

114TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4151

To amend chapter 2003 of title 54, United States Code, to fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund and provide for the use of such funds, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 1, 2015

Mr. SIMPSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND.**

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

6 (1) in subsection (b), in the matter preceding
7 paragraph (1), by striking “During the period end-

1 ing September 30, 2015, there” and inserting
2 “There”; 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 insert-
10 ing the following:

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

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

15 “(2) not less than 40 percent shall be used col-
16 lectively—

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

19 “(B) for the Forest Legacy Program es-
20 tablished under section 7 of the Cooperative
21 Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C.
22 2103c);

23 “(C) for cooperative endangered species
24 grants authorized under section 6 of the En-

1 dangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C.
2 1535); and

3 “(D) for the American Battlefield Protec-
4 tion Program established under chapter 3081;
5 and

6 “(3) not less than 1.5 percent or \$10,000,000,
7 whichever is greater, shall be used for projects that
8 secure recreational public access to Federal public
9 land for hunting, fishing, or other recreational pur-
10 poses.”.

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

14 “(c) CONSERVATION EASEMENTS.—The Secretary
15 and the Secretary of Agriculture shall consider the acqui-
16 sition of conservation easements and other similar inter-
17 ests in land where appropriate and feasible.”.

18 (d) ACQUISITION CONSIDERATIONS.—Section
19 200306 of title 54, United States Code (as amended by
20 subsection (c)), is amended by adding at the end of the
21 following:

22 “(d) ACQUISITION CONSIDERATIONS.—The Secretary
23 and the Secretary of Agriculture shall take into account
24 the following in determining the land or interests in land
25 to acquire:

1 “(1) Management efficiencies.

2 “(2) Management cost savings.

3 “(3) Geographic distribution.

4 “(4) Significance of the acquisition.

5 “(5) Urgency of the acquisition.

6 “(6) Threats to the integrity of the land to be
7 acquired.

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

9 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE MAINTENANCE AND RE-**
10 **VITALIZATION CONSERVATION FUND.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1049 of title 54, United
12 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
13 lowing:

14 **“§ 104908. National Park Service Maintenance and**
15 **Revitalization Conservation Fund**

16 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There is established in the
17 Treasury a fund, to be known as the ‘National Park Serv-
18 ice Critical Maintenance and Revitalization Conservation
19 Fund’ (referred to in this section as the ‘Fund’).

20 “(b) DEPOSITS TO FUND.—Notwithstanding any
21 provision of law providing that the proceeds shall be cred-
22 ited to miscellaneous receipts of the Treasury, for each
23 fiscal year, there shall be deposited in the Fund, from rev-
24 enues due and payable to the United States under section

1 9 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C.
2 1338) \$150,000,000.

3 “(c) USE AND AVAILABILITY.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Amounts deposited in the
5 Fund shall—

6 “(A) be used only for the purposes de-
7 scribed in subsection (d); and

8 “(B) be available for expenditure only after
9 the amounts are appropriated for those pur-
10 poses.

11 “(2) AVAILABILITY.—Any amounts in the Fund
12 not appropriated shall remain available in the Fund
13 until appropriated.

14 “(3) NO LIMITATION.—Appropriations from the
15 Fund pursuant to this section may be made without
16 fiscal year limitation.

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

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

24 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
25 for chapter 1049 of title 54, United States Code, is

1 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
2 104907 the following:

“104908. National Park Service Maintenance and Revitalization Conservation
Fund.”.

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