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H. R. 3555

To ensure that the National Park Service is fully staffed, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2025

Mr. NEGUSE (for himself, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. ELFRETH, Mr. GOLDEN of Maine, Mr. PETERS, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. FIELDS, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. NORTON, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. PETTERSEN, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. DEXTER, Ms. ANSARI, Mr. MAGAZINER, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. BYNUM, Mr. THANEDAR, and Mr. MIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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and for other purposes.

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 “Protect our Parks Act
5 of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of the Interior.

3 (2) SERVICE.—The term “Service” means the
4 National Park Service.

5 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE STAFFING AND PER-**
6 **SONNEL.**

7 Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment
8 of this Act, using funds previously appropriated to the
9 Secretary for such purposes, the Secretary shall—

10 (1) take such actions as are necessary—

11 (A) to ensure that the units of the Na-
12 tional Park System are fully staffed to ensure
13 visitor safety and enjoyment and natural and
14 cultural resource protection at the units of the
15 National Park System; and

16 (B) to ensure that all maintenance staff
17 positions at the Service are filled; and

18 (2) reinstate any individuals who were involun-
19 tarily removed or otherwise terminated from employ-
20 ment with the Service during the period beginning
21 on January 20, 2025, and ending on the date of the
22 enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 4. CONTINUATION OF AUTHORIZED NATIONAL PARK**
2 **SERVICE PROJECTS.**

3 The Secretary shall continue to carry out any Service
4 project for which funds are authorized or appropriated
5 under—

6 (1) the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement
7 Act (16 U.S.C. 6801 et seq.);

8 (2) the Great American Outdoors Act (Public
9 Law 116–152; 134 Stat. 682);

10 (3) the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
11 (Public Law 117–58; 135 Stat. 429); or

12 (4) Public Law 117–169 (commonly known as
13 the “Inflation Reduction Act of 2022”) (136 Stat.
14 1818).

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