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To amend title 54, United States Code, to reauthorize the National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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JUNE 17, 2026

Reported by Mr. LEE, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

A BILL

To amend title 54, United States Code, to reauthorize the

National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund, 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 “America the Beautiful
 5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF THE NATIONAL PARKS**
 7 **AND PUBLIC LAND LEGACY RESTORATION**
 8 **FUND.**

9 (a) DEPOSITS.—Section 200402(b) of title 54,
 10 United States Code, is amended—

11 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “2025” and
 12 inserting “2033”; and

13 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking
 14 “\$1,900,000,000” and inserting “\$2,000,000,000”.

15 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—Section 200402(e) of title 54,
 16 United States Code, is amended—

17 (1) in paragraph (1), in the matter preceding
 18 subparagraph (A), by striking “in the National
 19 Wildlife Refuge System” and inserting “on land ad-
 20 ministered by the United States Fish and Wildlife
 21 Service”; and

22 (2) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(3) PROJECT PRIORITIZATION.—The Secretary
 24 and the Secretary of Agriculture shall prioritize the

1 use of amounts allocated from the Fund for projects
 2 that receive donations under subsection (j) of not
 3 less than 15 percent of the total costs of the applica-
 4 ble project.”.

5 (c) SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL LIST OF PROJECTS TO
 6 CONGRESS.—Section 200402(h) of title 54, United States
 7 Code, is amended by inserting “and the subsequent fiscal
 8 year” before the period at the end.

9 (d) ALTERNATE ALLOCATION.—Section 200402(i) of
 10 title 54, United States Code, is amended—

11 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “for the ap-
 12 plicable fiscal year and subsequent fiscal year” after
 13 “under this section”; and

14 (2) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end the
 15 following:

16 “(C) NO FULL-YEAR APPROPRIATIONS EN-
 17 ACTED.—If Congress has not enacted full-year
 18 appropriations for the Department of the Inte-
 19 rior, Environment, and Related Agencies for
 20 the applicable fiscal year by the end of the pre-
 21 vious fiscal year, amounts made available under
 22 subsection (c) shall be allocated by the Presi-
 23 dent, if that allocation had previously been ap-
 24 proved under paragraph (1) as an allocation for
 25 the subsequent fiscal year.”.

1 (e) PUBLIC DONATIONS.—Section 200402(j) of title
2 54, United States Code, is amended—

3 (1) in the subsection heading, by striking
4 “PUBLIC”;

5 (2) in paragraph (1), in the matter preceding
6 subparagraph (A), by striking “public”;

7 (3) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as
8 paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively;

9 (4) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(2) SOLICITATION OF DONATIONS.—The Sec-
12 retary and the Secretary of Agriculture shall provide
13 to the public information on the ability of the Sec-
14 retary and the Secretary of Agriculture to accept do-
15 nations under paragraph (1), including through—

16 “(A) public awareness campaigns;

17 “(B) physical or digital donation locations
18 at project sites; and

19 “(C) during the checkout process for the
20 purchase of a physical or digital pass to access
21 a Federal recreational site or an interagency
22 pass, such as the America the Beautiful—the
23 National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands
24 Pass.”;

1 (5) by striking paragraph (3) (as so redesignated) and inserting the following:

2 “~~(3)~~ CREDITS TO FUND.—Any cash donations
3 accepted under paragraph (1)—

4 “~~(A)~~ shall be—

5 “~~(i)~~ credited to, and form a part of,
6 the Fund; and

7 “~~(ii)~~ allocated to the covered agency
8 for which the donation was made; and

9 “~~(B)~~ may be allocated to specific projects
10 included on a list submitted under subsection
11 ~~(h).~~”; and

12 (6) in paragraph (4) (as so redesignated), by
13 striking “paragraph (2)(B)” and inserting “para-
14 graph (3)(A)(ii)”.
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16 (f) DISPOSAL OF ASSETS; REPORT TO CONGRESS.—
17 Section 200402 of title 54, United States Code, is amend-
18 ed by adding at the end the following:

19 “(1) DISPOSAL OF ASSETS.—The Secretary and the
20 Secretary of Agriculture shall provide for the disposal of
21 constructed assets included on a deferred maintenance list
22 submitted under subsection (h) that no longer serve the
23 public interest or advance the mission of the applicable
24 unit to which the asset belongs.

1 “(m) **REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—Not later than 1 year
 2 after the date of enactment of this subsection, the Sec-
 3 retary and the Secretary of Agriculture shall submit to
 4 the appropriate committees of Congress a report that—

5 “(1) describes actions taken by the covered
 6 agencies without using amounts from the Fund to
 7 reduce deferred maintenance in the System, on land
 8 administered by the United States Fish and Wildlife
 9 Service, on public land administered by the Bureau
 10 of Land Management, for the Bureau of Indian
 11 Education schools, and in the National Forest Sys-
 12 tem; and

13 “(2) includes a plan from the covered agencies
 14 to increase preventative annual and cyclic mainte-
 15 nance activities by covered agencies to a level that
 16 properly maintains the assets of the covered agencies
 17 and prevents the addition of assets to a deferred
 18 maintenance list under subsection (h).”.

19 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

20 *This Act may be cited as the “America the Beautiful*
 21 *Act”.*

22 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL PARKS AND PUBLIC LAND LEGACY RES-**
 23 **TORATION FUND.**

24 (a) **DEFINITION OF DEFERRED MAINTENANCE.**—Sec-
 25 *tion 200401 of title 54, United States Code, is amended—*

(1) *by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively; and*

(2) *by inserting after paragraph (2) the following:*

“(3) DEFERRED MAINTENANCE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘deferred maintenance’ means maintenance or a repair of an asset that—

“(i) was not performed when the maintenance or repair should have been, or was scheduled to be, performed; and

“(ii) is put off or delayed for a future period.

“(B) INCLUSION.—The term ‘deferred maintenance’ includes the reconstruction of an asset that was demolished or removed during the 10-year period ending on the date of enactment of the America the Beautiful Act and during the term of the authorization of the deposits into the Fund, if—

“(i) the asset was demolished or removed because its deterioration posed a risk—

“(I) to human health or safety; or

1 “(II) to natural or cultural re-
2 sources;

3 “(ii) the asset was not intended to be
4 temporary at the time of its construction;

5 “(iii) the reconstructed asset is com-
6 parable in function and capacity to the
7 original asset; and

8 “(iv) the total cost of the reconstruction
9 is less than \$5,000,000.”.

10 (b) *DEPOSITS*.—Section 200402(b)(1) of title 54,
11 *United States Code*, is amended—

12 (1) by striking “2021 through 2025” and insert-
13 ing “2027 through 2031”; and

14 (2) by striking “Federal land and water” and
15 inserting “Federal onshore land”.

16 (c) *MAXIMUM AMOUNT*.—Section 200402(b)(2) of title
17 54, *United States Code*, is amended—

18 (1) by inserting “total” before “amount”; and

19 (2) by inserting “, section 803 of the *Federal*
20 *Lands Recreation Enhancement Act* (16 U.S.C.
21 6802), and section 4(e)(2)(B) of the *America the*
22 *Beautiful Act*” after “paragraph (1)”.

23 (d) *ORDER OF DEPOSITS*.—Section 200402(b) of title
24 54, *United States Code*, is amended—

(1) *by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (4); and*

(2) *by inserting after paragraph (2) the following:*

“(3) *ORDER OF DEPOSITS.—Amounts required to be deposited in the Fund shall be deposited in the following order of priority:*

“(A) *Amounts required to be deposited in the Fund under paragraph (3)(I) of section 803(e) of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (16 U.S.C. 6802(e)).*

“(B) *Amounts required to be deposited in the Fund under section 4(e)(2)(B) of the America the Beautiful Act.*

“(C) *Amounts required to be deposited in the Fund under paragraph (1).”.*

(e) *USE OF FUNDS.—Section 200402(e) of title 54, United States Code, is amended—*

(1) *in paragraph (1), in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “in the National Wildlife Refuge System” and inserting “on land administered by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service”; and*

(2) *by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:*

1 “(2) *LIMITATIONS.*—

2 “(A) *NONTRANSPORTATION PROJECTS.*—

3 *Over the term of the Fund—*

4 “(i) *within the Service, not less than*
 5 *65 percent of amounts from the Fund shall*
 6 *be allocated for deferred maintenance non-*
 7 *transportation projects;*

8 “(ii) *within the United States Fish*
 9 *and Wildlife Service, not less than 65 per-*
 10 *cent of amounts from the Fund shall be al-*
 11 *located for deferred maintenance nontrans-*
 12 *portation projects;*

13 “(iii) *within the Forest Service, not*
 14 *less than 32 percent of amounts from the*
 15 *Fund shall be allocated for deferred mainte-*
 16 *nance nontransportation projects; and*

17 “(iv) *within the Bureau of Land Man-*
 18 *agement, not less than 15 percent of*
 19 *amounts from the Fund shall be allocated*
 20 *for deferred maintenance nontransportation*
 21 *projects.*

22 “(B) *TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS.*—*The*
 23 *amounts remaining in the Fund after the alloca-*
 24 *tions required under subparagraph (A) may be*
 25 *allocated for deferred maintenance transpor-*

1 *tation projects of the covered agencies, including*
 2 *paved and unpaved roads, bridges, tunnels, and*
 3 *paved parking areas.*

4 *“(C) PLAN.—A priority deferred mainte-*
 5 *nance project funded under this section shall be*
 6 *consistent with an applicable transportation, de-*
 7 *ferred maintenance, or capital improvement*
 8 *plan developed by the applicable covered agen-*
 9 *cy.”.*

10 *(f) PROHIBITIONS ON USE.—Section 200402 of title*
 11 *54, United States Code, is amended by striking subsection*
 12 *(f) and inserting the following:*

13 *“(f) PROHIBITIONS ON USE.—No amounts in the Fund*
 14 *shall be used—*

15 *“(1) for the acquisition of land or any interest*
 16 *in land;*

17 *“(2) to supplant discretionary funding made*
 18 *available for annually recurring facility operations,*
 19 *maintenance, or construction needs;*

20 *“(3) for a bonus for an employee of the Federal*
 21 *Government; or*

22 *“(4) to decommission a road on National Forest*
 23 *System land or public land administered by the Bu-*
 24 *reau of Land Management.”.*

1 (g) *PROJECT SELECTION*.—Section 200402 of title 54,
 2 *United States Code*, is amended by striking subsection (h)
 3 and inserting the following:

4 “(h) *SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL LIST OF PROJECTS TO*
 5 *CONGRESS*.—

6 “(1) *DEFINITIONS*.—In this subsection and sub-
 7 section (i):

8 “(A) *APPLICABLE FISCAL YEAR*.—The term
 9 ‘applicable fiscal year’, with respect to a session
 10 of Congress, means the fiscal year of the United
 11 States Government that starts on October 1 of
 12 the calendar year in which that session begins.

13 “(B) *SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEAR*.—The term
 14 ‘subsequent fiscal year’ means a fiscal year 1
 15 year after the applicable fiscal year.

16 “(2) *ANNUAL LIST*.—

17 “(A) *IN GENERAL*.—Until the date on which
 18 all amounts in the Fund are allocated, the Presi-
 19 dent shall annually submit to Congress, together
 20 with the annual budget of the United States, a
 21 list of projects to be funded from the Fund for
 22 the applicable fiscal year and the subsequent fis-
 23 cal year that includes a detailed description of
 24 each such project, including the estimated ex-
 25 penditures from the Fund for the project.

1 “(B) *PROJECT DATA SHEETS*.—

2 “(i) *IN GENERAL*.—*The list of projects*
 3 *transmitted with the annual budget of the*
 4 *United States under subparagraph (A) shall*
 5 *be accompanied by a project data sheet for*
 6 *each such project in the same format and*
 7 *containing the same level of detailed infor-*
 8 *mation as on previous project data sheets*
 9 *submitted to Congress.*

10 “(ii) *INCLUSIONS*.—*Each project data*
 11 *sheet under clause (i) shall include—*

12 “(I) *a list of each asset addressed;*

13 “(II) *a description of the scope of*
 14 *benefits; and*

15 “(III) *a description of the con-*
 16 *sequences of failure to act.*

17 “(3) *NO LIST, NO ALLOCATION*.—

18 “(A) *IN GENERAL*.—*Notwithstanding sub-*
 19 *section (i)(2)(A) and subject to subparagraph*
 20 *(B), if the list of projects under paragraph*
 21 *(2)(A) and the accompanying project data sheets*
 22 *under paragraph (2)(B) for an applicable fiscal*
 23 *year have not been submitted to Congress by*
 24 *April 30 of the preceding fiscal year, no alloca-*
 25 *tion under subsection (c) for that applicable fis-*

1 *cal year may be made until the date on which*
2 *the Act making full-year appropriations for the*
3 *Department of the Interior, Environment, and*
4 *Related Agencies for the subsequent fiscal year is*
5 *enacted into law.*

6 “(B) *APPLICABILITY.—Subparagraph (A)*
7 *shall only apply to the enactment of full-year ap-*
8 *propriations for fiscal year 2028 or any fiscal*
9 *year thereafter.*

10 “(4) *SUBMISSION OF LIST OF PROJECTS AND*
11 *PROJECT DATA SHEETS TO CONGRESS FOR FISCAL*
12 *YEAR 2027 AND FISCAL YEAR 2028.—*

13 “(A) *DEADLINES.—The Secretary and the*
14 *Secretary of Agriculture shall submit to the*
15 *Committees on Energy and Natural Resources*
16 *and Appropriations of the Senate and the Com-*
17 *mittees on Natural Resources and Appropria-*
18 *tions of the House of Representatives—*

19 “(i) *by not later than November 15,*
20 *2026, a list of projects under paragraph*
21 *(2)(A) to be funded for fiscal year 2027 and*
22 *fiscal year 2028 under that paragraph; and*

23 “(ii) *by not later than November 30,*
24 *2026, the accompanying project data sheets*
25 *under paragraph (2)(B).*

1 “(B) *FAILURE TO SUBMIT.*—Notwith-
2 standing subsection (i)(2)(A), if the list of
3 projects for fiscal year 2027 under subparagraph
4 (2)(A) and accompanying project data sheets
5 under paragraph (2)(B) have not been submitted
6 to Congress pursuant to subparagraph (A), no
7 allocation under subsection (c) for fiscal year
8 2027 may be made until the date on which the
9 Act making full-year appropriations for the De-
10 partment of the Interior, Environment, and Re-
11 lated Agencies for fiscal year 2028 is enacted
12 into law.

13 “(5) *RECOMMENDATIONS.*—The Secretary and
14 the Secretary of Agriculture shall annually solicit
15 from the Governors of all States, the governors of all
16 territories of the United States, and Indian Tribes (as
17 defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination
18 and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304)) rec-
19 ommendations for projects to be funded from the
20 Fund under paragraph (2).

21 “(6) *PRIORITY.*—In selecting projects for the list
22 (other than projects for the Bureau of Indian Edu-
23 cation) to be funded from the Fund under paragraph
24 (2), the Secretary and the Secretary of Agriculture
25 shall ensure that, for each covered agency—

1 “(A) funds are prioritized for projects
2 that—

3 “(i) address deferred maintenance of
4 assets the failure of which would result in—

5 “(I) an imminent threat to public
6 health or safety; or

7 “(II) the closure or material im-
8 pairment of public access or core oper-
9 ational functions;

10 “(ii) are necessary to prevent the fur-
11 ther deterioration of an asset that would re-
12 sult in a substantially higher future repair
13 or replacement cost;

14 “(iii) maximize the reduction of the de-
15 ferred maintenance backlog relative to the
16 amount of funds expended;

17 “(iv) address mission-critical assets,
18 including water, wastewater, site mainte-
19 nance, employee housing, and public use fa-
20 cilities;

21 “(v) can be completed in a timely
22 manner and in accordance with applicable
23 cost and schedule estimates; or

24 “(vi) positively impact a visitor-facing
25 asset; and

1 “(B) a reasonable balance is achieved be-
 2 tween projects at higher- and lower-visitation
 3 units or areas administered by the covered agen-
 4 cy.”.

5 (h) *ALTERNATE ALLOCATION*.—Section 200402 of title
 6 54, United States Code, is amended by striking subsection
 7 (i) and inserting the following:

8 “(i) *ALTERNATE ALLOCATION*.—

9 “(1) *IN GENERAL*.—Appropriations Acts may
 10 provide for alternate allocation of amounts made
 11 available under this section for the applicable fiscal
 12 year and the subsequent fiscal year, consistent with
 13 the allocations to covered agencies under subsection
 14 (e)(1).

15 “(2) *ALLOCATION BY PRESIDENT*.—

16 “(A) *NO ALTERNATE ALLOCATIONS*.—If
 17 Congress has not enacted legislation establishing
 18 alternate allocations by the date on which the
 19 Act making full-year appropriations for the De-
 20 partment of the Interior, Environment, and Re-
 21 lated Agencies for the applicable fiscal year is
 22 enacted into law, amounts made available under
 23 subsection (c) shall be allocated by the President.

24 “(B) *INSUFFICIENT ALTERNATE ALLOCA-*
 25 *TION*.—If Congress enacts legislation establishing

1 *alternate allocations for amounts made available*
 2 *under subsection (c) that are less than the full*
 3 *amount appropriated under that subsection, the*
 4 *difference between the amount appropriated and*
 5 *the alternate allocation shall be allocated by the*
 6 *President.*

7 “(C) *NO FULL-YEAR APPROPRIATIONS EN-*
 8 *ACTED BY END OF PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR.—*

9 “(i) *IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause*
 10 *(ii), if an allocation has been made by Con-*
 11 *gress for a subsequent fiscal year under*
 12 *paragraph (1) and Congress has not enacted*
 13 *full-year appropriations for the Department*
 14 *of the Interior, Environment, and Related*
 15 *Agencies by October 1 of the year in which*
 16 *that subsequent fiscal year becomes the ap-*
 17 *plicable fiscal year, amounts made available*
 18 *under subsection (c) may be implemented*
 19 *by the President on October 1 of such appli-*
 20 *cable fiscal year, in accordance with the*
 21 *congressional allocation.*

22 “(ii) *APPLICABILITY.—Clause (i) shall*
 23 *only apply to the enactment of full-year ap-*
 24 *propriations for fiscal year 2028 or any fis-*
 25 *cal year thereafter.”.*

1 (i) *PUBLIC DONATIONS*.—Section 200402(j) of title 54,
2 *United States Code*, is amended—

3 (1) in the subsection heading, by striking “*PUB-*
4 *LIC*”;

5 (2) in paragraph (1), in the matter preceding
6 subparagraph (A), by striking “public”;

7 (3) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
8 graph (4);

9 (4) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the
10 *following*:

11 “(2) *SOLICITATION OF DONATIONS*.—The Sec-
12 retary and the Secretary of Agriculture shall provide
13 to the public information on the ability of the Sec-
14 retary and the Secretary of Agriculture to accept do-
15 nations under paragraph (1), including through—

16 “(A) public awareness campaigns;

17 “(B) physical or digital donation locations
18 at project sites; and

19 “(C) during the checkout process for the
20 purchase of a physical or digital pass to access
21 a Federal recreational site or an interagency
22 pass.

23 “(3) *CREDITS TO FUND*.—

1 “(A) *IN GENERAL*.—100 percent of any cash
2 donations accepted under paragraph (1) shall be
3 credited to, and form a part of, the Fund.

4 “(B) *ALLOCATION*.—Amounts credited to
5 the Fund under subparagraph (A) shall be allo-
6 cated to the covered agency for which the dona-
7 tion was made.

8 “(C) *EXCLUSION FROM MAXIMUM*
9 *AMOUNT*.—Amounts credited to the Fund under
10 subparagraph (A) shall not be considered for
11 purposes of the limitation on amounts deposited
12 under subsection (b)(2).”; and

13 (5) in paragraph (4) (as so redesignated), by
14 striking “paragraph (2)(B)” and inserting “para-
15 graph (3)(B)”.

16 (j) *ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS*.—Section 200402 of title
17 54, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
18 the following:

19 “(l) *STREAMLINING*.—

20 “(1) *CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS*.—

21 “(A) *IN GENERAL*.—In carrying out a
22 project using funds authorized by this section,
23 the Secretary shall, in accordance with the Na-
24 tional Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42
25 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.)—

1 “(i) adopt any applicable categorical
2 exclusion (as defined in section 111 of that
3 Act (42 U.S.C. 4336e)) established by an-
4 other Federal agency under section 109 of
5 that Act (42 U.S.C. 4336c);

6 “(ii) use all other available procedures
7 to expedite environmental review of the
8 project, including—

9 “(I) determinations of NEPA ade-
10 quacy; and

11 “(II) reliance on previously com-
12 pleted environmental reviews; and

13 “(iii) establish additional categorical
14 exclusions (as so defined) as determined
15 necessary to expedite the completion of de-
16 ferred maintenance projects using funds au-
17 thorized by this section.

18 “(B) ADMINISTRATION.—In adopting, devel-
19 oping, and administering a categorical exclusion
20 described in clause (i) or (iii) of subparagraph
21 (A), the Secretary and the Secretary of Agri-
22 culture shall apply the extraordinary cir-
23 cumstances procedures under section 46.215 of
24 title 43, Code of Federal Regulations (or a suc-
25 cessor regulation).

1 “(2) *PROGRAM COMMENT AND EXEMPTED CAT-*
 2 *EGORIES.*—Not later than 180 days after the date of
 3 *enactment of this subsection, the Advisory Council on*
 4 *Historic Preservation, in consultation with the Sec-*
 5 *retary and the Secretary of Agriculture, shall develop*
 6 *and issue a consolidated program comment (as de-*
 7 *scribed in subsection (e) of section 800.14 of title 36,*
 8 *Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on that date*
 9 *of enactment)) and develop an approved applicable*
 10 *exempted categories of undertakings (as described in*
 11 *subsection (c) of that section (as so in effect)) for*
 12 *projects using funds authorized by this section to*
 13 *eliminate or reduce deferred maintenance on land*
 14 *under the jurisdiction of the Secretary or the Sec-*
 15 *retary of Agriculture.*

16 “(m) *TIMELINE.*—Not later than 180 days after the
 17 *date on which the final design of a project funded under*
 18 *this section has been approved for which 1 or more respon-*
 19 *sive bids from a responsible bidder have been received, the*
 20 *Secretary or the Secretary of Agriculture, as applicable,*
 21 *shall award a construction contract for the project unless*
 22 *the Secretary or Secretary of Agriculture determines, in*
 23 *writing, that there is a compelling reason to reject all bids*
 24 *received.*

1 “(n) *STATE, LOCAL, TRIBAL, NONPROFIT ORGANIZA-*
 2 *TION, AND CONCESSIONER NONCOMPETITIVE CONTRACTS.—*

3 “(1) *IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding chapter 33*
 4 *of title 41, or any other provision of law relating to*
 5 *the use of competitive procedures for the procurement*
 6 *of services, supplies, or construction materials and*
 7 *services, on making a determination described in*
 8 *paragraph (2), the Secretary or the Secretary of Agri-*
 9 *culture may enter into 1 or more contracts, on a non-*
 10 *competitive basis, for any priority deferred mainte-*
 11 *nance project with—*

12 “(A) *a State, local government, or Indian*
 13 *Tribe (as defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-*
 14 *Determination and Education Assistance Act (25*
 15 *U.S.C. 5304)), including any Native village, Vil-*
 16 *lage Corporation, or Regional Corporation, as*
 17 *those terms are defined in section 3 of the Alaska*
 18 *Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1602);*

19 “(B) *a congressionally chartered nonprofit*
 20 *organization;*

21 “(C) *a nonprofit organization affiliated*
 22 *with a specific unit or area of a covered agency*
 23 *for a project within that unit or area; or*

24 “(D) *a lessee or concessioner currently hold-*
 25 *ing a valid lease or concession contract with the*

1 *specific unit of a covered agency where the pri-*
2 *ority deferred maintenance project is located.*

3 “(2) *DETERMINATION.*—*A determination referred*
4 *to in paragraph (1) is a determination by the Sec-*
5 *retary or the Secretary of Agriculture, as applicable,*
6 *in writing, that the applicable entity described in*
7 *that paragraph is uniquely positioned to execute 1 or*
8 *more procurement contracts described in that para-*
9 *graph.*

10 “(3) *NOTICE TO CONGRESS.*—*Not later than 1*
11 *year after the date on which the initial contract is en-*
12 *tered into by the Secretary or the Secretary of Agri-*
13 *culture pursuant to paragraph (1), and annually*
14 *thereafter, the Secretary and the Secretary of Agri-*
15 *culture shall notify the appropriate committees of*
16 *Congress regarding all contracts entered into pursu-*
17 *ant to that paragraph during the preceding year.*

18 “(4) *MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CERTAIN*
19 *NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.*—

20 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*A contract under para-*
21 *graph (1) with an entity described in subpara-*
22 *graph (B) of that paragraph shall require the en-*
23 *tity to provide, from non-Federal sources, funds*
24 *equal to not less than the amount provided from*
25 *the Fund for the project.*

1 “(B) *OBLIGATION LIMITATION.*—

2 “(i) *IN GENERAL.*—*Except as provided*
 3 *in clause (ii), the Secretary or the Secretary*
 4 *of Agriculture may not obligate, pursuant*
 5 *to a contract described in subparagraph*
 6 *(A), amounts from the Fund equal to more*
 7 *than the amount of non-Federal funds con-*
 8 *tributed or irrevocably committed to the ap-*
 9 *plicable project by an entity described in*
 10 *that subparagraph.*

11 “(ii) *EXCEPTIONS.*—*Subject to clause*
 12 *(iii), if an entity described in subparagraph*
 13 *(A) fails to provide the matching contribu-*
 14 *tion described in clause (i), the Secretary or*
 15 *the Secretary of Agriculture, as applicable,*
 16 *may reduce the scope, extend the time to*
 17 *provide funding for, or waive or reduce the*
 18 *matching funds requirement applicable to,*
 19 *the relevant project, as the Secretary or the*
 20 *Secretary of Agriculture, as applicable, de-*
 21 *termines to be necessary—*

22 “(I) *to complete a commenced*
 23 *project; or*

24 “(II) *to protect—*

25 “(aa) *public health or safety;*

1 “(bb) *System resources; or*

2 “(cc) *essential services.*

3 “(iii) *NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not*
 4 *later than 30 days after the date on which*
 5 *the Secretary or the Secretary of Agri-*
 6 *culture waives or reduces a matching funds*
 7 *requirement pursuant to clause (ii), the ap-*
 8 *plicable Secretary shall submit to the ap-*
 9 *propriate committees of Congress a notice of*
 10 *that waiver or reduction.*

11 “(5) *RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING CONCESSION*
 12 *CONTRACTS.—A procurement action conducted or con-*
 13 *tract awarded under this subsection shall be consid-*
 14 *ered to be separate from, and shall not modify,*
 15 *amend, or extend the duration of, or provide any*
 16 *leasehold surrender interest or other benefit under, a*
 17 *concession contract issued under section 101913 (or a*
 18 *related authority).*

19 “(6) *EFFECT OF SUBSECTION.—Nothing in this*
 20 *subsection—*

21 “(A) *authorizes the award of any concession*
 22 *contract or lease without full compliance with*
 23 *applicable concession contracting law; or*

24 “(B) *prevents the Secretary or the Secretary*
 25 *of Agriculture from using competitive proce-*

1 *dures, if the applicable Secretary determines*
 2 *those procedures to be in the best interest of the*
 3 *United States.*

4 “(o) *MICRO-PURCHASE THRESHOLD.*—

5 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Subject to adjustment under*
 6 *paragraph (2), the micro-purchase threshold for goods,*
 7 *services, and construction for any project funded*
 8 *under this section shall be the following:*

9 “(A) *\$35,000 for the standard micro-pur-*
 10 *chase threshold.*

11 “(B) *\$25,000 for the acquisition of construc-*
 12 *tion subject to subchapter IV of chapter 31 of*
 13 *title 40.*

14 “(C) *\$30,000 for the acquisition of services*
 15 *subject to chapter 67 of title 41.*

16 “(2) *ADJUSTMENT.*—*Each of the amounts de-*
 17 *scribed in subparagraphs (A) through (C) of para-*
 18 *graph (1) shall be adjusted by the Secretary beginning*
 19 *on January 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, to re-*
 20 *flect the percentage changes in the Consumer Price*
 21 *Index For All Urban Consumers published by the Bu-*
 22 *reau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor*
 23 *over the previous year.*

24 “(p) *DISPOSAL OF CONSTRUCTED ASSETS.*—*The Sec-*
 25 *retary and the Secretary of Agriculture shall provide for*

1 *the disposal of constructed assets included on a deferred*
 2 *maintenance list submitted under subsection (h) that no*
 3 *longer—*

4 “(1) *serve the public interest; or*

5 “(2) *advance the mission of the applicable unit*
 6 *to which the asset belongs.*

7 “(q) *REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year*
 8 *after the date of enactment of this subsection, the Secretary*
 9 *and the Secretary of Agriculture shall submit to the appro-*
 10 *priate committees of Congress a report that—*

11 “(1) *describes actions taken by the covered agen-*
 12 *cies without using amounts from the Fund to reduce*
 13 *deferred maintenance in the System, on land admin-*
 14 *istered by the United States Fish and Wildlife Serv-*
 15 *ice, on public land administered by the Bureau of*
 16 *Land Management, for Bureau of Indian Education*
 17 *schools, and in the National Forest System; and*

18 “(2) *includes a plan from the covered agencies to*
 19 *increase preventative annual and cyclic maintenance*
 20 *activities by covered agencies to a level that properly*
 21 *maintains the assets of the covered agencies and pre-*
 22 *vents the addition of assets to a deferred maintenance*
 23 *list under subsection (h).*

24 “(r) *ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Not more than 3*
 25 *percent of the amounts deposited in the Fund under sub-*

1 *section (b) for a fiscal year, and none of the amounts cred-*
 2 *ited to the Fund under subsection (d)(3) for a fiscal year,*
 3 *may be used for administrative expenses to carry out this*
 4 *section.*

5 “(s) *TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY.*—*Not later*
 6 *than 2 years after the date of enactment of this subsection,*
 7 *the Secretary and the Secretary of Agriculture shall estab-*
 8 *lish clear, quantifiable, and standardized metrics across*
 9 *each covered agency for—*

10 “(1) *calculating and determining deferred main-*
 11 *tenance, ensuring that the metrics—*

12 “(A) *adhere to established standards for*
 13 *transportation assets and nontransportation as-*
 14 *sets; and*

15 “(B) *rely on standardized condition assess-*
 16 *ment methodologies;*

17 “(2) *delineating between cyclic maintenance and*
 18 *deferred maintenance; and*

19 “(3) *providing for the timely addition or re-*
 20 *moval of an asset from the deferred maintenance*
 21 *list.”.*

1 **SEC. 3. SURCHARGE FOR NONRESIDENT VISITORS TO**
 2 **UNITS OF NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM.**

3 *Section 803(e) of the Federal Lands Recreation En-*
 4 *hancement Act (16 U.S.C. 6802(e)) is amended by adding*
 5 *at the end the following:*

6 “(3) *ENTRANCE FEE SURCHARGE FOR NON-*
 7 *RESIDENT VISITORS.*—

8 “(A) *DEFINITION OF NONRESIDENT VIS-*
 9 *ITOR.*—*In this paragraph, the term ‘nonresident*
 10 *visitor’ means an individual who is not—*

11 “(i) *a citizen or national of the United*
 12 *States; or*

13 “(ii) *an individual lawfully admitted*
 14 *for permanent residence in the United*
 15 *States.*

16 “(B) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—*For any unit of*
 17 *the National Park System for which an entrance*
 18 *fee is charged, the Secretary shall establish a sur-*
 19 *charge for any nonresident visitors.*

20 “(C) *DETERMINATION OF SURCHARGE*
 21 *AMOUNT; PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.*—*In estab-*
 22 *lishing the amount of a surcharge under sub-*
 23 *paragraph (B), the Secretary shall—*

24 “(i) *ensure that the amount maximizes*
 25 *revenue for the applicable unit of the Na-*
 26 *tional Park System while retaining non-*

1 *resident visitation at the applicable unit of*
 2 *the National Park System; and*

3 “(ii) *provide opportunities for public*
 4 *participation for gateway communities and*
 5 *local stakeholders in accordance with sub-*
 6 *sections (a) through (c) of section 804.*

7 “(D) *PER-VEHICLE FEE.—In a case in*
 8 *which an entrance fee to a unit of the National*
 9 *Park System subject to a surcharge under sub-*
 10 *paragraph (B) is a per-vehicle charge, the Sec-*
 11 *retary shall establish a process for the super-*
 12 *intendent of the applicable unit of the National*
 13 *Park System to proportionately levy and collect*
 14 *the surcharge from nonresident visitors under*
 15 *that subparagraph.*

16 “(E) *METHODS OF COLLECTION.—A sur-*
 17 *charge established under subparagraph (B) shall*
 18 *be collected—*

19 “(i) *by the Secretary, using the stand-*
 20 *ard methods by which entrance fees may be*
 21 *collected for a unit of the National Park*
 22 *System under this section; and*

23 “(ii) *if the Secretary enters into an*
 24 *agreement with a third-party travel vendor*
 25 *to provide for the collection of the surcharge,*

1 *by the applicable third-party travel vendor,*
 2 *in accordance with the agreement.*

3 “(F) *SUSPENSION OR MODIFICATION; IN-*
 4 *CREASE.—*

5 “(i) *SUSPENSION OR MODIFICATION.—*
 6 *The Secretary may suspend the collection of,*
 7 *or otherwise modify, the surcharge for the*
 8 *applicable unit of the National Park Sys-*
 9 *tem, including providing for tiered pricing*
 10 *of the surcharge based on visitation levels at*
 11 *the unit of the National Park System, as*
 12 *determined appropriate by the Secretary.*

13 “(ii) *INCREASE.—The Secretary may*
 14 *establish a minimum percentage increase*
 15 *that shall apply to a surcharge within an*
 16 *applicable timeframe established by the Sec-*
 17 *retary.*

18 “(iii) *PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.—In de-*
 19 *termining any modifications to the sur-*
 20 *charge under clauses (i) and (ii), the Sec-*
 21 *retary shall provide opportunities for public*
 22 *participation for gateway communities and*
 23 *local stakeholders in accordance with sub-*
 24 *sections (a) through (c) of section 804.*

1 “(G) *VISA FEES; ADMINISTRATION.*—A sur-
 2 charge established under subparagraph (B)—

3 “(i) *shall be in addition to, and sepa-*
 4 *rate from, any statutory immigrant visa fee*
 5 *charged to a nonresident visitor; and*

6 “(ii) *shall not be subject to administra-*
 7 *tion by the Secretary of State or the Sec-*
 8 *retary of Homeland Security.*

9 “(H) *EXEMPTION FOR INTERNATIONAL*
 10 *PEACE PARKS.*—In the case of a unit of the Na-
 11 tional Park System that has been designated as
 12 an international peace park by an Act of Con-
 13 gress and is subject to a memorandum of under-
 14 standing with the government of a foreign coun-
 15 try relating to management or stewardship of the
 16 unit of the National Park System, no surcharge
 17 may be applied to the entrance fee of a national
 18 of that foreign country for entry to that unit of
 19 the National Park System from an entry point
 20 within the United States.

21 “(I) *DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.*—

22 “(i) *IN GENERAL.*—Subject to clause
 23 (ii), any proceeds from a surcharge on non-
 24 resident visitors collected under this para-
 25 graph for each fiscal year shall be deposited

1 *in the National Parks and Public Land*
2 *Legacy Restoration Fund established by sec-*
3 *tion 200402(a) of title 54, United States*
4 *Code.*

5 “(ii) *LIMITATION.*—*If the Secretary de-*
6 *termines that the maximum amount de-*
7 *scribed in section 200402(b)(2) of that title*
8 *has been deposited in the National Parks*
9 *and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund*
10 *for the applicable fiscal year, any proceeds*
11 *from a surcharge on nonresident visitors*
12 *collected under this paragraph for the re-*
13 *mainder of the fiscal year shall be retained*
14 *by the unit of the National Park System at*
15 *which the surcharge was collected.*

16 “(J) *ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.*—*Amounts*
17 *collected as recreation fees under other provisions*
18 *of this title may be used to pay the administra-*
19 *tive costs of carrying out this paragraph.*

20 “(K) *EFFECT.*—

21 “(i) *IN GENERAL.*—*A surcharge estab-*
22 *lished under subparagraph (B) shall be in*
23 *addition to the applicable entrance fee*
24 *charged at the unit of the National Park*
25 *System.*

1 “(ii) *REQUIREMENT.*—Any nonresident
2 visitor charged a surcharge under subpara-
3 graph (B) shall also be charged the applica-
4 ble entrance fee charged at the unit of the
5 National Park System.

6 “(L) *EXPIRATION.*—Any surcharge estab-
7 lished under subparagraph (B) shall expire on
8 September 30, 2031.”.

9 **SEC. 4. LICENSING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY.**

10 (a) *DEFINITIONS.*—In this section:

11 (1) *DEPARTMENT.*—The term “Department”
12 means the Department of the Interior, including any
13 bureau, office, and agency of the Department of the
14 Interior.

15 (2) *INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY.*—The term “intel-
16 lectual property” means—

17 (A) any trademark, service mark, certifi-
18 cation mark, or collective mark (as those terms
19 are defined in section 45 of the Act entitled “An
20 Act to provide for the registration and protection
21 of trademarks used in commerce, to carry out the
22 provisions of certain international conventions,
23 and for other purposes”, approved July 5, 1946
24 (commonly known as the “Trademark Act of
25 1946”) (15 U.S.C. 1127));

1 (B) any work of authorship in which copy-
 2 right subsists, as described in section 102 of title
 3 17, United States Code;

4 (C) any trade secret (as defined in section
 5 1839 of title 18, United States Code); and

6 (D) any other similar intellectual property
 7 rights owned or controlled by the Secretary.

8 (3) *QUALIFYING ENTITY.*—The term “qualifying
 9 entity” means any Federal agency, State, local gov-
 10 ernment, or Indian Tribe (as defined in section 4 of
 11 the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assist-
 12 ance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304)), public or private agency,
 13 organization, institution, corporation, individual, or
 14 other entity that is determined by the Secretary to be
 15 qualified in accordance with criteria developed by the
 16 Secretary.

17 (4) *SECRETARY.*—The term “Secretary” means
 18 the Secretary of the Interior.

19 (b) *AUTHORITY.*—The Secretary may—

20 (1) enter into an agreement to license to any
 21 qualifying entity any intellectual property owned or
 22 controlled by the Secretary; and

23 (2) retain and expend fees received from licens-
 24 ing under paragraph (1) in accordance with this sec-
 25 tion.

1 (c) *DESIGNATED MARKS.*—*The Secretary shall des-*
 2 *ignate any trademarks, service marks, certification marks,*
 3 *or collective marks with respect to which the Secretary shall*
 4 *exercise the authority under this section.*

5 (d) *LICENSES FOR QUALIFYING ENTITIES.*—

6 (1) *FEEES.*—*The fee for a license subject to an*
 7 *agreement entered into under this section, as deter-*
 8 *mined by the Secretary, shall be not less than the*
 9 *amount needed to recover all costs incurred by the*
 10 *Secretary in processing and issuing the license.*

11 (2) *LIMITATION.*—*A license subject to an agree-*
 12 *ment with a qualifying entity entered into under this*
 13 *section shall provide that the license may not be*
 14 *transferred, sold, or relicensed by the qualifying enti-*
 15 *ty, unless otherwise authorized by the Secretary.*

16 (e) *USE OF FEEES.*—

17 (1) *AVAILABILITY.*—*Notwithstanding any other*
 18 *provision of law, the Secretary shall use fees retained*
 19 *through an agreement under this section without fur-*
 20 *ther appropriation for a fiscal year.*

21 (2) *USE; DEPOSIT.*—*The proceeds collected under*
 22 *this section for each fiscal year shall be used in the*
 23 *following order of priority:*

24 (A) *For the payment of the following costs*
 25 *incurred by the Secretary:*

1 (i) *The costs associated with the devel-*
 2 *opment, protection, enforcement, licensing,*
 3 *marketing, and management of intellectual*
 4 *property registrations under this section.*

5 (ii) *The costs of operating activities*
 6 *and programs under this section.*

7 (B) *For deposit in the National Parks and*
 8 *Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund estab-*
 9 *lished by section 200402(a) of title 54, United*
 10 *States Code, subject to paragraph (3).*

11 (3) *LIMITATION.—If the Secretary determines*
 12 *that the maximum amount described in section*
 13 *200402(b)(2) of title 54, United States Code, has been*
 14 *deposited in the National Parks and Public Land*
 15 *Legacy Restoration Fund for the applicable fiscal*
 16 *year, the amounts that would otherwise be deposited*
 17 *in the National Parks and Public Land Legacy Res-*
 18 *toration Fund under subparagraph (B) of paragraph*
 19 *(2) shall be used for the purposes described in sub-*
 20 *paragraph (A) of that paragraph for the remainder*
 21 *of that fiscal year.*

22 (f) *EFFECT ON OTHER AGREEMENTS.—*

23 (1) *IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this section re-*
 24 *stricts the Secretary from incorporating licenses of in-*
 25 *tellectual property into agreements (including con-*

1 *tracts, concessions, or cooperative arrangements) not*
2 *covered by this section, as appropriate and consistent*
3 *with applicable laws.*

4 (2) *LICENSES AND FEE STRUCTURES.—The re-*
5 *quirements of this section shall not apply to licenses*
6 *or fee structures included in an agreement referred to*
7 *in paragraph (1).*

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