

119TH CONGRESS
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S. 3429

To amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to provide that entrance fees shall not be charged for entry to Federal recreational lands and water on certain days, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 10, 2025

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. SCHIFF)
introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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to provide that entrance fees shall not be charged for
entry to Federal recreational lands and water on certain
days, 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 “Encouraging Public
5 Service in Our National Parks and Public Land Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

1 (1) the units of the National Park System and
 2 other public land are protected for the benefit of all
 3 people of the United States; and

4 (2) fee-free days for units of the National Park
 5 System and other Federal recreational lands and
 6 waters—

7 (A) have been opportunities for the people
 8 of the United States to support units of the Na-
 9 tional Park System and other Federal rec-
 10 reational lands and waters through community
 11 service activities; and

12 (B) should align with important dates and
 13 holidays to show our national pride and encour-
 14 age volunteerism.

15 **SEC. 3. FEE-FREE DAYS FOR FEDERAL RECREATIONAL**
 16 **LANDS AND WATERS.**

17 Section 805(e) of the Federal Lands Recreation En-
 18 hancement Act (16 U.S.C. 6804(e)) is amended by strik-
 19 ing “The Secretary may provide for” and inserting the
 20 following:

21 “(1) FEE-FREE DAYS FOR FEDERAL REC-
 22 REATIONAL LANDS AND WATERS.—The Secretary
 23 shall provide for a free admission day or use of Fed-
 24 eral recreational lands and waters on the following
 25 days each year:

1 “(A) The Birthday of Martin Luther King,
2 Jr., the third Monday in January.

3 “(B) The first day of National Park Week
4 in April.

5 “(C) Juneteenth National Independence
6 Day, June 19.

7 “(D) Great American Outdoors Day, Au-
8 gust 4.

9 “(E) National Public Lands Day, the
10 fourth Saturday in September.

11 “(F) Veterans Day, November 11.

12 “(2) ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY FOR FEDERAL
13 RECREATIONAL LANDS AND WATERS.—In addition
14 to the days required under paragraph (1), the Sec-
15 retary may provide for”.

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