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S. 782

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a bison management plan for Grand Canyon National Park.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 18, 2015

Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. FLAKE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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 “Grand Canyon Bison
5 Management Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) **MANAGEMENT PLAN.**—The term “manage-
9 ment plan” means the management plan published
10 under section 3(a).

1 (2) PARK.—The term “Park” means the Grand
2 Canyon National Park.

3 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
4 the Secretary of the Interior.

5 (4) SKILLED PUBLIC VOLUNTEER.—The term
6 “skilled public volunteer” means an individual who
7 possesses—

8 (A) a valid hunting license issued by the
9 State of Arizona; and

10 (B) such other qualifications as the Sec-
11 retary may require, after consultation with the
12 Arizona Game and Fish Commission.

13 **SEC. 3. BISON MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR GRAND CANYON**
14 **NATIONAL PARK.**

15 (a) PUBLICATION OF PLAN.—Not later than 180
16 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
17 shall publish a management plan to reduce, through hu-
18 mane lethal culling by skilled public volunteers and by
19 other nonlethal means, the population of bison in the Park
20 that the Secretary determines are detrimental to the use
21 of the Park.

22 (b) REMOVAL OF ANIMAL.—Notwithstanding section
23 4 of the Act of March 2, 1929 (16 U.S.C. 198c), or any
24 other provision of law, a skilled public volunteer may re-
25 move a full bison harvested from the Park.

1 (c) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall coordinate
2 with the Arizona Game and Fish Commission regarding
3 the development and implementation of the management
4 plan.

5 (d) NEPA COMPLIANCE.—In developing the manage-
6 ment plan, the Secretary shall comply with all applicable
7 Federal environmental laws (including regulations), in-
8 cluding the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969
9 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

10 (e) LIMITATION.—Nothing in this Act applies to the
11 taking of wildlife in the Park for any purpose other than
12 the implementation of the management plan.

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