scenic resources; train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts; and promote the value of public service.

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 “Public Lands Service  
5 Corps Act of 2010”.

6 **SEC. 2. REFERENCE.**

7       Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in  
8 this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms  
9 of an amendment to, or a repeal of, a section or other  
10 provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to  
11 a section or other provision of the Public Lands Corps  
12 Act of 1993 (16 U.S.C. 1721 et seq.; title II of Public  
13 Law 91–378).

14 **SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS TO THE PUBLIC LANDS CORPS ACT**  
15 **OF 1993.**

16       (a) NAME AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION CHANGES.—  
17 The Act is amended—

18           (1) by striking “Public Lands Corps” each  
19 place it appears and inserting “Public Lands Service  
20 Corps”;

21           (2) in the title heading, by striking **“PUBLIC**  
22 **LANDS CORPS”** and inserting **“PUBLIC**  
23 **LANDS SERVICE CORPS”**;

24           (3) in the section 204—

1 (A) in the section heading, by striking  
2 **“PUBLIC LANDS CORPS”** and inserting  
3 **“PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE CORPS”**; and

4 (B) in the heading of subsection (a), by  
5 striking “PUBLIC LANDS CORPS” and inserting  
6 “PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE CORPS”;

7 (4) in the heading of paragraph (2) of section  
8 210(a), by striking “PUBLIC LANDS CORPS” and in-  
9 serting “PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE CORPS”;

10 (5) by striking “conservation center” each place  
11 it appears and inserting “residential conservation  
12 center”; and

13 (6) by striking “appropriate conservation  
14 projects” each place it appears (except in paragraph  
15 (1) of section 204(e) as so redesignated) and insert-  
16 ing “appropriate natural and cultural resources con-  
17 servation projects”.

18 (b) FINDINGS.—Section 202(a) of the Act is amend-  
19 ed as follows:

20 (1) In paragraph (1), by striking “the natural  
21 and cultural” and inserting “natural and cultural”.

22 (2) By redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as  
23 paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively, and by insert-  
24 ing after paragraph (1) the following:

1           “(2) Participants in conservation corps receive  
2 meaningful training and their experience with such  
3 corps provides preparation for careers in public serv-  
4 ice.

5           “(3) Young men and women who participate in  
6 the rehabilitation and restoration of our Nation’s  
7 natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, rec-  
8 reational, and scenic treasures will gain an increased  
9 appreciation and understanding of our public lands  
10 and heritage, and of the value of public service, and  
11 are likely to become life-long advocates for those val-  
12 ues.”.

13           (3) In paragraph (4) (as so redesignated), by  
14 inserting “, cultural, historic, archaeological, rec-  
15 reational, and scenic” after “Many facilities and nat-  
16 ural”.

17           (4) By adding at the end the following:

18           “(6) The work of conservation corps can benefit  
19 communities adjacent to public lands and facilities  
20 through renewed civic engagement and participation  
21 by corps participants and those they serve; improved  
22 student achievement; and restoration and rehabilita-  
23 tion of public assets.”.

24           (c) PURPOSE.—Section 202(b) of the Act is amended  
25 to read as follows:

1 “(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are to—

2 “(1) introduce young men and women to public  
3 service while furthering their understanding and ap-  
4preciation of the Nation’s natural, cultural, historic,  
5 archaeological, recreational, and scenic resources;

6 “(2) facilitate training and recruitment oppor-  
7tunities in which service is credited as qualifying ex-  
8perience for careers in public land management;

9 “(3) instill in a new generation of young men  
10 and women from across the Nation, including those  
11 from diverse backgrounds, the desire to seek careers  
12 in natural and cultural resource stewardship and  
13 public service by allowing them to work directly with  
14 professionals in agencies responsible for the manage-  
15ment of the Nation’s natural, cultural, historic, ar-  
16chaeological, recreational, and scenic resources;

17 “(4) perform, in a cost-effective manner, appro-  
18priate natural and cultural resources conservation  
19 projects where such projects are not being performed  
20 by existing employees;

21 “(5) assist governments and Indian tribes in  
22 performing research and public education tasks asso-  
23ciated with natural and cultural resources;

24 “(6) expand educational opportunities by re-  
25warding individuals who participate in national serv-

1 ice with an increased ability to pursue higher edu-  
2 cation or job training; and

3 “(7) promote public understanding and appre-  
4 ciation of the individual missions and natural and  
5 cultural resources conservation work of the Federal  
6 agencies through training opportunities, community  
7 service and outreach, and other appropriate  
8 means.”.

9 (d) DEFINITIONS.—Section 203 of the Act is amend-  
10 ed as follows:

11 (1) By amending paragraphs (1) and (2) to  
12 read as follows:

13 “(1) APPROPRIATE NATURAL AND CULTURAL  
14 RESOURCES CONSERVATION PROJECT.—The term  
15 ‘appropriate natural and cultural resources conserva-  
16 tion project’ means any project for the conservation,  
17 restoration, construction, or rehabilitation of nat-  
18 ural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational,  
19 or scenic resources on public lands.

20 “(2) CORPS AND PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE  
21 CORPS.—The terms ‘Corps’ and ‘Public Lands Serv-  
22 ice Corps’ mean the Public Lands Service Corps es-  
23 tablished under section 204 of this title.”.

24 (2) By striking paragraphs (3) and (8).

1           (3) By redesignating paragraphs (4), (5), (6),  
2           (7), (9), (10), (11), (12), and (13) as paragraphs  
3           (3) through (11), respectively.

4           (4) By amending paragraph (7) (as so redesign-  
5           ated) to read as follows:

6           “(7) PUBLIC LANDS.—The term ‘public lands’  
7           means any lands or waters (or interest therein)  
8           owned or administered by the United States, includ-  
9           ing those areas of coastal and ocean waters, the  
10          Great Lakes and their connecting waters, and sub-  
11          merged lands over which the United States exercises  
12          jurisdiction, except that such term does not include  
13          any Indian lands.”.

14          (5) In paragraph (8) (as so redesignated)—

15                 (A) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
16                 “and” at the end;

17                 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking the  
18                 period and inserting “; and”; and

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

20                         “(D) makes available for audit for each fis-  
21                         cal year for which the qualified youth or con-  
22                         servation corps receives Federal funds under  
23                         this Act, information pertaining to the expendi-  
24                         ture of the funds, any matching funds, and par-  
25                         ticipant demographics.”.

1 (6) In paragraph (10) (as so redesignated)—

2 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
3 “and” at the end;

4 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the  
5 period and inserting “; and”; and

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

7 “(C) with respect to the National Marine  
8 Sanctuary System, coral reefs, and other coast-  
9 al, estuarine, and marine habitats, and other  
10 lands and facilities administered by the Na-  
11 tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration,  
12 the Secretary of Commerce.”.

13 (7) By adding at the end the following:

14 “(12) RESIDENTIAL CONSERVATION CEN-  
15 TERS.—The term ‘residential conservation centers’  
16 means the facilities authorized under section 205.

17 “(13) CONSULTING INTERN.—The term ‘con-  
18 sulting intern’ means a consulting intern selected  
19 under section 206.

20 “(14) PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE CORPS PARTICI-  
21 PANT.—The term ‘Public Lands Service Corps par-  
22 ticipant’, ‘Corps participant’ or ‘participant of the  
23 Corps’ means an individual who is enrolled in the  
24 Public Lands Service Corps pursuant to section  
25 204(b).”.



1 (e) PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE CORPS PROGRAM.—Sec-  
2 tion 204 of the Act is amended as follows:

3 (1) In subsection (a)—

4 (A) in the heading, by adding at the end  
5 “PROGRAM”;

6 (B) by striking “and the Department of  
7 Agriculture a” and inserting “, the Department  
8 of Agriculture, and the Department of Com-  
9 merce a service and training program titled  
10 the”; and

11 (C) by adding at the end the following:  
12 “The Secretary of the Interior shall establish a  
13 department-level office to coordinate Public  
14 Lands Service Corps activities within the De-  
15 partment of the Interior. The Secretary of Agri-  
16 culture shall establish within the U.S. Forest  
17 Service an office to coordinate Public Lands  
18 Service Corps activities within that agency. The  
19 Secretary of Commerce shall establish within  
20 the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin-  
21 istration an office to coordinate Public Lands  
22 Service Corps activities within that agency. The  
23 Secretary of each department shall designate a  
24 Public Lands Service Corps coordinator for  
25 each agency within that department that ad-

1 ministers Public Lands Service Corps activi-  
2 ties.”.

3 (2) By amending subsection (b) to read as fol-  
4 lows:

5 “(b) PARTICIPANTS.—The Secretary may enroll in  
6 the Public Lands Service Corps individuals between the  
7 ages of 16 and 25, inclusive, who are either hired by an  
8 agency under the Secretary’s jurisdiction to perform work  
9 authorized under this Act or who are members of a quali-  
10 fied youth or conservation corps with which the Secretary  
11 has entered into a cooperative agreement to perform work  
12 authorized under this Act. The Secretary may also enroll  
13 resource assistants and consulting interns. All enrollees  
14 shall be considered Public Lands Service Corps partici-  
15 pants, and may be enrolled for a term of up to 24 months  
16 of service, which may be served over more than two cal-  
17 endar years. The individuals may be enrolled without re-  
18 gard to the civil service and classification laws, rules, or  
19 regulations of the United States. The Secretary may es-  
20 tablish a preference for the enrollment in the Corps of in-  
21 dividuals who are economically, physically, or education-  
22 ally disadvantaged.”.

23 (3) In subsection (c)—

24 (A) in paragraph (1)—

25 (i) by striking “contracts and”;

1 (ii) by inserting “natural and cultural  
2 resources” after “appropriate”; and

3 (iii) by striking “subsection (d)” and  
4 inserting “subsection (e)”;

5 (B) by redesignating paragraph (2) as  
6 paragraph (3);

7 (C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the  
8 following:

9 “(2) RECRUITMENT.—The Secretary shall un-  
10 dertake, or enter into cooperative agreements to pro-  
11 vide, a program to attract eligible youth to the  
12 Corps by publicizing Corps opportunities through  
13 high schools, colleges, employment centers, electronic  
14 media, and other appropriate institutions or  
15 means.”; and

16 (D) by amending paragraph (3) (as so re-  
17 designated) to read as follows:

18 “(3) PREFERENCE.—For purposes of entering  
19 into cooperative agreements under paragraph (1),  
20 the Secretary may give preference to qualified youth  
21 or conservation corps located in a specific area that  
22 have a substantial portion of members who are eco-  
23 nomically, physically, or educationally disadvantaged  
24 to carry out projects within the area.”.

1           (4) By redesignating subsections (d) through  
2           (f) as subsections (e) through (g), respectively.

3           (5) By inserting after subsection (c) the fol-  
4           lowing:

5           “(d) TRAINING.—The Secretary shall establish a  
6           training program based at appropriate residential con-  
7           servation centers or at other suitable regional Federal or  
8           other appropriate facilities or sites to provide training for  
9           Corps participants. The Secretary shall—

10           “(1) ensure that the duration and comprehen-  
11           siveness of the training program shall be commensu-  
12           rate with the projects Corps participants are ex-  
13           pected to undertake;

14           “(2) develop department-wide standards for the  
15           program that include training in—

16                   “(A) resource stewardship;

17                   “(B) ethics for those in public service;

18                   “(C) principles of national service;

19                   “(D) health and safety;

20                   “(E) teamwork and leadership; and

21                   “(F) interpersonal communications;

22           “(3) direct each participating agency to develop  
23           agency-specific training guidelines to ensure that  
24           Corps participants enrolled to undertake projects for

1 that agency are appropriately informed about mat-  
2 ters specific to that agency, including—

3 “(A) the history and organization of the  
4 agency;

5 “(B) the agency’s core values; and

6 “(C) any agency-specific standards for the  
7 management of natural, cultural, historic, ar-  
8 chaeological, recreational, and scenic resources;  
9 and

10 “(4) take into account training already received  
11 by Corps participants enrolled from qualified youth  
12 or conservation corps, including in the matters out-  
13 lined in paragraph (2).”.

14 (6) In subsection (e) (as so redesignated)—

15 (A) in paragraph (1)—

16 (i) by striking “The Secretary may  
17 utilize the Corps or any qualified youth or  
18 conservation corps to carry out appro-  
19 priate” and inserting “The Secretary may  
20 use Corps participants to carry out, under  
21 appropriate supervision and training, ap-  
22 propriate natural and cultural resource”;  
23 and

24 (ii) by striking “law on public lands.”  
25 and inserting the following: “law. Such

1 projects may include, but are not limited  
2 to—

3 “(A) protection, restoration, or enhance-  
4 ment of ecosystem components to promote spe-  
5 cies recovery, improve biological diversity, en-  
6 hance productivity and carbon sequestration,  
7 and enhance adaptability and resilience of pub-  
8 lic lands and resources in the face of climate  
9 change and other natural and human disturb-  
10 ances;

11 “(B) promoting the health of forests and  
12 public lands, refuges, and coastal and marine  
13 areas, including—

14 “(i) protection and restoration of wa-  
15 tersheds and forest, riparian, estuarine,  
16 grassland, coral reef, intertidal, or other  
17 habitat;

18 “(ii) reduction of wildfire risk and  
19 mitigation of damage from insects, disease,  
20 and disasters;

21 “(iii) erosion control;

22 “(iv) control or removal of invasive,  
23 noxious, or non-native species;

24 “(v) restoration of native species; and

1                   “(vi) projects under the Healthy For-  
2                   ests Restoration Act of 2003 (Public Law  
3                   108–148);

4                   Projects under this subparagraph shall be con-  
5                   sidered priority projects;

6                   “(C) collection of biological, archaeological,  
7                   and other scientific data, including monitoring  
8                   of climatological information, species popu-  
9                   lations and movement, habitat status, and other  
10                  factors;

11                  “(D) assisting in historical and cultural re-  
12                  search, archival and curatorial work, oral his-  
13                  tory projects, documentary photography, and  
14                  activities that support the creation of public  
15                  works of art related to public lands; and

16                  “(E) construction, repair, rehabilitation,  
17                  green building retrofitting, and maintenance of  
18                  roads, trails, campgrounds, and other facilities,  
19                  employee housing, cultural and historic sites  
20                  and structures, and facilities that further the  
21                  purposes of the Public Lands Service Corps.”.

22                  (B) By redesignating paragraphs (2) and  
23                  (3) as paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively.

24                  (C) By inserting after paragraph (1) the  
25                  following:

1           “(2) VISITOR SERVICES.—The Secretary may—

2                   “(A) enter into or amend an existing coop-  
3           erative agreement with a cooperating associa-  
4           tion, educational institute, friends group, or  
5           similar nonprofit partner organization for the  
6           purpose of providing training and work experi-  
7           ence to Corps participants in areas including,  
8           but not limited to, sales, office work, account-  
9           ing, and management provided that the work  
10          experience directly relates to the protection and  
11          management of the public lands; and

12                   “(B) allow Corps participants to help pro-  
13          mote visitor safety and enjoyment of public  
14          lands, and assist in the gathering of visitor use  
15          data.

16           “(3) INTERPRETATION.—The Secretary may  
17          assign Corps participants to provide interpretation  
18          or education services for the public under the appro-  
19          priate direction and supervision of agency personnel,  
20          including—

21                   “(A) providing orientation and information  
22          services to visitors, including services for non-  
23          English speaking visitors and visitors who use  
24          American Sign Language;



1           “(B) assisting agency personnel in the de-  
2           livery of interpretive or educational programs,  
3           including outdoor learning and classroom learn-  
4           ing;

5           “(C) presenting programs on Federal lands  
6           or at schools, after-school programs, and youth-  
7           serving community programs that relate the  
8           personal experience of the Corps participant for  
9           the purpose of promoting public awareness of  
10          the Corps, its role in public land management  
11          agencies, and its availability to potential partici-  
12          pants; and

13          “(D) creating nonpersonal interpretive  
14          products, such as Web site content, Junior  
15          Ranger program books, printed handouts, and  
16          audiovisual programs.”.

17          (D) In paragraph (4) (as so redesignated),  
18          by striking “Appropriate conservation projects”  
19          and inserting “Appropriate natural and cultural  
20          resources conservation projects”.

21          (7) In subsection (g) (as so redesignated), by  
22          striking “appropriate conservation project” inserting  
23          “appropriate natural and cultural resources con-  
24          servation project”.

1           (8) By amending the text of subsection (f) (as  
2           so redesignated), by inserting “involve improvements  
3           to Federal property and” after “preference to those  
4           projects which”.

5           (9) By amending the text of subsection (f)(2)  
6           (as so redesignated) to read as follows: “will instill  
7           in Corps participants a work ethic and a sense of  
8           public service;”.

9           (10) In subsection (g) (as so redesignated), by  
10          striking “on eligible service lands”.

11          (11) By adding at the end the following:

12          “(h) OTHER PARTICIPANTS.—The Secretary may  
13          allow volunteers from other programs administered or des-  
14          ignated by the Secretary to participate as volunteers in  
15          projects carried out under this section on such terms as  
16          the Secretary considers appropriate.”.

17          (f) RESIDENTIAL CONSERVATION CENTERS AND  
18          PROGRAM SUPPORT.—Section 205 of the Act is amended  
19          as follows:

20               (1) In the section heading, by striking “**CON-**  
21               **SERVATION**” and inserting “**RESIDENTIAL CON-**  
22               **SERVATION**”.

23               (2) In subsection (a)—

24                       (A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as  
25                       follows:

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may estab-  
2       lish residential conservation centers for—

3           “(A) such housing, food service, medical  
4       care, transportation, and other services as the  
5       Secretary deems necessary for the Public Lands  
6       Service Corps; and

7           “(B) the conduct of appropriate residential  
8       conservation projects under this Act.”;

9           (B) by striking paragraph (2) and redesign-  
10       nating paragraphs (3) and (4) as paragraphs  
11       (2) and (3), respectively;

12          (C) in paragraph (2) (as so redesign-  
13       nated)—

14           (i) in the text, by inserting “residen-  
15       tial” before “conservation centers”; and

16           (ii) in the heading, by inserting “RES-  
17       IDENTIAL” before “CONSERVATION CEN-  
18       TERS”; and

19          (D) in paragraph (3) (as so redesignated),  
20       by striking “with a State or” and inserting “a  
21       cooperative agreement with another Federal,  
22       State, or”.

23       (3) In subsection (b)—

24           (A) by striking “The Secretary” and in-  
25       serting the following:

1 “(1) The Secretary”; and

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

3 “(2) The Secretary may make arrangements  
4 with other Federal agencies, States, local, and tribal  
5 governments, or private organizations to provide  
6 temporary housing as needed and available.

7 “(3) In project areas where Corps participants  
8 can reasonably be expected to reside at their own  
9 homes, the Secretary may fund or provide transpor-  
10 tation to and from project sites.”.

11 (4) By redesignating subsection (d) as sub-  
12 section (g).

13 (5) By inserting after subsection (e) the fol-  
14 lowing:

15 “(d) FACILITIES.—The Secretary may, as an appro-  
16 priate natural and cultural resources conservation project,  
17 direct Corps participants to aid in the rehabilitation or  
18 construction of residential conservation center facilities,  
19 including housing.

20 “(e) GREEN BUILDINGS.—The Secretary may seek  
21 the assistance of the Secretary of Energy in identifying  
22 and using solar and other green building technologies and  
23 modular housing designs that may be adapted for residen-  
24 tial conservation center facilities, including—

1           “(1) designs from the Department of Energy’s  
2           Solar Decathlon competition; and

3           “(2) logistical support, assistance, and training  
4           from Solar Decathlon participants.

5           “(f) MENTORS.—The Secretary may recruit from  
6           programs, such as agency volunteer programs, and from  
7           agency retirees, veterans groups, military retirees, active  
8           duty personnel, and from appropriate youth-serving orga-  
9           nizations, such adults as may be suitable and qualified to  
10          provide training, mentoring, and crew-leading services to  
11          Corps participants.”.

12          (6) In subsection (g) (as so redesignated), by  
13          striking “are appropriate to carry out this title” and  
14          inserting “the Secretary determines to be necessary  
15          for the residential conservation center”.

16          (g) RESOURCE ASSISTANTS AND CONSULTING IN-  
17          TERNS.—Section 206 of the Act is amended as follows:

18                 (1) In the section heading, by inserting “**AND**  
19                 **CONSULTING INTERNS**” before the period.

20                 (2) In subsection (a), by striking “The Sec-  
21                 retary is authorized to provide individual placements  
22                 of resource” and inserting the following: “The Sec-  
23                 retary is authorized, to provide individual place-  
24                 ments of the following:

25                         “(1) Resource”.

1           (3) By inserting after subsection (a)(1) (as so  
2 designated), the following:

3           “(2) Consulting interns with any Federal land,  
4 coastal, or ocean management agency under the ju-  
5 risdiction of the Secretary to carry out management  
6 analysis activities on behalf of the agency. To be eli-  
7 gible for selection as a consulting intern, an indi-  
8 vidual must be a current enrollee and have com-  
9 pleted at least one full year at a graduate or profes-  
10 sional school that has been accredited by an accred-  
11 iting body that has been recognized by the Secretary  
12 of Education. The Secretary may select consulting  
13 interns without regard to the civil service and classi-  
14 fication laws, rules, or regulations of the United  
15 States.”.

16           (4) In subsection (b)—

17           (A) by inserting “or consulting interns”  
18 before “through private sources”;

19           (B) in the second sentence, before the pe-  
20 riod, by inserting “; up to 15 percent may be  
21 in-kind”; and

22           (C) by striking “Resource Assistants” and  
23 inserting “resource assistants or consulting in-  
24 terns”.

25           (5) By adding at the end the following:

1       “(c) COST SHARING REQUIREMENTS.—At the Sec-  
2 retary’s discretion, the requirements for cost sharing ap-  
3 plicable to participating nonprofit organizations for the ex-  
4 penses of resource assistants and consulting interns under  
5 subsection (b) may be reduced to not less than 10 per-  
6 cent.”.

7       (h) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—The Act is amended  
8 by redesignating sections 207, 208, 209, 210, and 211 as  
9 sections 208, 209, 210, 211, and 212, respectively.

10       (i) GUIDANCE.—The Act is amended by inserting  
11 after section 206 the following:

12       **“SEC. 207. GUIDANCE.**

13       “Not later than 18 months after funds are made  
14 available for this purpose, the Secretaries shall issue  
15 guidelines for the management of the Public Lands Serv-  
16 ice Corps programs for use by regional and State direc-  
17 tors, and the supervisors of individual parks, forests, dis-  
18 tricts, sanctuaries, reserves, hatcheries, and refuges.”.

19       (j) LIVING ALLOWANCES AND TERMS OF SERVICE.—  
20 Section 208 of the Act (as so redesignated) is amended—

21               (1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-  
22 lows:

23       “(a) LIVING ALLOWANCES.—The Secretary shall pro-  
24 vide each Corps participant with a living allowance in an

1 amount established by the Secretary. The Secretary  
2 may—

3 “(1) apply a cost-of-living differential to such  
4 allowances; and

5 “(2) reimburse Corps participants for travel  
6 costs at the beginning and end of their term of serv-  
7 ice if the Secretary deems appropriate.”;

8 (2) by amending the text of subsection (b) to  
9 read as follows: “Each Corp participant shall agree  
10 to participate in the Corps for such term of service  
11 as may be established by the Secretary enrolling or  
12 selecting the individual.”;

13 (3) in the heading of subsection (c), by adding  
14 at the end “PREFERENCE AND FUTURE EMPLOY-  
15 MENT”; and

16 (4) in subsection (c)—

17 (A) by amending paragraphs (1) and (2)  
18 to read as follows:

19 “(1) grant to a participant of the Public Lands  
20 Service Corps credit for service time in the Corps to  
21 be used as qualifying experience toward future Fed-  
22 eral hiring;

23 “(2) provide to a former participant of the Pub-  
24 lic Lands Service Corps noncompetitive hiring status  
25 for a period of not more than two years after the



1 date on which the participant’s service with the Pub-  
2 lic Lands Service Corps is complete (not counting  
3 any time spent enrolled in an academic institution or  
4 trade school), if the candidate—

5 “(A) has served a minimum of 960 hours  
6 on an appropriate natural or cultural resource  
7 conservation project that included at least 120  
8 hours through the Public Lands Service Corps;  
9 and

10 “(B) meets Office of Personnel Manage-  
11 ment qualification standards for the position to  
12 which the candidate is applying;” and

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

14 “(3) develop a system to provide consideration  
15 for participants who cannot meet the requirements  
16 of paragraph (2);

17 “(4) provide to an individual who has success-  
18 fully fulfilled the resource assistant program non-  
19 competitive hiring status for a period of not more  
20 than two years after the date on which the indi-  
21 vidual has completed an undergraduate degree from  
22 an accredited institution;

23 “(5) provide to an individual who has success-  
24 fully fulfilled the consulting internship program non-  
25 competitive hiring status for a period of not more

1 than two years after the date on which the indi-  
2 vidual has completed a graduate degree from an ac-  
3 credited institution; and

4 “(6) provide, or enter into cooperative agree-  
5 ments with qualified employment agencies to pro-  
6 vide, alumni services such as job and education  
7 counseling, referrals, verification of service, commu-  
8 nications, and other appropriate services to partici-  
9 pants who have completed their Corps service.”.

10 (k) NATIONAL SERVICE EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—

11 Section 209 of the Act (as so redesignated) is amended—

12 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “If a” and all  
13 that follows through “shall be eligible” and inserting  
14 “If a Corps participant also serves in an approved  
15 national service position designated under subtitle C  
16 of title I of the National and Community Service Act  
17 of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12571 et seq.), the Corps partici-  
18 pant shall be eligible”; and

19 (2) in subsection (b), by striking—

20 (A) “either participants in the Corps or re-  
21 source assistants” and inserting “participants  
22 in the Corps”; and

23 (B) “or a resource assistant”.

24 (l) NONDISPLACEMENT.—Section 210 of the Act (as  
25 so redesignated) is amended to read as follows:

1 **“SEC. 210. NONDISPLACEMENT.**

2 “The nondisplacement requirements of the National  
3 and Community Service Act of 1990 shall be applicable  
4 to all activities carried out by the Public Lands Service  
5 Corps participants.”.

6 (m) **FUNDING.**—Section 211 of the Act (as so reded-  
7 igned) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

9 (A) by striking “appropriate conservation  
10 project” each place it appears and inserting  
11 “appropriate natural and cultural resources  
12 conservation project”; and

13 (B) by adding at the end the following:  
14 “The Secretary may reduce to no less than 10  
15 percent the non-Federal costs of a project when  
16 the Secretary determines that it is necessary to  
17 enable participation in the Public Lands Service  
18 Corps from a greater range of organizations.”;  
19 and

20 (2) in subsection (b)—

21 (A) by inserting “program” after “Corps”;  
22 and

23 (B) by inserting “, consulting interns” be-  
24 fore “and qualified youth”.

25 (n) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—Section  
26 212 of the Act (as so redesignated) is amended—

1           (1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-  
2           lows:

3           “(a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appro-  
4           priated to carry out this title \$12,000,000 for each of fis-  
5           cal years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015, of which  
6           no less than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the sums shall be made available for  
7           healthy forests restoration priority projects under section  
8           204(e)(1)(B)(vi).”;

9           (2) by striking subsection (b); and

10           (3) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-  
11           section (b).

12           (o) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.—No person or  
13           entity who is a party to a pending lawsuit against the dis-  
14           pensing Secretary is eligible to receive funds authorized  
15           or made available under this Act or amendments made  
16           by this Act.

17           (p) FURTHER LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS TO  
18           PROTECT CHILDREN.—No adult shall be eligible to receive  
19           funds or participate in the Public Lands Service Corps  
20           program under this Act or amendments made by this Act,  
21           if that person—

22           (1) refuses to consent to a criminal history  
23           check;

24           (2) makes a false statement in connection with  
25           such a criminal history check;

1           (3) is registered, or is required to be registered,  
2           on a State sex offender registry or the National Sex  
3           Offender Registry established under the Adam  
4           Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (42  
5           U.S.C. 16901 et seq.); or

6           (4) has been convicted of murder, as described  
7           in section 1111 of title 18, United States Code.

          Passed the House of Representatives March 20,  
2010.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

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## AN ACT

To amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service opportunities for young Americans; help restore the nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational and scenic resources; train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts; and promote the value of public service.