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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

APRIL 22, 2015

Committee discharged; referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Grand Canyon Bison
5 Management Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

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

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

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

8 (4) SKILLED PUBLIC VOLUNTEER.—The term
9 “skilled public volunteer” means an individual who
10 possesses—

11 (A) a valid hunting license issued by the
12 State of Arizona; and

13 (B) such other qualifications as the Sec-
14 retary may require, after consultation with the
15 Arizona Game and Fish Commission.

16 **SEC. 3. BISON MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR GRAND CANYON**
17 **NATIONAL PARK.**

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

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

5 (c) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall coordinate
6 with the Arizona Game and Fish Commission regarding
7 the development and implementation of the management
8 plan.

9 (d) NEPA COMPLIANCE.—In developing the manage-
10 ment plan, the Secretary shall comply with all applicable
11 Federal environmental laws (including regulations), in-
12 cluding the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969
13 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

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

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