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To modernize and maintain the National Park Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Forest Service, and the Bureau of Indian Education in celebration of America's 250th anniversary.

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A BILL

To modernize and maintain the National Park Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Forest Service, and the Bureau of Indian Education in celebration of America’s 250th anniversary.

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 “Great American Out-
 5 doors Act 250”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL PARKS AND PUBLIC LANDS MAINTENANCE AND MODERNIZATION.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle II of title 54, United
 9 States Code, is amended by striking chapter 2004 and in-
 10 serting the following:

11 **“CHAPTER 2004—AMERICA’S LEGACY** 12 **RESTORATION FUND**

“200401. Definitions.

“200402. America’s Legacy Restoration Fund.

13 **“§ 200401. Definitions**

14 “In this chapter:

15 “(1) ASSET.—The term ‘asset’ means any real
 16 property, including any physical structure or group-
 17 ing of structures, landscape, trail, or other tangible
 18 property, that—

1 “(A) is tracked and managed as a distinct,
2 identifiable entity by a covered agency; and

3 “(B) has a specific service or function.

4 “(2) COVERED AGENCY.—The term ‘covered
5 agency’ means—

6 “(A) the Service;

7 “(B) the United States Fish and Wildlife
8 Service;

9 “(C) the Forest Service;

10 “(D) the Bureau of Land Management;
11 and

12 “(E) the Bureau of Indian Education.

13 “(3) DEFERRED MAINTENANCE.—The term ‘de-
14 ferred maintenance’ means maintenance—

15 “(A) that was not carried out on an asset
16 when it should have been; or

17 “(B) was scheduled to be carried out and
18 was put off or delayed for a future period.

19 “(4) FUND.—The term ‘Fund’ means the
20 America’s Legacy Restoration Fund established by
21 section 200402(a).

22 “(5) PRIORITY DEFERRED MAINTENANCE
23 PROJECT.—The term ‘priority deferred maintenance
24 project’ means any activity to reduce or eliminate

1 deferred maintenance of an asset, which may in-
2 clude—

3 “(A) resolving directly related infrastruc-
4 ture deficiencies of the asset that would not by
5 itself be classified as deferred maintenance;

6 “(B) conducting cyclical maintenance on
7 an asset if, with respect to the asset, a deferred
8 maintenance classification would be imminent
9 without intervention;

10 “(C) modernizing the specific components
11 or systems of the asset requiring repair to con-
12 temporary operational standards, in accordance
13 with the laws and policies applicable to a cov-
14 ered agency; and

15 “(D) an activity that supports any com-
16 bination of purposes described in subpara-
17 graphs (A) and (C).

18 “(6) RELEVANT CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
19 TEES.—The term ‘relevant Congressional Commit-
20 tees’ means—

21 “(A) the Committees on Natural Re-
22 sources, Agriculture, and Appropriations of the
23 House of Representatives; and

24 “(B) the Committees on Energy and Nat-
25 ural Resources, Agriculture, Nutrition and For-

1 estry, Indian Affairs, and Appropriations of the
2 Senate.

3 “(7) SECRETARIES.—The term ‘Secretaries’
4 means the Secretary and the Secretary of Agri-
5 culture.

6 **“§ 200402. America’s Legacy Restoration Fund**

7 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The fund established in the
8 Treasury of the United States known as the National
9 Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund is here-
10 by redesignated as the ‘America’s Legacy Restoration
11 Fund’.

12 “(b) DEPOSITS.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
14 graph (2), there shall be deposited in the Fund an
15 amount equal to—

16 “(A) 100 percent of all revenue collected
17 under section 3 of the Great American Out-
18 doors Act 250;

19 “(B) 100 percent of all donations collected
20 under the Great American Outdoors Act 250;
21 and

22 “(C) 50 percent of all energy development
23 revenues due and payable to the United States
24 from oil, gas, coal, or alternative or renewable
25 energy development on Federal land credited,

1 covered, or deposited as miscellaneous receipts
2 under Federal law in the preceding fiscal year.

3 “(2) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—Any amounts depos-
4 ited in the Fund for each of fiscal years 2026
5 through 2030 under subparagraphs (A) and (C) of
6 paragraph (1) in excess of \$1,900,000,000 in any
7 fiscal year shall be transferred to the General Fund
8 of the Treasury.

9 “(3) EFFECT ON OTHER REVENUES.—Section
10 200402(b)(3) of title 54, United States Code, as in
11 effect on the date immediately before the date of the
12 enactment of the Great American Outdoors Act 250,
13 shall apply to this chapter and any disposition of
14 revenues made under this chapter.

15 “(c) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts deposited
16 in the Fund for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2030
17 shall be available to the Secretaries, as provided in sub-
18 section (e), without further appropriation or fiscal year
19 limitation.

20 “(d) INVESTMENT OF AMOUNTS.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may request
22 the Secretary of the Treasury to invest any portion
23 of the Fund that is not, as determined by the Sec-
24 retary, in consultation with the Secretary of Agri-

1 culture, required to meet the current needs of the
2 Fund.

3 “(2) REQUIREMENT.—An investment requested
4 under paragraph (1) shall be made by the Secretary
5 of the Treasury in a public debt security—

6 “(A) with a maturity suitable to the needs
7 of the Fund, as determined by the Secretary;
8 and

9 “(B) bearing interest at a rate determined
10 by the Secretary of the Treasury, taking into
11 consideration current market yields on out-
12 standing marketable obligations of the United
13 States of comparable maturity.

14 “(3) CREDITS TO FUND.—The income on in-
15 vestments of the Fund under this subsection shall be
16 credited to, and form a part of, the Fund.

17 “(e) USE OF FUNDS.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Amounts deposited in the
19 Fund for each fiscal year shall be used for priority
20 deferred maintenance projects or to carry out the
21 pilot program in subsection (k), as applicable, in the
22 System, in the National Wildlife Refuge System, on
23 public land administered by the Bureau of Land
24 Management, for the Bureau of Indian Education

1 schools, and in the National Forest System, as fol-
2 lows:

3 “(A) 70 percent of the amounts deposited
4 in the Fund for each fiscal year shall be allo-
5 cated to the Service.

6 “(B) 15 percent of the amounts deposited
7 in the Fund for each fiscal year shall be allo-
8 cated to the Forest Service.

9 “(C) 5 percent of the amounts deposited in
10 the Fund for each fiscal year shall be allocated
11 to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

12 “(D) 5 percent of the amounts deposited in
13 the Fund for each fiscal year shall be allocated
14 to the Bureau of Land Management.

15 “(E) 5 percent of the amounts deposited in
16 the Fund for each fiscal year shall be allocated
17 to the Bureau of Indian Education.

18 “(2) TRANSPORTATION AND NONTRANSPORTA-
19 TION PROJECTS.—

20 “(A) NONTRANSPORTATION PROJECTS.—
21 Over the term of the Fund—

22 “(i) for the United States Fish and
23 Wildlife Service, not less than 80 percent
24 of amounts from the Fund shall be allo-

1 cated for nontransportation projects per
2 year;

3 “(ii) for the Service, not less than 70
4 percent of amounts from the Fund shall be
5 allocated for nontransportation projects
6 per year;

7 “(iii) for the Bureau of Land Manage-
8 ment, not less than 65 percent of amounts
9 from the Fund shall be allocated for non-
10 transportation projects per year; and

11 “(iv) for the Forest Service, not less
12 than 55 percent of amounts from the Fund
13 shall be allocated for nontransportation
14 projects per year.

15 “(B) TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS.—The
16 amounts remaining in the Fund after the allo-
17 cations required under subparagraph (A) may
18 be allocated for transportation projects of the
19 covered agencies, including paved and unpaved
20 roads, bridges, tunnels, and paved parking
21 areas.

22 “(C) PLAN.—Any project funded under
23 this section shall be consistent with an applica-
24 ble transportation, deferred maintenance, or

1 capital improvement plan developed by the ap-
2 plicable covered agency.

3 “(D) TRANSFER OF FUNDS.—Funds made
4 available or allocated under this section to the
5 covered agencies may be further allocated or re-
6 allocated to the Federal Highway Administra-
7 tion for transportation projects, in accordance
8 with the allocations and limitations in this sub-
9 section and the prohibitions and limitations in
10 subsection (f).

11 “(3) SPECIAL RULE FOR CERTAIN FUNDS.—In
12 accordance with the limitations set forth in para-
13 graph (1), the Secretary shall allocate not less than
14 80 percent of the revenues collected under section
15 3(b) of the Great American Outdoors Act 250 and
16 deposited into the America’s Legacy Restoration
17 Fund toward priority deferred maintenance projects
18 in the unit in which the revenues were collected.

19 “(f) PROHIBITIONS AND LIMITATIONS.—

20 “(1) PROHIBITIONS.—No amounts in the Fund
21 shall be used—

22 “(A) for the acquisition of land or any in-
23 terests in land;

24 “(B) to supplant discretionary funding
25 made available for annually recurring facility

1 operations, maintenance, and construction
2 needs;

3 “(C) for bonuses for employees of the Fed-
4 eral Government; and

5 “(D) to decommission a road.

6 “(2) LIMITATIONS.—Of the amounts made
7 available under this section to a covered agency, not
8 more than—

9 “(A) 3 percent of the amounts deposited
10 under subsection (b) and 0 percent of amounts
11 made credited under subsection (d) may be
12 used for administrative expenses;

13 “(B) except as provided in paragraph (3),
14 15 percent may be used for a contingency fund;
15 and

16 “(C) 8 percent may be used for priority de-
17 ferred maintenance project planning and com-
18 pliance.

19 “(3) CONTINGENCY FUND.—The head of a cov-
20 ered agency shall provide written notification to the
21 relevant Congressional Committees not less than 30
22 days before taking any action authorized by this sec-
23 tion for a specific priority deferred maintenance
24 project if the amount to be reallocated from the con-
25 tingency fund for such priority deferred maintenance

1 project is projected to be 10 percent or greater than
2 the initial amount allocated to such priority deferred
3 maintenance project.

4 “(g) PRIORITY DEFERRED MAINTENANCE PROJECT
5 SELECTION.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—As part of the selection of
7 priority deferred maintenance projects to be sub-
8 mitted under subsection (h), the Secretaries shall—

9 “(A) ensure for each covered agency that
10 funds are prioritized primarily for priority de-
11 ferred maintenance projects that—

12 “(i) address mission critical assets
13 that promote public access, enhance the
14 visitor experience, or improve outdoor
15 recreation opportunities;

16 “(ii) address deferred maintenance on
17 assets for which failure would result in—

18 “(I) an imminent threat to public
19 health or safety; or

20 “(II) the closure or material im-
21 pairment of public access or core
22 operational functions;

23 “(iii) are necessary to prevent the fur-
24 ther deterioration of an asset that would

1 result in a substantially higher future re-
2 pair or replacement cost; or

3 “(iv) address any combination of pur-
4 poses described in clauses (i) through (iii);

5 “(B) publish, on a publicly available
6 website maintained by the Secretaries, a clear
7 set of criteria for priority deferred maintenance
8 project selection that takes into account—

9 “(i) the criteria listed in subpara-
10 graph (A);

11 “(ii) appropriate distribution of pri-
12 ority deferred maintenance projects geo-
13 graphically;

14 “(iii) appropriate distribution of pri-
15 ority deferred maintenance projects be-
16 tween large units and small units; and

17 “(iv) whether a unit or State has not
18 received funding in a previous priority de-
19 ferred maintenance project list for a cov-
20 ered agency; and

21 “(C) annually solicit recommendations for
22 priority deferred maintenance projects from
23 each Governor of a State that contains lands
24 managed by the Secretaries; and

1 “(D) require that any transportation
2 project to improve infrastructure account for a
3 not less than 10 percent growth in visitation
4 over existing levels for such infrastructure.

5 “(2) ACCESSIBILITY.—

6 “(A) REQUIRED CONSIDERATION FOR AC-
7 CESSIBILITY.—In expending amounts from the
8 Fund, the Secretaries shall incorporate meas-
9 ures to improve the accessibility of assets and
10 accommodate visitors and employees with dis-
11 abilities in accordance with applicable law.

12 “(B) ACCESS AMERICA.—In submitting a
13 list of priority deferred maintenance projects
14 under subsection (h), the Secretaries shall in-
15 clude not fewer than 2 priority deferred mainte-
16 nance projects annually that are authorized
17 under subtitle A of title II of the EXPLORE
18 Act (16 U.S.C. 8481–8487).

19 “(h) SUBMISSION OF LIST OF PRIORITY DEFERRED
20 MAINTENANCE PROJECTS TO CONGRESS.—

21 “(1) INITIAL SUBMISSION.—Not later than 90
22 days after the date of enactment of this section, the
23 Secretaries shall each submit to the relevant Con-
24 gressional Committees a list of proposed projects to
25 be funded for fiscal year 2026 and the subsequent

1 fiscal year that as of the date of the submission of
2 the list, are ready to be implemented.

3 “(2) SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL LIST OF PRI-
4 ORITY DEFERRED MAINTENANCE PROJECTS TO CON-
5 GRESS.—Until the date on which all of the amounts
6 in the Fund are expended, the Secretaries shall an-
7 nually submit to Congress, together with the annual
8 budget of the United States, a list of priority de-
9 ferred maintenance projects to be funded from the
10 Fund for the applicable fiscal year and the subse-
11 quent fiscal year that includes a detailed description
12 of each priority deferred maintenance project, in-
13 cluding the estimated expenditures from the Fund
14 for the priority deferred maintenance project.

15 “(3) SUBMISSION OF LIST FOR PRIORITY
16 MATCHING PROJECTS.—

17 “(A) MATCHING REQUIREMENTS.—As part
18 of the priority deferred maintenance project
19 lists submitted under this paragraph, the Secre-
20 taries shall submit for each covered agency a
21 list of priority deferred maintenance projects
22 for which full funding may be accomplished
23 through a combination of funding from the cov-
24 ered agency and private cash or in-kind dona-

tions (including through matched funding campaigns), including the—

“(i) amount the covered agency has allocated to such priority deferred maintenance project; and

“(ii) remaining amount the covered agency is soliciting to fully fund the priority deferred maintenance project.

“(B) LIMITATION.—The contribution of each covered agency to priority deferred maintenance projects included on the list submitted under subparagraph (A) shall collectively total not less than 5 percent of the funding allocated to each covered agency.

“(C) TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION.—If a priority deferred maintenance project has not received sufficient matching private donations on the date which is 5 years after such priority deferred maintenance project was initially included on the list submitted by the Secretaries, the Secretaries shall, with respect to their respective departments, re-allocate any—

“(i) Federal funds initially allocated for such priority deferred maintenance project to a new priority deferred maintenance

1 nance project for the same covered agency,
2 to be submitted in accordance with sub-
3 paragraph (A); and

4 “(ii) non-Federal funds initially allo-
5 cated for such priority deferred mainte-
6 nance project to fulfill the matching re-
7 quirements of any other priority deferred
8 maintenance project submitted under sub-
9 paragraph (A) for the same covered agen-
10 cy, prioritizing any other priority deferred
11 maintenance projects proposed within the
12 same unit at which the initial project was
13 proposed.

14 “(4) MAINTENANCE ACTION TEAMS.—In car-
15 rying out this section, the Secretary shall provide a
16 list of each individual priority deferred maintenance
17 project carried out by a maintenance action team
18 during the preceding fiscal year.

19 “(i) ALTERNATE ALLOCATION.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Appropriations Acts may
21 provide for alternate allocation of amounts made
22 available under this section, consistent with the allo-
23 cations to covered agencies under subsection (e)(1).

24 “(2) ALLOCATION BY PRESIDENT.—

1 “(A) NO ALTERNATE ALLOCATIONS.—If
2 Congress has not enacted legislation estab-
3 lishing alternate allocations by the date on
4 which the Act making full-year appropriations
5 for the Department of the Interior, Environ-
6 ment, and Related Agencies for the applicable
7 fiscal year is enacted into law, amounts made
8 available under subsection (c) shall be allocated
9 by the President.

10 “(B) INSUFFICIENT ALTERNATE ALLOCA-
11 TION.—If Congress enacts legislation estab-
12 lishing alternate allocations for amounts made
13 available under subsection (c) that are less than
14 the full amount appropriated under that sub-
15 section, the difference between the amount ap-
16 propriated and the alternate allocation shall be
17 allocated by the President.

18 “(C) NO FULL-YEAR APPROPRIATIONS EN-
19 ACTED.—If Congress has not enacted full-year
20 appropriations for the Department of the Inte-
21 rior, Environment, and Related Agencies for
22 the applicable fiscal year by the end of the pre-
23 vious fiscal year, amounts made available under
24 subsection (c) shall be allocated by the Presi-
25 dent, if that allocation had previously been ap-

1 proved under paragraph (1) as an allocation for
2 the subsequent fiscal year.

3 “(j) PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS AND PHILAN-
4 THROPIC DONATIONS.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out this sec-
6 tion, the Secretaries may accept cash or in-kind do-
7 nations that advance efforts of the Great American
8 Outdoors Act 250, including encouraging relevant
9 public-private partnerships.

10 “(2) SOLICITATION OF DONATIONS.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretaries shall
12 make publicly available information on ways the
13 public can donate to support the efforts of the
14 Great American Outdoors Act 250, including
15 through—

16 “(i) public awareness campaigns;

17 “(ii) physical or digital donation loca-
18 tions at specific project sites or within
19 units managed by a covered agency;

20 “(iii) the solicitation of donations dur-
21 ing the checkout process for the purchase
22 of a physical or digital pass to access a
23 Federal recreational site or an interagency
24 pass, such as the America the Beautiful—

the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass; and

“(iv) partnerships with the National Park Foundation (54 U.S.C. 101111), the National Forest Foundation (16 U.S.C. 583j), the Foundation for America’s Public Lands (43 U.S.C. 1748c), and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (16 U.S.C. 3701).

“(B) CREDITS TO FUND.—Any cash donations accepted under paragraph (1)—

“(i) shall be—

“(I) credited to, and form a part of, the Fund; and

“(II) immediately available for allocation to the covered agency for which the donation was made; and

“(ii) may be immediately allocated to specific priority deferred maintenance projects submitted under subsection (h)(1) or (h)(2) or to fulfill the match requirements under subsection (h)(3)(A)(ii).

“(3) PARTNERSHIPS.—

“(A) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—In carrying out this section, a covered agency may

1 transfer all or a portion of funds for a specific
2 priority deferred maintenance project on Fed-
3 eral lands to carry out the planning, design,
4 construction, maintenance, or any other activi-
5 ties to carry out such priority deferred mainte-
6 nance project through a cooperative agreement
7 with the following:

8 “(i) A congressionally chartered non-
9 profit organization.

10 “(ii) A nonprofit organization affili-
11 ated with a specific unit of a covered agen-
12 cy with experience carrying out priority de-
13 ferred maintenance projects in such unit.

14 “(B) REGULATIONS.—Any cooperative
15 agreement entered into under this section shall
16 be considered a financial assistance instrument
17 and shall not be treated as a procurement con-
18 tract.

19 “(C) REPORTING.—The Secretaries shall
20 ensure that all cooperative agreements entered
21 into under this section include appropriate re-
22 porting, financial management, and oversight
23 requirements consistent with part 200 of title 2,
24 Code of Federal Regulations, to ensure trans-
25 parency and accountability of Federal funds.

1 “(D) RETENTION OF NEPA RESPONSIBIL-
2 ITIES.—Any decision required to be made under
3 the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969
4 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) with respect to any
5 priority deferred maintenance project to be car-
6 ried out under this paragraph on Federal lands
7 shall not be delegated to any non-Federal entity
8 listed under subparagraph (A).

9 “(4) GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY.—To the
10 maximum extent practicable, the Secretaries shall
11 carry out priority deferred maintenance projects
12 under this section using good neighbor agreements
13 entered into under section 351 of the EXPLORE
14 Act (16 U.S.C. 8571).

15 “(5) CROSS-BOUNDARY PARTNERSHIPS.—To
16 the maximum extent practicable, the Secretaries
17 shall seek to enter into public-private partnerships
18 with any governmental, nonprofit, or private entity
19 to carry out joint priority deferred maintenance
20 projects under this Act that improve access points
21 between developed recreation sites on non-Federal
22 lands adjacent to lands under the jurisdiction of the
23 respective Secretary.

24 “(6) CENTENNIAL CHALLENGE AMEND-
25 MENTS.—Section 103501(c)(3) of title 54, United

1 States Code, is amended by striking ‘including funds
2 and fairly valued durable goods and materials’ and
3 inserting ‘including any combination of cash, fairly
4 valued services, durable goods, and materials’.

5 “(k) OUTDOOR RECREATION AND SPORTSMEN’S AC-
6 CESS PILOT PROGRAM.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In expending amounts from
8 the Fund, not more than 15 percent of funds made
9 available to the—

10 “(A) Service shall be allocated to outdoor
11 recreation projects;

12 “(B) Forest Service or Bureau of Land
13 Management shall be allocated to outdoor recre-
14 ation projects or sportsmen’s access projects;
15 and

16 “(C) United States Fish and Wildlife Serv-
17 ice shall be allocated to sportsmen’s access
18 projects.

19 “(2) LOCATION.—In carrying out this sub-
20 section, the Service, and Forest Service, Bureau of
21 Land Management, and United States Fish and
22 Wildlife Service shall each carry out not less than
23 two outdoor recreation or sportsmen’s access
24 projects, as applicable, per year in each region of
25 each respective agency.

1 “(3) PARTNERSHIPS FOR SPORTSMEN’S ACCESS
2 PROJECTS.—To the maximum extent practicable, the
3 Directors of the United States Fish and Wildlife
4 Service and Bureau of Land Management and the
5 Chief of the Forest Service shall use the authorities
6 provided under this section in combination with
7 other authorities to carry out sportsmen’s access
8 projects, including—

9 “(A) good neighbor agreements entered
10 into under section 8206 of the Agricultural Act
11 of 2014 (16 U.S.C. 2113a) or section 351 of
12 the EXPLORE Act (16 U.S.C. 8571);

13 “(B) stewardship contracting projects en-
14 tered into under section 604 of the Healthy
15 Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (16 U.S.C.
16 6591c);

17 “(C) self-determination contracts and self-
18 governance compact agreements entered into
19 under the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
20 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.);
21 and

22 “(D) agreements entered into under the
23 Tribal Forest Protection Act of 2004 (25
24 U.S.C. 3115a et seq.).

1 “(4) RECEIPTS FOR SPORTSMEN’S ACCESS
2 PROJECTS.—

3 “(A) ALLOCATION.—Except as provided in
4 subparagraph (B), revenue received from a
5 sportsmen’s access project under this section
6 shall be retained by the Federal Government
7 and distributed to non-Federal recipients in ac-
8 cordance with Federal law.

9 “(B) RETENTION BY UNIT.—The amounts
10 described in subparagraph (A) retained by the
11 Federal Government shall be retained by the
12 unit at which such sportsmen’s access project
13 occurred, and may be used without further ap-
14 propriation to carry out—

15 “(i) additional sportsmen’s access
16 projects; and

17 “(ii) if there are amounts remaining
18 after funding subparagraph (A), to address
19 deferred maintenance.

20 “(5) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

21 “(A) OUTDOOR RECREATION PROJECT.—
22 The term ‘outdoor recreation project’ means
23 any activities that improve outdoor recreation
24 infrastructure, including recreation enhance-
25 ment or improvement services (as such term is

defined in section 351(a) of the EXPLORE Act (16 U.S.C. 8571(a)), that are carried out in accordance with the laws and policies applicable to a covered agency.

“(B) SPORTSMEN’S ACCESS PROJECT.—

The term ‘sportsmen’s access project’ means any activities that improve recreational opportunities for sportsmen, including improving wildlife habitat for hunting and fishing.

“(I) TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY.—

“(1) STANDARDIZED METHODOLOGY.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of the Great American Outdoors Act 250, the Secretaries shall establish clear, quantifiable, and standardized metrics across each covered agency for—

“(A) calculating and determining deferred maintenance, ensuring that such metrics—

“(i) adhere to established standards for both transportation and nontransportation assets; and

“(ii) rely on standardized condition assessments methodologies;

“(B) delineate between cyclic maintenance and deferred maintenance; and

1 “(C) provide for the timely addition or re-
2 moval of an asset from the deferred mainte-
3 nance list.

4 “(2) PRIORITY DEFERRED MAINTENANCE
5 PROJECT DASHBOARD.—

6 “(A) REQUIREMENT TO MAINTAIN.—Not
7 later than 1 year after the date enactment of
8 the Great American Outdoors Act 250, the Sec-
9 retaries shall each maintain a searchable
10 geospatial database on a publicly available
11 website to track, for each priority deferred
12 maintenance project that receives money from
13 the Fund, the—

14 “(i) location of such priority deferred
15 maintenance project;

16 “(ii) purposes of such priority de-
17 ferred maintenance project, as outlined by
18 the criteria in subsection (g);

19 “(iii) projected cost of such priority
20 deferred maintenance project, and whether
21 such priority deferred maintenance project
22 is exceeding projected costs or below pro-
23 jected costs;

24 “(iv) projected timeline for completing
25 such priority deferred maintenance project,

1 including whether such priority deferred
2 maintenance project is ahead of schedule
3 or behind schedule;

4 “(v) status of Federal environmental
5 reviews, permits, and authorizations for
6 such priority deferred maintenance project,
7 including—

8 “(I) a comprehensive permitting
9 timetable;

10 “(II) the status of the compliance
11 of each lead agency, cooperating agen-
12 cy, and participating agency with the
13 permitting timetable with respect to
14 such priority deferred maintenance
15 projects; and

16 “(III) any modifications of the
17 permitting timetable required under
18 clause (I), including an explanation as
19 to why the permitting timetable was
20 modified;

21 “(vi) information about whether such
22 priority deferred maintenance project has
23 received non-Federal funds and a link for
24 members of the public to donate to such
25 priority deferred maintenance project; and

1 “(vii) in the case of completed priority
2 deferred maintenance projects, the effec-
3 tiveness of such priority deferred mainte-
4 nance project in reducing the deferred
5 maintenance backlog.

6 “(B) EXPLORE AMERICA 250 REPORT.—As
7 part of the dashboard established under sub-
8 paragraph (A), the Secretaries shall include a
9 list of not less than 250 projects funded under
10 this Act that improve outdoor recreation or vis-
11 itor experiences (including projects that support
12 the implementation of the EXPLORE Act (16
13 U.S.C. 8401–8574)), as determined by the Sec-
14 retaries.

15 “(3) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the
16 date of enactment of the Great American Outdoors
17 Act 250, and annually thereafter, the Secretaries
18 shall each submit to the relevant Congressional
19 Committees a report that—

20 “(A) lists the current cyclic maintenance
21 needs and the deferred maintenance backlog for
22 each covered agency, including information for
23 each State and unit of a covered agency;

24 “(B) describes how much deferred mainte-
25 nance was reduced in the prior year for each

1 covered agency and how much deferred mainte-
2 nance each covered agency plans to address to
3 reduce the backlog in the upcoming year;

4 “(C) describes actions taken by the covered
5 agencies without using amounts from the Fund
6 to reduce deferred maintenance;

7 “(D) includes a plan from the covered
8 agencies to increase preventative annual and cy-
9 clic maintenance activities by covered agencies
10 to a level that properly maintains the assets of
11 the covered agencies and prevents the addition
12 of assets to a deferred maintenance list under
13 subparagraph (A);

14 “(E) lists assets on the deferred mainte-
15 nance list that each covered agency disposed of
16 the prior year under subsection (o) of the Great
17 American Outdoors Act 250 and assets on de-
18 ferred maintenance list that each covered agen-
19 cy plans to dispose of under subsection (o) in
20 the upcoming year;

21 “(F) outlines any full-time employees hired
22 or maintained to enact the provisions of this
23 section; and

24 “(G) provides a clear explanation of the
25 full status of all funds, including the average

1 number of days for a priority deferred mainte-
2 nance project to reach completion from the date
3 of award and the date on which funds are obli-
4 gated.

5 “(m) IMPLEMENTATION.—

6 “(1) STREAMLINING.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year
8 after the date of enactment of the Great Amer-
9 ican Outdoors Act 250, the Secretaries shall de-
10 velop a consolidated categorical exclusion (as
11 defined in section 111 of the National Environ-
12 mental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4336e))
13 for projects using funds authorized by this Act
14 to eliminate or reduce deferred maintenance on
15 land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary or
16 the Secretary of Agriculture.

17 “(B) ADMINISTRATION.—In developing
18 and administering the categorical exclusion
19 under subparagraph (A)—

20 “(i) the Secretaries shall comply with
21 the National Environmental Policy Act of
22 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.);

23 “(ii) the Secretaries shall apply the
24 extraordinary circumstances procedures

1 under section 46.215 of title 43, Code of
2 Federal Regulations; and

3 “(iii) such categorical exclusion shall
4 have the force and effect of law.

5 “(2) TIMELINES.—The Secretaries shall award
6 a construction contract for a priority deferred main-
7 tenance project not later than 180 days after the ap-
8 proval for the final design of such priority deferred
9 maintenance project.

10 “(3) MICRO-PURCHASE THRESHOLD.—For any
11 priority deferred maintenance project funded under
12 this section, the micro-purchase threshold for goods,
13 services, and construction described in section 2.101
14 of title 48, Code of Federal Regulations, shall be
15 \$25,000.

16 “(4) ARCHITECT-ENGINEER SERVICE FEE AL-
17 LOWANCES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of
18 law, fees for architects and engineers for priority de-
19 ferred maintenance projects shall be capped at 8
20 percent.

21 “(5) ACQUISITION FLEXIBILITIES.—Notwith-
22 standing any requirement for a Presidential emer-
23 gency or disaster declaration, the Secretaries are au-
24 thorized to use the emergency acquisition flexibilities
25 under part 18 of title 48, Code of Federal Regula-

1 tions (and any successor regulations), including the
2 increased micro-purchase thresholds, simplified ac-
3 quisition thresholds, and other higher-level emer-
4 gency flexibilities, in contracting for priority deferred
5 maintenance projects.

6 “(n) DISPOSAL OF ASSETS.—The Secretaries shall
7 provide for the disposal of constructed assets included on
8 a deferred maintenance list submitted under subsection
9 (m)(3) that no longer serve the public interest or advance
10 the mission of the applicable unit to which the asset be-
11 longs.”.

12 (b) GAO STUDY.—Not later than 2 years after the
13 date of enactment of this Act and annually thereafter, the
14 Comptroller General of the United States shall—

15 (1) conduct a study on the implementation of
16 this Act and the amendments made by this Act, in-
17 cluding whether the implementation has effectively
18 reduced the deferred maintenance backlog of the
19 covered agencies (as that term is defined in section
20 200401 of title 54, United States Code); and

21 (2) submit to Congress a report that describes
22 the results of the study under paragraph (1).

23 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by
25 this Act shall not be construed to—

1 (A) except with respect to the designated
 2 name of the fund, replace the National Parks
 3 and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund as
 4 in effect on the date immediately before the
 5 date of the enactment of this Act;

6 (B) affect or modify any amounts within
 7 the National Parks and Public Land Legacy
 8 Restoration Fund as in effect on the date im-
 9 mediately before the date of the enactment of
 10 this Act; or

11 (C) establish a new fund.

12 (2) REFERENCES.—Any reference to the Na-
 13 tional Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration
 14 Fund in any law, regulation, map, document, record,
 15 or other paper of the United States shall be deemed
 16 to be a reference to the America’s Legacy Restora-
 17 tion Fund.

18 **SEC. 3. CODIFICATION OF FOREIGN VISITOR FEES.**

19 (a) VISITOR NONIMMIGRANT.—Section 802 of the
 20 Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C.
 21 6801) is amended by adding at the end the following:

22 “(17) VISITOR NONIMMIGRANT.—The term ‘vis-
 23 itor nonimmigrant’ means a nonimmigrant indi-
 24 vidual admitted into the United States under—

1 “(A) section 101(a)(15)(B) of the Immi-
2 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
3 1101(a)(15)(B)); or

4 “(B) section 217 of the Immigration and
5 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1187).”.

6 (b) ENTRY FEE FOR FOREIGN VISITORS.—Section
7 803(e) of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act
8 (16 U.S.C. 6802(e)) is amended by adding at the end the
9 following:

10 “(3) FOREIGN VISITORS.—For all Federal rec-
11 reational lands and waters for which an entrance fee
12 or standard amenity recreation fee is charged, the
13 entrance fee or standard amenity recreation fee for
14 a visitor nonimmigrant shall be not less than \$100
15 per visitor nonimmigrant, in addition to any other
16 fee charged with respect to such Federal recreational
17 lands and waters.”.

18 (c) ANNUAL PASS FOR FOREIGN VISITORS.—Section
19 805(a) of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act
20 (16 U.S.C. 6804(a)) is amended by adding at the end the
21 following:

22 “(11) RULE FOR VISITOR NONIMMIGRANTS.—
23 The Secretaries shall make the National Parks and
24 Federal Recreational Lands Pass available for sale

1 to any visitor nonimmigrant for a fee of not less
2 than \$250.”.

3 (d) RECEIPTS.—Any monies derived from this section
4 and amendments made by this section shall be deposited
5 in the America’s Legacy Restoration Fund.

6 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

7 (1) AMERICA’S LEGACY RESTORATION FUND.—
8 The term “America’s Legacy Restoration Fund”
9 means the America’s Legacy Restoration Fund es-
10 tablished under section 200402 of title 54, United
11 States Code, as amended by this Act.

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

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