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NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA PROGRAM

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Mr. MANCHIN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany S. 1942]

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to which was referred the bill (S. 1942), to standardize the designation of National Heritage Areas, and for other purposes, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon with an amendment, in the nature of a substitute, and recommends that the bill, as amended, do pass.

AMENDMENT

The amendment is as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “National Heritage Area Act”.

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

- (1) NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—The term “National Heritage Area” means a component of the National Heritage Area System described in section 3(b)(1).
- (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 3. NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA SYSTEM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—To recognize certain areas of the United States that tell nationally significant stories and to conserve, enhance, and interpret those nationally significant stories and the natural, historic, scenic, and cultural resources of areas that illustrate significant aspects of the heritage of the United States, there is established a National Heritage Area System through the administration of which the Secretary may provide technical and financial assistance to local coordinating entities to support the establishment, development, and continuity of the National Heritage Areas.

(b) NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA SYSTEM.—The National Heritage Area System shall be composed of—

- (1) each National Heritage Area, National Heritage Corridor, National Heritage Canalway, Cultural Heritage Corridor, National Heritage Route, and National Heritage Partnership designated by Congress before or on the date of enactment of this Act; and
 - (2) each National Heritage Area designated by Congress after the date of enactment of this Act.
- (c) RELATIONSHIP TO THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM.—
- (1) RELATIONSHIP TO NATIONAL PARK UNITS.—The Secretary shall—
 - (A) ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, participation and assistance by any administrator of a unit of the National Park System that is located near or encompassed by a National Heritage Area in local initiatives for the National Heritage Area to conserve and interpret resources consistent with the applicable management plan for the National Heritage Area; and
 - (B) work with local coordinating entities to promote public enjoyment of units of the National Park System and National Park-related resources.
 - (2) TREATMENT.—
 - (A) IN GENERAL.—A National Heritage Area shall not be—
 - (i) considered to be a unit of the National Park System; or
 - (ii) subject to the authorities applicable to units of the National Park System.
 - (B) EFFECT.—Nothing in this paragraph affects the administration of a unit of the National Park System located within the boundaries of a National Heritage Area.
- (d) AUTHORITIES.—In carrying out this Act, the Secretary may—
- (1) conduct or review, as applicable, feasibility studies in accordance with section 4(a);
 - (2) conduct an evaluation of the accomplishments of, and submit to Congress a report that includes recommendations regarding the role of National Park Service with respect to, each National Heritage Area, in accordance with section 5;
 - (3) enter into cooperative agreements with other Federal agencies, States, Tribal governments, local governments, local coordinating entities, and other interested individuals and entities to achieve the purposes of the National Heritage Area System;
 - (4) provide information, promote understanding, and encourage research regarding National Heritage Areas, in partnership with local coordinating entities; and
 - (5) provide national oversight, analysis, coordination, technical and financial assistance, and support to ensure consistency and accountability of the National Heritage Area System.

SEC. 4. NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA STUDIES AND DESIGNATION.

- (a) STUDIES.—
- (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary may carry out or review a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of each proposed National Heritage Area for designation as a National Heritage Area.
 - (2) PREPARATION.—
 - (A) IN GENERAL.—A study under paragraph (1) may be carried out—
 - (i) by the Secretary, in consultation with State and local historic preservation officers, State and local historical societies, State and local tourism offices, and other appropriate organizations and governmental agencies; or
 - (ii) by interested individuals or entities, if the Secretary certifies that the completed study meets the requirements of paragraph (3).
 - (B) CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 1 year after receiving a study carried out by interested individuals or entities under subparagraph (A)(ii), the Secretary shall review and certify whether the study meets the requirements of paragraph (3).
 - (3) REQUIREMENTS.—A study under paragraph (1) shall include analysis, documentation, and determinations on whether the proposed National Heritage Area—
 - (A) has an assemblage of natural, historic, and cultural resources that—
 - (i) represent distinctive aspects of the heritage of the United States;
 - (ii) are worthy of recognition, conservation, interpretation, and continuing use; and
 - (iii) would be best managed—
 - (I) through partnerships among public and private entities; and

- (II) by linking diverse and sometimes noncontiguous resources and active communities;
 - (B) reflects traditions, customs, beliefs, and folklife that are a valuable part of the story of the United States;
 - (C) provides outstanding opportunities—
 - (i) to conserve natural, historic, cultural, or scenic features; and
 - (ii) for recreation and education;
 - (D) contains resources that—
 - (i) are important to any identified themes of the proposed National Heritage Area; and
 - (ii) retain a degree of integrity capable of supporting interpretation;
 - (E) includes a diverse group of residents, business interests, nonprofit organizations, and State and local governments that—
 - (i) are involved in the planning of the proposed National Heritage Area;
 - (ii) have developed a conceptual financial plan that outlines the roles of all participants in the proposed National Heritage Area, including the Federal Government; and
 - (iii) have demonstrated significant support for the designation of the proposed National Heritage Area;
 - (F) has a potential management entity to work in partnership with the individuals and entities described in subparagraph (E) to develop the proposed National Heritage Area while encouraging State and local economic activity; and
 - (G) has a conceptual boundary map that is supported by the public.
- (4) REPORT.—
- (A) IN GENERAL.—For each study carried out under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives a report that describes—
 - (i) any correspondence received by the Secretary demonstrating support for, or opposition to, the establishment of the National Heritage Area;
 - (ii) the findings of the study; and
 - (iii) any conclusions and recommendations of the Secretary.
 - (B) TIMING.—
 - (i) STUDIES CARRIED OUT BY THE SECRETARY.—With respect to a study carried out by the Secretary in accordance with paragraph (2)(A)(i), the Secretary shall submit a report under subparagraph (A) not later than 3 years after the date on which funds are first made available to carry out the study.
 - (ii) STUDIES CARRIED OUT BY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.—With respect to a study carried out by interested individuals or entities in accordance with paragraph (2)(A)(ii), the Secretary shall submit a report under subparagraph (A) not later than 180 days after the date on which the Secretary certifies under paragraph (2)(B) that the study meets the requirements of paragraph (3).
- (b) DESIGNATION.—An area shall be designated as a National Heritage Area only by an Act of Congress.

SEC. 5. EVALUATION.

- (a) IN GENERAL.—At reasonable and appropriate intervals, as determined by the Secretary, the Secretary may—
 - (1) conduct an evaluation of the accomplishments of a National Heritage Area in accordance with subsection (b); and
 - (2) prepare and submit to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives a report that includes recommendations for the continued role of the National Park Service with respect to each National Heritage Area in accordance with subsection (c).
- (b) COMPONENTS.—An evaluation under subsection (a)(1) shall—
 - (1) assess the progress of the applicable local coordinating entity of a National Heritage Area with respect to—
 - (A) accomplishing the purposes of the applicable National Heritage Area; and
 - (B) achieving the goals and objectives of the management plan;
 - (2) analyze Federal, State, local, Tribal government, and private investments in the National Heritage Area to determine the leverage and impact of the investments; and

(3) review the management structure, partnership relationships, and funding of the National Heritage Area for purposes of identifying the critical components for sustainability of the National Heritage Area.

(c) RECOMMENDATIONS.—Each report under subsection (a)(2) shall include—

(1) if the report contains a recommendation of the Secretary that Federal funding for the applicable National Heritage Area should be continued, an analysis of—

(A) any means by which that Federal funding may be reduced or eliminated over time; and

(B) the appropriate time period necessary to achieve the recommended reduction or elimination of Federal funding; or

(2) if the report contains a recommendation of the Secretary that Federal funding for the applicable National Heritage Area should be eliminated, a description of potential impacts on conservation, interpretation, and sustainability in the applicable National Heritage Area.

(d) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 3052(a) of Public Law 113–291 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note) is amended by striking paragraph (2).

SEC. 6. PRIVATE PROPERTY AND REGULATORY PROTECTIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this Act (including an amendment made by this Act)—

(1) abridges any right of a public or private property owner, including the right to refrain from participating in any plan, project, program, or activity conducted within a National Heritage Area;

(2) requires any property owner to permit public access (including Federal, State, Tribal government, or local government access) to a property;

(3) modifies any provision of Federal, State, Tribal, or local law with respect to public access or use of private land;

(4)(A) alters any applicable land use regulation, land use plan, or other regulatory authority of any Federal, State, or local agency or Tribal government; or

(B) conveys to any local coordinating entity any land use or other regulatory authority;

(5) authorizes or implies the reservation or appropriation of water or water rights;

(6) diminishes the authority of a State to manage fish and wildlife, including through the regulation of fishing and hunting within a National Heritage Area in the State; or

(7) creates or affects any liability—

(A) under any other provision of law; or

(B) of any private property owner with respect to any person injured on private property.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 8004(f) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1245) is amended by striking paragraphs (2) through (4) and inserting the following:

“(2) requires any property owner to permit public access (including Federal, State, Tribal government, or local government access) to a property;

“(3) modifies any provision of Federal, State, Tribal, or local law with respect to public access or use of private land;

“(4)(A) alters any applicable land use regulation, land use plan, or other regulatory authority of any Federal, State, or local agency or Tribal government; or

“(B) conveys to any local coordinating entity any land use or other regulatory authority;”.

SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF CERTAIN NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA STUDIES.

(a) GREAT DISMAL SWAMP NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA STUDY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation with State and local organizations and governmental agencies, Tribal governments, nonprofit organizations, and other appropriate entities and in accordance with section 4(a), shall conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating the areas described in paragraph (2) in the States of Virginia and North Carolina as a national heritage area, to be known as the “Great Dismal Swamp National Heritage Area”.

(2) DESCRIPTION OF STUDY AREA.—The areas to be studied under paragraph (1) include—

(A) the cities of Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Suffolk in the State of Virginia;

(B) Isle of Wight County in the State of Virginia;

(C) Camden, Currituck, Gates, and Pasquotank Counties in the State of North Carolina; and

(D) any other area in the State of Virginia or North Carolina that—

- (i) has heritage aspects that are similar to the heritage aspects of an area described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C); and
- (ii) is adjacent to, or in the vicinity of, an area described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C).

(b) GUAM NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA STUDY.—The Secretary, in consultation with appropriate regional and local organizations or agencies, and in accordance with section 4(a), shall conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating sites in Guam as a National Heritage Area.

SEC. 8. NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA DESIGNATIONS.

(a) DESIGNATIONS.—Section 6001(a) of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act (Public Law 116–9; 133 Stat. 768) is amended by adding at the end the following:‘

“(7) ALABAMA BLACK BELT NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—There is established the Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area in the State of Alabama, as depicted on the map entitled ‘Alabama Black Belt Proposed National Heritage Area’, numbered 258/177,272, and dated September 2021.

“(B) LOCAL COORDINATING ENTITY.—The Center for the Study of the Black Belt at the University of West Alabama shall be the local coordinating entity for the National Heritage Area designated by subparagraph (A).

“(8) DOWNEAST MAINE NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—There is established the Downeast Maine National Heritage Area in the State of Maine, consisting of Hancock and Washington Counties, Maine.

“(B) LOCAL COORDINATING ENTITY.—The Sunrise County Economic Council shall be the local coordinating entity for the National Heritage Area designated by subparagraph (A).

“(9) NORTHERN NECK NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA, VIRGINIA.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—There is established the Northern Neck National Heritage Area in the State of Virginia, as depicted on the map entitled ‘Northern Neck National Heritage Area Proposed Boundary’, numbered 671/177,224, and dated August 2021.

“(B) LOCAL COORDINATING ENTITY.—The Northern Neck Tourism Commission, a working committee of the Northern Neck Planning District Commission, shall serve as the local coordinating entity for the National Heritage Area designated by subparagraph (A).

“(10) SOUTHERN CAMPAIGN OF THE REVOLUTION NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR, NORTH CAROLINA AND SOUTH CAROLINA.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—There is established the Southern Campaign of the Revolution National Heritage Corridor in the States of North Carolina and South Carolina, as depicted on the map entitled ‘Southern Campaign of the Revolution Proposed National Heritage Corridor’, numbered 257/177,271, and dated September 2021.

“(B) LOCAL COORDINATING ENTITY.—The University of South Carolina shall be the local coordinating entity for the National Heritage Area designated by subparagraph (A).

“(11) SOUTHERN MARYLAND NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—There is established the Southern Maryland National Heritage Area in the State of Maryland, as depicted on the map entitled ‘Southern Maryland National Heritage Area Proposed Boundary’, numbered 672/177,225B, and dated November 2021.

“(B) LOCAL COORDINATING ENTITY.—The Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland shall be the local coordinating entity for the National Heritage Area designated by subparagraph (A).”.

(b) MANAGEMENT PLANS.—For the purposes of section 6001(c) of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act (Public Law 116–9; 133 Stat. 772), the local coordinating entity for each of the National Heritage Areas designated under the amendment made by subsection (a) shall submit to the Secretary for approval a proposed management plan for the applicable National Heritage Area not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 9. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA AUTHORITIES.

(a) EXTENSIONS.—

(1) ILLINOIS AND MICHIGAN CANAL NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR.—Section 126 of the Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor Act of 1984 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 98–398; 98 Stat. 1456; 120 Stat. 1853), as amended by section 119(a) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(2) JOHN H. CHAFEE BLACKSTONE RIVER VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR.—Section 10(a) of Public Law 99–647 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; 100 Stat. 3630; 104 Stat. 1018; 128 Stat. 3804), as amended by section 119(b) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(3) DELAWARE AND LEHIGH NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR.—Section 12 of the Delaware and Lehigh Navigation Canal National Heritage Corridor Act of 1988 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 100–692; 102 Stat. 4558; 112 Stat. 3260; 123 Stat. 1293; 127 Stat. 420; 128 Stat. 314; 128 Stat. 3801), as amended by section 119(c) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended—

(A) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”; and

(B) in subsection (d), by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(4) THE LAST GREEN VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR.—Section 106(b) of the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 103–449; 108 Stat. 4755; 113 Stat. 1728; 123 Stat. 1291; 128 Stat. 3802), as amended by section 119(d) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(5) NATIONAL COAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 107 of the National Coal Heritage Area Act of 1996 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 104–333; 110 Stat. 4244; 127 Stat. 420; 128 Stat. 314; 128 Stat. 3801), as amended by section 119(e)(1) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(6) TENNESSEE CIVIL WAR HERITAGE AREA.—Section 208 of division II of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 104–333; 110 Stat. 4248; 127 Stat. 420; 128 Stat. 314; 129 Stat. 2551; 132 Stat. 661; 133 Stat. 778), as amended by section 119(e)(9) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(7) AUGUSTA CANAL NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR.—Section 310 of division II of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 104–333; 110 Stat. 4252; 127 Stat. 420; 128 Stat. 314; 129 Stat. 2551; 132 Stat. 661; 133 Stat. 778), as amended by section 119(e)(7) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(8) RIVERS OF STEEL NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 408 of the Steel Industry American Heritage Area Act of 1996 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 104–333; 110 Stat. 4256; 127 Stat. 420; 128 Stat. 314; 128 Stat. 3801), as amended by section 119(e)(2) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(9) ESSEX NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 507 of division II of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 104–333; 110 Stat. 4260; 127 Stat. 420; 128 Stat. 314; 128 Stat. 3801), as amended by section 119(e)(3) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(10) SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR.—Section 607 of the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor Act of 1996 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 104–333; 110 Stat. 4264; 127 Stat. 420; 128 Stat. 314; 129 Stat. 2551; 132 Stat. 661; 133 Stat. 778), as amended by section 119(e)(8) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(11) AMERICA’S AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE PARTNERSHIP.—Section 707 of division II of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 104–333; 110 Stat. 4267; 127 Stat. 420; 128 Stat. 314; 128 Stat. 3801), as amended by section 119(e)(4) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(12) OHIO & ERIE NATIONAL HERITAGE CANALWAY.—Section 809 of the Ohio & Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor Act of 1996 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 104–333; 110 Stat. 4275; 122 Stat. 826; 127 Stat. 420; 128 Stat. 314;

128 Stat. 3801), as amended by section 119(e)(5) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(13) MAURICE D. HINCHEY HUDSON RIVER VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 910 of division II of Public Law 104–333 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; 110 Stat. 4281; 127 Stat. 420; 128 Stat. 314; 128 Stat. 3801), as amended by section 119(e)(6) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(14) MOTORCITIES NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 109 of the Automobile National Heritage Area Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 105–355; 112 Stat. 3252; 128 Stat. 3802), as amended by section 119(f) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(15) LACKAWANNA VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 108 of the Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area Act of 2000 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 106–278; 114 Stat. 818; 127 Stat. 420; 128 Stat. 314; 128 Stat. 3802), as amended by section 119(g)(1) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(16) SCHUYLKILL RIVER VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 209 of the Schuylkill River Valley Heritage Area Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 106–278; 114 Stat. 824; 128 Stat. 3802), as amended by section 119(g)(2) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(17) WHEELING NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Subsection (i) of the Wheeling National Heritage Area Act of 2000 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 106–291; 114 Stat. 967; 128 Stat. 3802), as amended by section 119(h) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(18) YUMA CROSSING NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 7 of the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area Act of 2000 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 106–319; 114 Stat. 1284; 128 Stat. 3802), as amended by section 119(i) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(19) ERIE CANALWAY NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR.—Section 811 of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 106–554; 114 Stat. 2763A–295; 128 Stat. 3802), as amended by section 119(j) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(20) BLUE RIDGE NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Subsection (j) of the Blue Ridge National Heritage Area Act of 2003 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 108–108; 117 Stat. 1280; 133 Stat. 778), as amended by section 119(k) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking “2023” and inserting “2037”.

(21) NATIONAL AVIATION HERITAGE AREA.—Section 512 of the National Aviation Heritage Area Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 108–447; 118 Stat. 3367; 133 Stat. 2713) is amended by striking “September 30, 2022” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(22) OIL REGION NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 608 of the Oil Region National Heritage Area Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 108–447; 118 Stat. 3372; 133 Stat. 2713) is amended by striking “September 30, 2022” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(23) NORTHERN RIO GRANDE NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 208 of the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 109–338; 120 Stat. 1790), as amended by section 119(l)(1) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking “September 30, 2023” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(24) ATCHAFALAYA NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 221 of the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 109–338; 120 Stat. 1795), as amended by section 119(l)(1) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking “September 30, 2023” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(25) ARABIA MOUNTAIN NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 240 of the Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 109–338; 120 Stat. 1799), as amended by section 119(1)(1) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking “September 30, 2023” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(26) MORMON PIONEER NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 260 of the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 109–338; 120 Stat. 1807), as amended by section 119(1)(1) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking “September 30, 2023” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(27) FREEDOM’S FRONTIER NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 269 of the Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 109–338; 120 Stat. 1813), as amended by section 119(1)(1) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking “September 30, 2023” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(28) UPPER HOUSATONIC VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 280B of the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 109–338; 120 Stat. 1819), as amended by section 119(1)(2) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking “September 30, 2023” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(29) CHAMPLAIN VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE PARTNERSHIP.—Section 289 of the Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership Act of 2006 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 109–338; 120 Stat. 1824), as amended by section 119(1)(1) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking “September 30, 2023” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(30) GREAT BASIN NATIONAL HERITAGE ROUTE.—Section 291J of the Great Basin National Heritage Route Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 109–338; 120 Stat. 1831), as amended by section 119(1)(1) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking “September 30, 2023” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(31) GULLAH/GEECHEE CULTURAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR.—Section 295L of the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 109–338; 120 Stat. 1837), as amended by section 119(1)(1) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking “September 30, 2023” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(32) CROSSROADS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 297H of the Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area Act of 2006 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 109–338; 120 Stat. 1844), as amended by section 119(1)(1) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117–103), is amended by striking “September 30, 2023” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(33) ABRAHAM LINCOLN NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 451 of the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 110–229; 122 Stat. 824) is amended by striking “the date that is 15 years after the date of the enactment of this subtitle” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(34) JOURNEY THROUGH HALLOWED GROUND NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 411 of the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 110–229; 122 Stat. 809) is amended by striking “the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of this subtitle” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(35) NIAGARA FALLS NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 432 of the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 110–229; 122 Stat. 818) is amended by striking “the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of this Act” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(36) SANGRE DE CRISTO NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 8001(i) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1229) is amended by striking “the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of this Act” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(37) CACHE LA POUDE RIVER NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 8002(i) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1234) is amended by striking “the date that is

15 years after the date of enactment of this Act” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(38) SOUTH PARK NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 8003(i) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1240) is amended by striking “the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of this Act” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(39) NORTHERN PLAINS NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 8004(j) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1247; 123 Stat. 2929) is amended by striking “the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of this Act” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(40) BALTIMORE NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 8005(i) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1253) is amended by striking “the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of this Act” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(41) FREEDOM’S WAY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 8006(i) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1260) is amended by striking “the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of this Act” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(42) MISSISSIPPI HILLS NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 8007(i) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1267) is amended by striking “the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of this Act” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(43) MISSISSIPPI DELTA NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 8008(i) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1275) is amended by striking “the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of this Act” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(44) MUSCLE SHOALS NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 8009(j) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1282) is amended by striking “the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of this Act” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(45) KENAI MOUNTAINS TURNAGAIN ARM NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 8010(i) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1288) is amended by striking “the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of this Act” and inserting “September 30, 2037”.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated for each National Heritage Area extended under an amendment made by paragraphs (1) through (45) of subsection (a) not more than \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2037, subject to any other applicable provisions of, but notwithstanding any limitation on total appropriations for the applicable National Heritage Area established by, a law amended by that subsection.

SEC. 10. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS.

(a) RIVERS OF STEEL NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 409(a) of the Steel Industry American Heritage Area Act of 1996 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 104–333; 110 Stat. 4256; 129 Stat. 2551; 133 Stat. 778) is amended, in the second sentence, by striking “\$20,000,000” and inserting “\$22,000,000”.

(b) ESSEX NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 508(a) of division II of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 104–333; 110 Stat. 4260; 129 Stat. 2551; 133 Stat. 778) is amended, in the second sentence, by striking “\$20,000,000” and inserting “\$22,000,000”.

(c) SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR.—Section 608(a) of the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor Act of 1996 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 104–333; 110 Stat. 4264; 122 Stat. 824; 133 Stat. 2714) is amended, in the second sentence, by striking “\$17,000,000” and inserting “\$19,000,000”.

(d) AMERICA’S AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE PARTNERSHIP.—Section 708(a) of division II of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 104–333; 110 Stat. 4267; 122 Stat. 824; 134 Stat. 1505) is amended, in the second sentence, by striking “\$17,000,000” and inserting “\$19,000,000”.

(e) OHIO & ERIE NATIONAL HERITAGE CANALWAY.—Section 812(a) of the Ohio & Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor Act of 1996 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 104–333; 110 Stat. 4275; 133 Stat. 778) is amended by striking “\$20,000,000” and inserting “\$22,000,000”.

(f) MAURICE D. HINCHEY HUDSON RIVER VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 909(c) of division II of Public Law 104–333 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; 110 Stat. 4280; 122 Stat. 824) is amended, in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “\$15,000,000” and inserting “\$17,000,000”.

(g) MOTORCITIES NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 110(a) of the Automobile National Heritage Area Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 105–355; 112 Stat. 3252; 133 Stat. 778) is amended, in the second sentence, by striking “\$12,000,000” and inserting “\$14,000,000”.

(h) WHEELING NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Subsection (h)(1) of the Wheeling National Heritage Area Act of 2000 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 106–291; 114 Stat. 967; 133 Stat. 778) is amended by striking “\$15,000,000” and inserting “\$17,000,000”.

(i) THE LAST GREEN VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR.—Section 109(a) of the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 103–449; 108 Stat. 4756; 113 Stat. 1729; 123 Stat. 1292; 133 Stat. 2714) is amended, in the first sentence, by striking “\$17,000,000” and inserting “\$19,000,000”.

(j) LACKAWANNA VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Section 109(a) of the Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area Act of 2000 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 106–278; 114 Stat. 818; 134 Stat. 1505) is amended by striking “\$12,000,000” and inserting “\$14,000,000”.

(k) BLUE RIDGE NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—Subsection (i)(1) of the Blue Ridge National Heritage Area Act of 2003 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 108–108; 117 Stat. 1280; 133 Stat. 778) is amended by striking “\$14,000,000” and inserting “\$16,000,000”.

SEC. 11. REDESIGNATIONS.

(a) SILOS & SMOKESTACKS NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—

(1) REDESIGNATION.—The America’s Agricultural Heritage Partnership established by section 703(a) of division II of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–333; 110 Stat. 4266) shall be known and designated as the “Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area”.

(2) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the partnership referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the “Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area”.

(b) GREAT BASIN NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—

(1) DESIGNATION OF THE GREAT BASIN NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—The Great Basin National Heritage Route Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 109–338; 120 Stat. 1824) is amended—

(A) by striking “the Heritage Route” each place it appears and inserting “the Heritage Area”;

(B) by striking “along” each place it appears and inserting “in”;

(C) in the subtitle heading, by striking “Route” and inserting “Area”;

(D) in section 291, by striking “Route” and inserting “Area”;

(E) in section 291A(a)—

(i) in paragraphs (2) and (3), by striking “the Great Basin Heritage Route” each place it appears and inserting “the Great Basin National Heritage Area”;

and (ii) in paragraph (13), by striking “a Heritage Route” and inserting “a Heritage Area”;

(F) in section 291B, by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following: “(2) HERITAGE AREA.—The term ‘Heritage Area’ means the Great Basin National Heritage Area established by section 291C(a).”;

(G) in section 291C—

(i) in the section heading, by striking “route” and inserting “area”;

and

(ii) in subsection (a), by striking “Heritage Route” and inserting “Heritage Area”;

and

(H) in section 291L(d), in the subsection heading, by striking “in Heritage Route” and inserting “in Heritage Area”.

(2) DESIGNATION OF GREAT BASIN HERITAGE AREA PARTNERSHIP.—The Great Basin National Heritage Area Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 109–338; 120 Stat. 1824) is amended by striking “Great Basin Heritage Route Partnership” each place it appears and inserting “Great Basin Heritage Area Partnership”.

SEC. 12. EXTENSION OF DEADLINE TO COMPLETE CERTAIN MANAGEMENT PLANS.

Section 6001(c)(1) of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 116–9; 133 Stat. 772) is amended by striking “3” and inserting “5”.

PURPOSE

As ordered reported, the purpose of S. 1942 is to standardize the designation of National Heritage Areas, extend the legislative authorization for 45 areas, designate 5 new areas, and authorize 2 National Heritage Area feasibility studies.

BACKGROUND AND NEED

National Heritage Areas (NHAs) are public-private partnerships that commemorate our nation's history and serve as economic catalysts for communities across the country. NHAs are large, lived-in landscapes designated for their historic and cultural significance, or their environmental, aesthetic, and economic value to a community.

Each NHA designated by Congress is administered by a local coordinating entity, such as a non-profit organization, state or local government, university, or federal commission, which is responsible for creating and implementing a management plan. NHA entities collaborate with local communities to make the heritage relevant to local interests and needs.

Through the annual appropriations process, the National Park Service provides financial assistance, technical assistance, and coordinates management planning, resource preservation and protection, interpretation, and education between agencies and partner organizations. NHAs can include several related designations, such as a national heritage corridor, cultural heritage corridor, national heritage partnership, national heritage route, national heritage canalway, and battlefields national historic district.

Congress has designated 55 NHAs since 1984. The large number of NHAs and the frequent proposals to designate new areas have inspired bipartisan calls since 2005 to establish uniformity across new and existing NHAs. S. 1942 establishes a National Heritage Area System and creates uniform guidelines for the Secretary to study, designate, and evaluate heritage areas.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

S. 1942 was introduced by Senator Stabenow and 15 cosponsors on May 27, 2021. The Subcommittee on National Parks held a hearing on S. 1942 and on several individual national heritage area related measures on October 6, 2021. Representative Tonko and 136 cosponsors have sponsored companion legislation in the House of Representatives, H.R. 1316. The text of H.R. 1316 was included in title XVII of H.R. 803, the "Protecting America's Wilderness and Public Lands Act," which passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 227 yeas to 200 nays on February 26, 2021.

The Committee-reported bill includes provisions from several bills extending the legislative authorization for specific national heritage areas, including:

- S. 336, (Ohio & Erie National Heritage Canalway), introduced by Senators Brown and Portman on February 22, 2021.
- S. 378, (Steel Industry American Heritage Area (Rivers of Steel NHA), Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area, Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area, and Oil Region National Heritage Area), introduced by Senator Casey on February 23, 2021.

- S. 635, (Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor and Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area), introduced by Senators Murphy, Blementhal, Markey, and Warren on March 9, 2021.
- S. 654, (Blue Ridge National Heritage Area), introduced by Senators Burr and Tillis on March 10, 2021.
- S. 787, (Atchafalaya National Heritage Area), introduced by Senators Cassidy and Kennedy on March 17, 2021.
- S. 972, (Essex National Heritage Area), introduced by Senators Markey and Warren on March 25, 2021.
- S. 990, (Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area), introduced by Senators Heinrich and Lujan on March 25, 2021.
- S. 1004, (Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area and Great Basin National Heritage Area, and rename the Great Basin Heritage Route as the Great Basin Heritage Area and the Great Basin Heritage Route Partnership as the Great Basin Heritage Area Partnership), introduced by Senators Cortez Masto, Romney, and Rosen) on March 25, 2021.
- S. 1224, (America’s Agricultural Heritage Partnership, and rename the America’s Agricultural Heritage Partnership as the Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area), introduced by Senators Ernst and Grassley on April 20, 2021.
- S. 1258, (National Coal Heritage Area and Wheeling National Heritage Area), introduced by Senators Manchin and Capito on April 20, 2021.
- S. 1318, (Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area), introduced by Senators Kelly and Sinema on April 22, 2021.
- S. 1329, (National Aviation Heritage Area), introduced by Senators Portman and Brown on April 22, 2021.
- S. 1954, (John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor), introduced by Senator Reed on May 27, 2021.
- S. 2482, (Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership), introduced by Senators Leahy, Schumer, Sanders, and Gillibrand on July 27, 2021.
- S. 2648, (Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area), introduced by Senator Murkowski on August 5, 2021.
- S. 2763, (Motor Cities National Heritage Area), introduced by Senators Stabenow and Peters on September 20, 2021.

The Committee-reported bill also includes provisions from the following bills designating new national heritage areas:

- S. 825, (Southern Maryland National Heritage Area), introduced by Senators Cardin and Van Hollen on March 18, 2021.
 - S. 1643, (Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area), introduced by Senators Shelby and Tuberville on May 13, 2021.
 - S. 2296, (Northern Neck National Heritage Area), introduced by Senators Warner and Kaine on June 24, 2021.
- S. 2441, (Southern Campaign of the Revolution National Heritage Corridor), introduced by Senators Graham and Scott of South Carolina on July 22, 2021.

The Subcommittee on National Parks held a hearing on the above bills on October 6, 2021.

The Committee-reported bill also includes provisions from S. 3932, (designating the Downeast Maine National Heritage Area), introduced by Senators King and Collins on March 28, 2022, and two national heritage area study bills:

- S. 470, (Great Dismal Swamp National Heritage Area Study), introduced by Senators Kaine and Warner on February 25, 2021.
- H.R. 2899, (Guam National Heritage Area Study), introduced by Delegate San Nicolas and Representative Case on April 28, 2021. H.R. 2899 was reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on March 9, 2022 (H. Rept. 117-265) and passed the House by a voice vote on March 15, 2022.

The Committee-reported bill includes provisions from several other bills extending legislative authority for specific national heritage areas:

- S. 2942, (Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area), introduced by Senators Booker and Menendez on March 6, 2021.
- S. 3633, (Augusta Canal National Heritage Area, Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area, and Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor), introduced by Senator Warnock on February 10, 2022.
- S. 3728, (Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area, Cache la Poudre National Heritage Area, and South Park National Heritage Area), introduced by Senators Bennet and Hickenlooper on March 2, 2022.
- S. 3744, (Baltimore National Heritage Area), introduced by Senators Carden and Van Hollen on March 3, 2022.
- S. 3853, (Maurice D. Hinchey Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area), introduced by Senators Gillibrand and Schumer on March 16, 2022.
- S. 4093, (Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area), introduced by Senators Tuberville and Shelby on April 27, 2022.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, in open business session on May 3, 2022, by a voice vote of a quorum present, recommends that the Senate pass S. 1942, if amended as described herein.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

During its consideration of S. 1942, the Committee adopted an amendment in the nature of a substitute. The amendment clarifies several provisions relating the establishment of a national heritage area system, and extends the legislative authorization for 45 national heritage areas, similar to the text of S. 3435, an original bill reported by the Committee on December 17, 2021 (Cal. 230), designates 5 new national heritage areas and authorizes the 2 heritage area studies.

The amendment is explained in detail in the section-by-section analysis, below.

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

Section 1. Short title

Section 1 provides the short title, the “National Heritage Area Act.”

Section 2. Definitions

Section 2 defines key terms used in the bill.

Section 3. National Heritage Area System

Section 3(a) establishes a National Heritage Area System under which the Secretary of the Interior may provide technical and financial assistance to support the establishment, development, and continuity of National Heritage Areas.

Subsection (b) lists the different National Heritage Area designations previously designated by Congress to be included the National Heritage Area System. The subsection also states that all future National Heritage Areas designated by Congress will be part of System.

Subsection (c) describes the relationship between the National Heritage Area System and the National Park System. The Secretary shall, to the maximum extent practicable, ensure that administrators of National Park System units in close proximity to a National Heritage Area make management decisions consistent with the management plans for the National Heritage Area and work with local entities to promote public enjoyment of National Park Service units. The subsection clarifies that National Heritage Areas are neither units of the National Park System nor subject to the authorities of the National Park System.

The subsection provides that the Secretary may conduct feasibility studies, study and make recommendations regarding the relationship between the National Park Service and National Heritage Areas, enter into cooperative agreements to administer the National Heritage Area System, and otherwise promote and support the National Heritage Area System.

Section 4. National Heritage Area studies and designation

Section 4(a) authorizes the Secretary, state and local groups, government organizations, or other interested parties to carry out studies to assess the suitability of proposed National Heritage Areas. A study must analyze factors of the proposed National Heritage Area and determine whether the proposed area meets specific requirements. The Secretary is required to review studies carried out by outside entities to ensure the studies meet the requirements of this section. The Secretary is required to submit a report to the Senate and House authorizing committees that describes the study’s findings and any conclusions and recommendations of the Secretary.

Subsection (b) states that an area shall be designated as a National Heritage Area only by an Act of Congress.

Section 5. Evaluation

Section 5(a) authorizes the Secretary to evaluate the accomplishments of a National Heritage Area at reasonable and appropriate intervals, and to submit a report to Congress which includes rec-

ommendations for the role of the National Park Service with respect to each National Heritage Area.

Subsection (b) describes required components of the evaluation referenced in subsection (a). The evaluation shall assess the progress and accomplishments of a local coordinating entity, analyze the impact of investments in a National Heritage Area, and review the management structure for a National Heritage Area.

Subsection (c) lists requirements for a report to Congress if the report contains a recommendation regarding Federal funding. If the report recommends that funding for a National Heritage Area should be continued, the report must contain information on how that funding may be reduced over time. If the report recommends that funding should be eliminated, the report must contain a description of potential impacts to the National Heritage Area.

Section 6. Private property and regulatory protections

Section 6(a) clarifies that nothing in this Act abridges any rights of a public or private property owner, requires a property owner to permit public access to a property, alters any land use regulation, conveys authority to any local coordinating entity, affects water rights, diminishes State authority over wildlife, or creates liability with respect to any person injured on private property.

Subsection (b) amends section 8004 of Public Law 111–11, the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, which established the Northern Plains National Heritage Area. The amendment clarifies private property and regulatory protections in the area so that they are consistent with the savings language in subsection (a).

Section 7. Authorization of certain National Heritage Area studies

Section 7(a) directs the Secretary to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating areas in Virginia and North Carolina as the “Great Dismal Swamp National Heritage Area.”

Subsection (b) directs the Secretary to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating sites in Guam as a National Heritage Area.

Sec. 8. National Heritage Area designations

Section 8(a) amends section 6001(a) of Public Law 116–9 to designate 5 new heritage areas: the Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area, the Downeast Maine National Heritage Area, the Northern Neck National Heritage Area in Virginia, the Southern Campaign of the Revolution Heritage Corridor in North Carolina and South Carolina, and the Southern Maryland National Heritage Area. This section also designates a local coordinating entity for each new designated heritage area.

Subsection (b) states that the local coordinating entity for each new heritage area shall submit a proposed management plan within 3 years of the designation.

Sec. 9. Extension of certain National Heritage Area authorities

Subsection (a) extends the legislative authorization for 45 national heritage areas through 2037.

Subsection (b) authorizes appropriations not more than \$1 million annually for fiscal years 2023 through 2037 for each heritage

area, subject to 50–50 matching requirement with non-federal funds.

Sec. 10. Authorization of appropriations for certain National Heritage Areas

Section 10 increases the authorization of appropriations by \$2 million for 11 national heritage areas.

Sec. 11. Redesignations

Section 11(a) redesignates the America’s Agricultural Heritage Partnership in Iowa as the “Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area.”

Subsection (b) redesignates the Great Basin National Heritage Route in Nevada as the “Great Basin National Heritage Area.”

Sec. 12. Extension of deadline

Section 12 extends the timeframe for the local coordinating entities of the following heritage areas to submit their management plans to the Secretary: the Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area, the Maritime Washington National Heritage Area, the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area, the Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area, and the Susquehanna National Heritage Area.

COST AND BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS

The Committee has requested, but has not yet received, the Congressional Budget Office’s estimate of the cost of S. 1942 as ordered reported. When the Congressional Budget Office completes its cost estimate, it will be posted on the Internet at www.cbo.gov.

REGULATORY IMPACT EVALUATION

In compliance with paragraph 11(b) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee makes the following evaluation of the regulatory impact which would be incurred in carrying out S. 1942. The bill is not a regulatory measure in the sense of imposing Government-established standards or significant economic responsibilities on private individuals and businesses. No personal information would be collected in administering the program. Therefore, there would be no impact on personal privacy. Little, if any, additional paperwork would result from the enactment of S. 1942, as ordered reported.

CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING

S. 1942, as ordered reported, does not contain any congressionally directed spending items, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

The testimony provided by the Department of the Interior at the October 6, 2021, hearing on S. 1942 follows:

STATEMENT OF JOY BEASLEY, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR
CULTURAL RESOURCES, PARTNERSHIPS AND SCIENCE, NA-
TIONAL PARK SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTE-
RIOR

Chairman King, Ranking Member Daines, and members of the Subcommittee, thank you for the opportunity to present the views of the Department of the Interior on S. 1942, to authorize a National Heritage Area Program; on five bills that would establish new national heritage areas, S. 511, S. 825, S. 1643, S. 2296, and S. 2441; and on sixteen bills that would extend authorities for several existing national heritage areas, S. 336, S. 378, S. 635, S. 654, S. 787, S. 972, S. 990, S. 1004, S. 1224, S. 1258, S. 1318, S. 1329, S. 1954, S. 2482, S. 2648, and S. 2763.

NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA PROGRAM LEGISLATION

The Department recognizes that every one of the 55 national heritage areas that have been established by Congress serves an important role in preserving, interpreting, and promoting the unique natural and cultural characteristics of the area it encompasses. We support establishing a statutory framework for the National Park Service's (NPS) role in administering the national heritage area program, as S. 1942 would do, but would like to work with the sponsors and the Committee on revisions to the bill.

National heritage areas foster stewardship of our nation's heritage without creating new park units. Rather than providing direct management, the NPS partners with national heritage area coordinating entities to provide technical and financial assistance. National heritage areas match and leverage federal funds appropriated by Congress to carry out heritage projects and programs in collaboration with local partners, expanding the impact of the federal dollars invested. National heritage area designation does not change land ownership or impose land use controls on any lands (private or otherwise) within the authorized boundary that constitutes a heritage area. Through public-private partnerships, national heritage areas support historic preservation, natural resource conservation, recreation, heritage tourism, and educational projects.

The first national heritage area was designated 37 years ago, and since that time, Congress has established a total of 55 national heritage areas in 34 states. Based on the number of national heritage area proposals that have been introduced in Congress, interest in creating new heritage areas remains high. Each heritage area is designated in perpetuity, but in most cases, Congress has included a federal funding sunset date that is 15 years after the date of enactment, and an initial funding limit of \$10 million. Congress has typically extended the authorization of funding for heritage areas once a sunset date or funding limit has been reached. This year, 30 of the 55 national heritage

areas require an extension of their authorizations of funding in order to be eligible to receive funds in FY 2022.

The NPS carries out its role in national heritage area activities through its Heritage Partnership Program. This program's responsibilities include evaluating heritage area feasibility studies; evaluating and approving national heritage area management plans; performing evaluations of heritage areas after they have been established for several years; and overseeing the use of funding that Congress provides to individual heritage areas through the NPS. The program provides a significant amount of technical support and assistance on an ongoing basis to the existing national heritage areas and to organizations interested in pursuing national heritage area designation. The program's authority is derived from the provisions included in the various laws that established the 55 designated national heritage areas.

S. 1942 would recognize national heritage areas as a system, rather than as individual entities, and would provide clear statutory authority for the NPS to administer the national heritage area program. The bill would specify the authorities and responsibilities of the Secretary of the Interior and would provide uniform standards for conducting feasibility studies, approving management plans, and conducting evaluations. Additionally, it would authorize appropriations of up to \$1,000,000 per year for each individual national heritage area, regardless of an individual heritage area's sunset date or spending cap under current law.

The Department supports enacting the bill's provisions for the NPS to carry out its role in the operation of heritage area activities, which would provide authority for the NPS's important ongoing responsibilities for national heritage areas. However, we recommend clarifying the bill's provisions for conducting feasibility studies, approving management plans, conducting evaluations, and carrying out other activities as they apply to existing laws that established national heritage areas or authorized feasibility studies. Currently, it is unclear whether these provisions would apply to existing national heritage areas and authorized studies, or only to national heritage areas designated and feasibility studies authorized after the enactment of this act.

Designation of New National Heritage Areas

Five bills would establish new national heritage areas, S. 511, S. 825, S. 1643, S. 2441, and S. 2296. Each one of the proposed areas has unique characteristics that have contributed to the rich tapestry of American history and culture. However, only two, so far, have been found to meet the NPS's criteria for establishment of a national heritage area: S. 2296, which would designate the Northern Neck National Heritage Area, and S. 2441, which would designate the Southern Campaign of the Revolution National Heritage Corridor. The Department supports

these two bills and recommends amendments as described below. While they may have merit, the Department recommends Congress consider deferring action on the other three bills while the NPS works with the sponsoring organizations to ensure their feasibility studies meet the criteria for designation. Without such studies, the NPS is not able to assess whether the necessary conditions exist to form and implement national heritage areas that will be successful in preserving and interpreting the resources associated with the history and culture of each of these areas. Studies may be conducted by the NPS through congressional authorization, or by an entity that submits a study to the NPS for a determination, provided that the study demonstrates that the area meets the NPS criteria.

S. 2296 would establish the Northern Neck National Heritage Area, which would include land in King George, Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond, and Westmoreland Counties in Virginia. S. 2296 generally follows the recommendations of the national heritage feasibility study that was conducted by the NPS pursuant to Public Law 111-11 and transmitted to Congress in 2020. The Department recommends the development of a legislative map based on the one referenced in the bill.

S. 2441 would establish the Southern Campaign of the Revolution National Heritage Corridor for the purpose of preserving, promoting, and interpreting resources related to the American Revolutionary War in the Carolinas. S. 2441 generally follows the recommendations of the national heritage area feasibility study that was conducted by the NPS pursuant to Public Law 109-338 and transmitted to Congress in 2015. The Department recommends conforming the language used in S. 2441 to that typically used in other national heritage area legislation in areas where S. 2441 differs, including adding a requirement for non-federal cost sharing. We also recommend the development of a legislative map based on the one referenced in the bill.

S. 511 would establish the Bronzeville-Black Metropolis National Heritage Area, for the purpose of interpreting the distinctive landscape, history, and culture of Chicago's Black Metropolis and the story of the Great Migration. The NPS has been working with the sponsoring organization on its draft feasibility study and would like to continue to do so to ensure that the study meets the NPS criteria, which will help set the potential national heritage area up for success. If the Committee moves forward with the legislation, the Department recommends conforming the language used in S. 511 to that typically used in other national heritage area legislation in areas where S. 511 differs. We also recommend the development of a legislative map to reference in the bill.

S. 825 would establish the Southern Maryland National Heritage Area, an area that would include portions of St. Mary's, Calvert, Charles, and Prince George's counties. A feasibility study by a local group is still in progress and

has not been completed. If the Committee moves forward with the legislation, the Department recommends conforming the language used in S. 825 to that typically used in other national heritage area legislation in areas where S. 825 differs. We also recommend the development of a legislative map to reference in the bill.

S. 1643 would establish the Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area for the purpose of conserving and interpreting sites and stories central to the American Civil Rights movement within 19 counties in the State of Alabama. The NPS has been working with the sponsoring organization on its draft feasibility study and would like to continue to do so to ensure that the study meets the NPS criteria, which will help set the potential national heritage area up for success. If the Committee moves forward with the legislation, the Department recommends conforming the language used in S. 1643 to that typically used in other national heritage area legislation in areas where S. 1643 differs. We also recommend the development of a legislative map to reference in the bill.

Extension of Authorities for National Heritage Areas

Sixteen bills on the agenda would extend existing authorities for 23 national heritage areas, S. 336, S. 378, S. 635, S. 654, S. 787, S. 972, S. 990, S. 1004, S. 1224, S. 1258, S. 1318, S. 1329, S. 1954, S. 2482, S. 2648, and S. 2763. The Department supports these bills' provisions for extension of federal funding and recommends Congress provide for an ongoing authorization of funding for national heritage areas, subject to appropriations. If ongoing authorization of federal funding is not enacted, the Department recommends amending the termination date in S. 1224 from fiscal year 2031 to fiscal year 2036 to align with the other extension bills. We also recommend standardizing the approach to federal funding limitations as only some of the bills eliminate a funding limitation. The Department seeks consistent cost-share requirements for national heritage areas as part of this public-private partnership program and recommends that the nonfederal match requirement in S. 2482 not be reduced.

The sixteen bills are:

- S. 336, which would extend the authorization of Ohio & Erie National Heritage Canalway to receive federal funding through fiscal year 2036 and would raise the federal funding limitation for the area to \$30,000,000.
- S. 378, which would extend the authorization of the Steel Industry American Heritage Area (Rivers of Steel NHA), the Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area, the Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area, and the Oil Region National Heritage Area to receive federal funding through fiscal year 2036 and would eliminate the federal funding limitation for each area. The bill would also extend the authorization of

the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Area to receive federal funding through fiscal year 2036.

- S. 635, which would extend the authorization of The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor and the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area to receive federal funding through fiscal year 2036 and would eliminate the federal funding limitation for each area.

- S. 654, which would extend the authorization of the Blue Ridge National Heritage Area to receive federal funding through fiscal year 2036 and would eliminate the federal funding limitation for the area.

- S. 787, which would extend the authorization of the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area to receive federal funding through fiscal year 2036.

- S. 972, which would extend the authorization of the Essex National Heritage Area to receive federal funding through fiscal year 2036 and would eliminate the federal funding limitation for the area.

- S. 990, which would extend the authorization of the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area to receive federal funding through fiscal year 2036.

- S. 1004, which would extend the authorization of the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area and the Great Basin National Heritage Area to receive federal funding through fiscal year 2036. The bill would also rename the Great Basin Heritage Route as the Great Basin Heritage Area and the Great Basin Heritage Route Partnership as the Great Basin Heritage Area Partnership.

- S. 1224, would extend the authorization of the Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area to receive federal funding through fiscal year 2031 and would raise the federal funding limitation for the area to \$23,000,000. The bill would also rename the America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership as the Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area.

- S. 1258, would extend the authorization of the National Coal Heritage Area and Wheeling National Heritage Area to receive federal funding through fiscal year 2036. The bill would also extend the deadline from 3 years to 4 years for national heritage areas established by the John D. Dingell Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act (Public Law 116-9) to submit their management plans to the Secretary of the Interior.

- S. 1318, would extend the authorization of the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area to receive federal funding through fiscal year 2036.

- S. 1329, would extend the authorization of the National Aviation Heritage Area to receive federal funding through fiscal year 2036.

- S. 1954, would extend the authorization of the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Her-

itage Corridor to receive federal funding through fiscal year 2036.

- S. 2482, would extend the authorization of the Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership to receive federal funding through fiscal year 2036 and would reduce the nonfederal cost-share amount from 50 percent to 25 percent.

- S. 2648, would extend the authorization of the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area to receive federal funding through fiscal year 2036 and would eliminate the federal funding limitation for the area.

- S. 2763, would extend the authorization of the Motor Cities National Heritage Area to receive federal funding through fiscal year 2036 and would raise the federal funding limitation for the area to \$23,250,000. Additionally, the bill would suspend the nonfederal match requirement for fiscal years 2022 and 2023 due to the impacts of the COVID–19 pandemic.

Regarding the bills described in this statement for which the Department recommends amendments, we would be pleased to work with the bill sponsors and the Committee to draft those amendments.

Chairman King, Ranking Member Daines, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today. I would be happy to answer any questions you or other members of the Subcommittee may have.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with paragraph 12 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the changes in existing law made by S. 1942, as ordered reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italic, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

Public Law 98–398

AN ACT To establish the Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor in the State of Illinois, and for other purposes

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TITLE I

SHORT TITLE

SEC. 101. This title may be cited as the “Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor Act of 1984”.

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SEC. 126. SUNSET.

The authority of the Secretary to provide assistance under this title terminates on **[2023]** *September 30, 2037*.

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Public Law 99-647

AN ACT To establish the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor in Massachusetts and Rhode Island

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AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

SEC. 10. (a) There is authorized to be appropriated annually to the Commission \$1,000,000 for each year until September 30, [2023] 2037 to carry out the purposes of this Act; except that the Federal contribution to the Commission shall not exceed 50 percent of the annual operating costs of the Commission.

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Public Law 100-692

AN ACT To establish the Delaware and Lehigh Navigation Canal National Heritage Corridor in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

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SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Delaware and Lehigh Navigation Canal National Heritage Corridor Act of 1988".

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SEC. 12. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) COMMISSION.—There is authorized to be appropriated annually to the Corporation to carry out its duties under this Act \$1,000,000 except that the Federal contribution to the Corporation shall not exceed 50 percent of the annual costs to the Corporation in carrying out those duties.

(b) SECRETARY.—There are authorized to be appropriated annually to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary to carry out his duties.

(c) MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—To implement the management action plan created by the Corporation, there is authorized to be appropriated \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2000 through [2023] 2037.

(2) LIMITATION ON EXPENDITURES.—Amounts made available under paragraph (1) shall not exceed 50 percent of the costs of implementing the management action plan.

(d) TERMINATION OF ASSISTANCE.—The authority of the Secretary to provide financial assistance under this Act terminates on September 30, [2023] 2037.

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Public Law 103-449

AN ACT To establish the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor in the State of Connecticut, and for other purposes

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SECTION 101. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the “Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994”.

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SEC. 106. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

(b) **TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary may not make any grants or provide any assistance under this Act after September 30, [2023] 2037.

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SEC. 109. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—There is authorized to be appropriated under this title not more than \$1,000,000 for any fiscal year. Not more than a total of [\$17,000,000] \$19,000,000 may be appropriated for the Corridor under this title after the date of the enactment of the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Reauthorization Act of 1999.

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Public Law 104–333

AN ACT To provide for the administration of certain Presidio properties at minimal cost to the Federal taxpayer, and for other purposes

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SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE AND TABLE OF CONTENTS.

This Act may be cited as the “Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996”.

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DIVISION II

TITLE I—NATIONAL COAL HERITAGE AREA

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SEC. 107. SUNSET.

The Secretary may not make any grant or provide any assistance under this title after September 30, [2023] 2037.

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TITLE II—TENNESSEE CIVIL WAR HERITAGE AREA

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SEC. 208. SUNSET.

The Secretary may not make any grant or provide any assistance under this title after September 30, [2023] 2037.

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TITLE III—AUGUSTA CANAL NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

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SEC. 310. SUNSET.

The Secretary may not make any grant or provide any assistance under this title after September 30, **[2023]** 2037.

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TITLE IV—STEEL INDUSTRY HERITAGE PROJECT

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SEC. 408. SUNSET.

The Secretary may not make any grant or provide any assistance under this title after September 30, **[2023]** 2037.

SEC. 409. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated under this title not more than \$1,000,000 for any fiscal year. Not more than a total of **[\$20,000,000]** \$22,000,000 may be appropriated for the Heritage Area under this title.

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TITLE V—ESSEX NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

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SEC. 507. SUNSET.

The Secretary may not make any grant or provide any assistance under this title after September 30, **[2023]** 2037.

SEC. 508. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated under this title not more than \$1,000,000 for any fiscal year. Not more than a total of **[\$20,000,000]** \$22,000,000 **[\$20,000,000]** may be appropriated for the Area under this title.

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TITLE VI—SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR

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SEC. 607. SUNSET.

The Secretary may not make any grant or provide any assistance under this title after September 30, **[2023]** 2037.

SEC. 608. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated under this title not more than \$1,000,000 for any fiscal year. Not more than a total of **[\$17,000,000]** \$19,000,000 may be appropriated for the Corridor under this title.

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**TITLE VII—AMERICA’S AGRICULTURAL
HERITAGE PARTNERSHIP**

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SEC. 707. SUNSET.

The Secretary may not make any grant or provide any assistance under this title after September 30, **[2023]** 2037.

SEC. 708. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated under this title not more than \$1,000,000 for any fiscal year. Not more than a total of **[\$17,000,000]** \$19,000,000 may be appropriated for the Partnership under this title.

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**TITLE VIII—OHIO & ERIE CANAL NATIONAL
HERITAGE CANALWAY**

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SEC. 809. SUNSET.

The Secretary may not make any grant or provide any assistance under this title after September 30, **[2023]** 2037.

SEC. 810. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated under this title not more than \$1,000,000 for any fiscal year. Not more than a total of **[\$20,000,000]** \$22,000,000 may be appropriated for the canalway under this title.

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**TITLE IX—HUDSON RIVER VALLEY NATIONAL
HERITAGE AREA**

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SEC. 909. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

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(c) IMPLEMENTATION.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary, for grants (and the administration thereof) for the implementation of the management plans for the Heritage Area pursuant to section 908, not more than \$17,000,000 **[\$15,000,000]**, to remain available until expended, subject to the following conditions:

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SEC. 910. SUNSET.

The Secretary may not make any grant or provide any assistance under this title after September 30, **[2023]** 2037.

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Public Law 105–355

AN ACT To authorize the Automobile National Heritage Area in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes

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TITLE I—AUTOMOBILE NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA OF MICHIGAN

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SEC. 109. SUNSET.

The Secretary may not make any grant or provide any assistance under this title after September 30, [2023] 2037.

SEC. 110. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated under this title not more than \$1,000,000 for any fiscal year. Not more than a total of [\$12,000,000] \$14,000,000 may be appropriated for the Heritage Area under this title.

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Public Law 106–278

AN ACT To designate the Lackawanna Valley and the Schuylkill River National Heritage Areas, and for other purposes

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TITLE I—LACKAWANNA VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

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SEC. 108. SUNSET PROVISION.

The Secretary may not make any grant or provide any assistance under this title after September 30, [2023] 2037.

SEC. 109. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this title [\$12,000,000] \$14,000,000, except that not more than \$1,000,000 may be appropriated to carry out this title for any fiscal year.

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TITLE II—SCHUYLKILL RIVER VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

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SEC. 209. SUNSET.

The Secretary may not make any grant or provide any assistance under this title after September 30, [2023] 2037.

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Public Law 106–291

AN ACT Making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes

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TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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GENERAL PROVISIONS, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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SEC. 157. (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Wheeling National Heritage Area Act of 2000”.

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(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section ~~15,000,000~~ \$17,000,000, except that not more than \$1,000,000 may be appropriated to carry out this section for any fiscal year.

(2) MATCHING FUNDS.—Federal funding provided under this section shall be matched at least 25 percent by other funds or in-kind services.

(i) SUNSET.—The Secretary may not make any grant or provide any assistance under this section after September 30, ~~2023~~ 2037.

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Public Law 106–319

AN ACT To establish the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area

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SEC. 7. SUNSET.

The Secretary may not make any grant or provide any assistance under this Act after September 30, ~~2023~~ 2037.

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Public Law 106–554

AN ACT Making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes

APPENDIX D—H.R. 5666

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TITLE VIII—ERIE CANALWAY NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR

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SEC. 811. TERMINATION OF ASSISTANCE.

The authority of the Secretary to provide financial assistance under this title shall terminate on September 30, ~~2023~~ 2037.

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Public Law 108–108

AN ACT Making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes

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TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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GENERAL PROVISIONS, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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SEC. 140. (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Blue Ridge National Heritage Area Act of 2003”.

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(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section ~~【\$14,000,000】~~ \$16,000,000, of which not more than \$1,000,000 shall be made available for any fiscal year.

(2) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The non-Federal share of the cost of any activities carried out using Federal funds made available under subsection (a) shall be not less than 50 percent.

(j) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority of the Secretary to provide assistance under this section terminates on September 30, ~~【2023】~~ 2037.

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Public Law 108–447

AN ACT Making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes

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DIVISION J—OTHER MATTERS

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TITLE V—NATIONAL AVIATION HERITAGE AREA

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SEC. 512. SUNSET PROVISION.

The authority of the Secretary to provide assistance under this title terminates after ~~【September 30, 2023】~~ September 30, 2037.

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TITLE VI—OIL REGION NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

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SEC. 608. SUNSET PROVISION.

The authority of the Secretary to provide assistance under this title terminates after **[September 30, 2023]** *September 30, 2037*.

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Public Law 109–338

AN ACT To reduce temporarily the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced, to establish certain National Heritage Areas, and for other purposes

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TITLE II—ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS

Subtitle A—Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area

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SEC. 208. SUNSET.

The authority of the Secretary to provide assistance under this subtitle terminates on **[September 30, 2023]** *September 30, 2037*.

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Subtitle B—Atchafalaya National Heritage Area

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SEC. 221. TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.

The authority of the Secretary to provide assistance to the local coordinating entity under this subtitle terminates on **[September 30, 2023]** *September 30, 2037*.

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Subtitle C—Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area

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SEC. 240. TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.

The authority of the Secretary to provide assistance under this subtitle terminates on **[September 30, 2023]** *September 30, 2037*.

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Subtitle D—Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area

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SEC. 260. TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.

The authority of the Secretary to provide assistance under this subtitle terminates on **[September 30, 2023]** *September 30, 2037*.

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Subtitle E—Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area

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SEC. 269. TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.

The authority of the Secretary to provide assistance under this subtitle terminates on **[September 30, 2023]** *September 30, 2037*.

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Subtitle F—Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area

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SEC. 280B. SUNSET.

The authority of the Secretary to provide assistance under this subtitle shall terminate on **[September 30, 2023]** *September 30, 2037*.

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Subtitle G—Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership

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SEC. 289. TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.

The authority of the Secretary to provide assistance under this subtitle terminates on **[September 30, 2023]** *September 30, 2037*.

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Subtitle H—Great Basin National Heritage [Route] Area

SEC. 291. SHORT TITLE.

This subtitle may be cited as the “Great Basin National Heritage **[Route] Area Act**”.

SEC. 291A. FINDINGS AND REPORTS.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) the natural, cultural, and historic heritage of the North American Great Basin is nationally significant;

(2) communities **[along]** *in* **[the Great Basin Heritage Route]** *the Great Basin Heritage Area* (including the towns of Delta, Utah, Ely, Nevada, and the surrounding communities) are located in a classic western landscape that contains long natural vistas, isolated high desert valleys, mountain ranges, ranches, mines, historic railroads, archaeological sites, and tribal communities;

(3) the Native American, pioneer, ranching, mining, timber, and railroad heritages associated with **[the Great Basin Heritage Route]** *the Great Basin Heritage Area* include the social history and living cultural traditions of a rich diversity of nationalities;

(4) the pioneer, Mormon, and other religious settlements, and ranching, timber, and mining activities of the region played and continue to play a significant role in the development of the United States, shaped by—

(A) the unique geography of the Great Basin;

(B) an influx of people of Greek, Chinese, Basque, Serb, Croat, Italian, and Hispanic descent; and

(C) a Native American presence (Western Shoshone, Northern and Southern Paiute, and Goshute) that continues in the Great Basin today;

(5) the Great Basin housed internment camps for Japanese American citizens during World War II, 1 of which, Topaz, was located in [along] *in* [the Heritage Route] *the Heritage Area*;

(6) the pioneer heritage of [the Heritage Route] *the Heritage Area* includes the Pony Express route and stations, the Overland Stage, and many examples of 19th century exploration of the western United States;

(7) the Native American heritage of [the Heritage Route] *the Heritage Area* dates back thousands of years and includes—

(A) archaeological sites;

(B) petroglyphs and pictographs;

(C) the westernmost village of the Fremont culture; and

(D) communities of Western Shoshone, Paiute, and Goshute tribes;

(8) [the Heritage Route] *the Heritage Area* contains multiple biologically diverse ecological communities that are home to exceptional species such as—

(A) bristlecone pines, the oldest living trees in the world;

(B) wildlife adapted to harsh desert conditions;

(C) unique plant communities, lakes, and streams; and

(D) native Bonneville cutthroat trout;

(9) the air and water quality of [the Heritage Route] *the Heritage Area* is among the best in the United States, and the clear air permits outstanding viewing of the night skies;

(10) [the Heritage Route] *the Heritage Area* includes unique and outstanding geologic features such as numerous limestone caves, classic basin and range topography with playa lakes, alluvial fans, volcanics, cold and hot springs, and recognizable features of ancient Lake Bonneville;

(11) [the Heritage Route] *the Heritage Area* includes an unusual variety of open space and recreational and educational opportunities because of the great quantity of ranching activity and public land (including city, county, and State parks, national forests, Bureau of Land Management land, and a national park);

(12) there are significant archaeological, historical, cultural, natural, scenic, and recreational resources in the Great Basin to merit the involvement of the Federal Government in the development, in cooperation with the [Great Basin Heritage Route Partnership] *Great Basin Heritage Area Partnership* and other local and governmental entities, of programs and projects to—

(A) adequately conserve, protect, and interpret the heritage of the Great Basin for present and future generations; and

- (B) provide opportunities in the Great Basin for education; and
- (13) the **【Great Basin Heritage Route Partnership】** *Great Basin Heritage Area Partnership* shall serve as the local coordinating entity for **【a Heritage Route】** a *Heritage Area* established in the Great Basin.
- (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this subtitle are—
- (1) to foster a close working relationship with all levels of government, the private sector, and the local communities within White Pine County, Nevada, Millard County, Utah, and the Duckwater Shoshone Reservation;
 - (2) to enable communities referred to in paragraph (1) to conserve their heritage while continuing to develop economic opportunities; and
 - (3) to conserve, interpret, and develop the archaeological, historical, cultural, natural, scenic, and recreational resources related to the unique ranching, industrial, and cultural heritage of the Great Basin, in a manner that promotes multiple uses permitted as of the date of enactment of this Act, without managing or regulating land use.

SEC. 291B. DEFINITIONS.

In this subtitle:

- (1) GREAT BASIN.—The term “Great Basin” means the North American Great Basin.
- 【(2) HERITAGE ROUTE.—The term “Heritage Route” means the Great Basin National Heritage Route established by section 291C(a).】** (2) *HERITAGE AREA.—The term “Heritage Area” means the Great Basin National Heritage Area established by section 291C(a).*
- (3) LOCAL COORDINATING ENTITY.—The term “local coordinating entity” means the **【Great Basin Heritage Route Partnership】** *Great Basin Heritage Area Partnership* established by section 291C(c).
- (4) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The term “management plan” means the plan developed by the local coordinating entity under section 291E(a).
- (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the National Park Service.

SEC. 291C. GREAT BASIN NATIONAL HERITAGE **【ROUTE】 AREA.**

- (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established the Great Basin National **【Heritage Route】** *Heritage Area* to provide the public with access to certain historical, cultural, natural, scenic, and recreational resources in White Pine County, Nevada, Millard County, Utah, and the Duckwater Shoshone Reservation in the State of Nevada, as designated by the local coordinating entity.
- (b) BOUNDARIES.—The local coordinating entity shall determine the specific boundaries of **【the Heritage Route】** *the Heritage Area*.
- (c) LOCAL COORDINATING ENTITY.—
 - (1) IN GENERAL.—The **【Great Basin Heritage Route Partnership】** *Great Basin Heritage Area Partnership* shall serve as the local coordinating entity for **【the Heritage Route】** *the Heritage Area*.

(2) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The [Great Basin Heritage Route Partnership] *Great Basin Heritage Area Partnership* shall be governed by a board of directors that consists of—

(A) 4 members who are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners for Millard County, Utah;

(B) 4 members who are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners for White Pine County, Nevada; and

(C) a representative appointed by each Native American Tribe participating in [the Heritage Route] *the Heritage Area*.

SEC. 291D. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out this subtitle, the Secretary, in consultation with the Governors of the States of Nevada and Utah and the tribal government of each Indian tribe participating in [the Heritage Route] *the Heritage Area*, shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the local coordinating entity.

(b) INCLUSIONS.—The memorandum of understanding shall include information relating to the objectives and management of [the Heritage Route] *the Heritage Area*, including—

(1) a description of the resources of [the Heritage Route] *the Heritage Area*;

(2) a discussion of the goals and objectives of [the Heritage Route] *the Heritage Area*, including—

(A) an explanation of the proposed approach to conservation, development, and interpretation; and

(B) a general outline of the anticipated protection and development measures;

(3) a description of the local coordinating entity;

(4) a list and statement of the financial commitment of the initial partners to be involved in developing and implementing the management plan; and

(5) a description of the role of the States of Nevada and Utah in the management of [the Heritage Route] *the Heritage Area*.

(c) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—In developing the terms of the memorandum of understanding, the Secretary and the local coordinating entity shall—

(1) provide opportunities for local participation; and

(2) include terms that ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, timely implementation of all aspects of the memorandum of understanding.

(d) AMENDMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall review any amendments of the memorandum of understanding proposed by the local coordinating entity or the Governor of the State of Nevada or Utah.

(2) USE OF FUNDS.—Funds made available under this subtitle shall not be expended to implement a change made by a proposed amendment described in paragraph (1) until the Secretary approves the amendment.

SEC. 291E. MANAGEMENT PLAN.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after the date on which funds are made available to carry out this subtitle, the local coordinating entity shall develop and submit to the Secretary for ap-

proval a management plan for **【the Heritage Route】** *the Heritage Area* that—

(1) specifies—

(A) any resources designated by the local coordinating entity under section 291C(a); and

(B) the specific boundaries of **【the Heritage Route】** *the Heritage Area*, as determined under section 291C(b); and

(2) presents clear and comprehensive recommendations for the conservation, funding, management, and development of **【the Heritage Route】** *the Heritage Area*.

(b) CONSIDERATIONS.—In developing the management plan, the local coordinating entity shall—

(1) provide for the participation of local residents, public agencies, and private organizations located within the counties of Millard County, Utah, White Pine County, Nevada, and the Duckwater Shoshone Reservation in the protection and development of resources of **【the Heritage Route】** *the Heritage Area*, taking into consideration State, tribal, county, and local land use plans in existence on the date of enactment of this Act;

(2) identify sources of funding;

(3) include—

(A) a program for implementation of the management plan by the local coordinating entity, including—

(i) plans for restoration, stabilization, rehabilitation, and construction of public or tribal property; and

(ii) specific commitments by the identified partners referred to in section 291D(b)(4) for the first 5 years of operation; and

(B) an interpretation plan for *the Heritage Area* **【the Heritage Route】**; and

(4) develop a management plan that will not infringe on private property rights without the consent of the owner of the private property.

(c) FAILURE TO SUBMIT.—If the local coordinating entity fails to submit a management plan to the Secretary in accordance with subsection (a), *the Heritage Area* **【the Heritage Route】** shall no longer qualify for Federal funding.

(d) APPROVAL AND DISAPPROVAL OF MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after receipt of a management plan under subsection (a), the Secretary, in consultation with the Governors of the States of Nevada and Utah, shall approve or disapprove the management plan.

(2) CRITERIA.—In determining whether to approve a management plan, the Secretary shall consider whether the management plan—

(A) has strong local support from a diversity of landowners, business interests, nonprofit organizations, and governments associated with *the Heritage Area* **【the Heritage Route】**;

(B) is consistent with and complements continued economic activity **【along】** *in* **【the Heritage Route】** *the Heritage Area*;

(C) has a high potential for effective partnership mechanisms;

(D) avoids infringing on private property rights; and

- (E) provides methods to take appropriate action to ensure that private property rights are observed.
- (3) ACTION FOLLOWING DISAPPROVAL.—If the Secretary disapproves a management plan under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—
- (A) advise the local coordinating entity in writing of the reasons for the disapproval;
 - (B) make recommendations for revisions to the management plan; and
 - (C) not later than 90 days after the receipt of any proposed revision of the management plan from the local coordinating entity, approve or disapprove the proposed revision.
- (e) IMPLEMENTATION.—On approval of the management plan as provided in subsection (d)(1), the local coordinating entity, in conjunction with the Secretary, shall take appropriate steps to implement the management plan.
- (f) AMENDMENTS.—
- (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall review each amendment to the management plan that the Secretary determines may make a substantial change to the management plan.
 - (2) USE OF FUNDS.—Funds made available under this subtitle shall not be expended to implement an amendment described in paragraph (1) until the Secretary approves the amendment.

SEC. 291F. AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF LOCAL COORDINATING ENTITY.

- (a) AUTHORITIES.—The local coordinating entity may, for purposes of preparing and implementing the management plan, use funds made available under this subtitle to—
- (1) make grants to, and enter into cooperative agreements with, a State (including a political subdivision), an Indian tribe, a private organization, or any person; and
 - (2) hire and compensate staff.
- (b) DUTIES.—In addition to developing the management plan, the local coordinating entity shall—
- (1) give priority to implementing the memorandum of understanding and the management plan, including taking steps to—
 - (A) assist units of government, regional planning organizations, and nonprofit organizations in—
 - (i) establishing and maintaining interpretive exhibits **[along] in [the Heritage Route] the Heritage Area;**
 - (ii) developing recreational resources **[along] in [the Heritage Route] the Heritage Area;**
 - (iii) increasing public awareness of and appreciation for the archaeological, historical, cultural, natural, scenic, and recreational resources and sites **[along] in [the Heritage Route] the Heritage Area;** and
 - (iv) if requested by the owner, restoring, stabilizing, or rehabilitating any private, public, or tribal historical building relating to the themes of **[the Heritage Route] the Heritage Area;**

(B) encourage economic viability and diversity [along] in [the Heritage Route] *the Heritage Area* in accordance with the objectives of the management plan; and

(C) encourage the installation of clear, consistent, and environmentally appropriate signage identifying access points and sites of interest [along] in [the Heritage Route] *the Heritage Area*;

(2) consider the interests of diverse governmental, business, and nonprofit groups associated with [the Heritage Route] *the Heritage Area*;

(3) conduct public meetings in the region of [the Heritage Route] *the Heritage Area* at least semiannually regarding the implementation of the management plan;

(4) submit substantial amendments (including any increase of more than 20 percent in the cost estimates for implementation) to the management plan to the Secretary for approval by the Secretary; and

(5) for any year for which Federal funds are received under this subtitle—

(A) submit to the Secretary a report that describes, for the year—

(i) the accomplishments of the local coordinating entity;

(ii) the expenses and income of the local coordinating entity; and

(iii) each entity to which any loan or grant was made;

(B) make available for audit all records pertaining to the expenditure of the funds and any matching funds; and

(C) require, for all agreements authorizing the expenditure of Federal funds by any entity, that the receiving entity make available for audit all records pertaining to the expenditure of the funds.

(c) PROHIBITION OF THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY.—The local coordinating entity shall not use Federal funds made available under this subtitle to acquire real property or any interest in real property.

(d) PROHIBITION ON THE REGULATION OF LAND USE.—The local coordinating entity shall not regulate land use within [the Heritage Route] *the Heritage Area*.

SEC. 291G. DUTIES AND AUTHORITIES OF FEDERAL AGENCIES.

(a) TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may, on request of the local coordinating entity, provide technical and financial assistance to develop and implement the management plan and memorandum of understanding.

(2) PRIORITY FOR ASSISTANCE.—In providing assistance under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall, on request of the local coordinating entity, give priority to actions that assist in—

(A) conserving the significant archaeological, historical, cultural, natural, scenic, and recreational resources of [the Heritage Route] *the Heritage Area*; and

(B) providing education, interpretive, and recreational opportunities, and other uses consistent with those resources.

(b) APPLICATION OF FEDERAL LAW.—The establishment of [the Heritage Route] *the Heritage Area* shall have no effect on the application of any Federal law to any property within [the Heritage Route] *the Heritage Area*.

SEC. 291H. LAND USE REGULATION; APPLICABILITY OF FEDERAL LAW.

(a) LAND USE REGULATION.—Nothing in this subtitle—

(1) modifies, enlarges, or diminishes any authority of the Federal, State, tribal, or local government to regulate by law (including by regulation) any use of land; or

(2) grants any power of zoning or land use to the local coordinating entity.

(b) APPLICABILITY OF FEDERAL LAW.—Nothing in this subtitle—

(1) imposes on [the Heritage Route] *the Heritage Area*, as a result of the designation of [the Heritage Route] *the Heritage Area*, any regulation that is not applicable to the area within [the Heritage Route] *the Heritage Area* as of the date of enactment of this Act; or

(2) authorizes any agency to promulgate a regulation that applies to [the Heritage Route] *the Heritage Area* solely as a result of the designation of [the Heritage Route] *the Heritage Area* under this subtitle.

SEC. 291I. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subtitle \$10,000,000, of which not more than \$1,000,000 may be made available for any fiscal year.

(b) COST SHARING.—

(1) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of any activity assisted under this subtitle shall not exceed 50 percent.

(2) FORM OF NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The non-Federal share may be in the form of in-kind contributions, donations, grants, and loans from individuals and State or local governments or agencies.

SEC. 291J. TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.

The authority of the Secretary to provide assistance under this subtitle terminates on [September 30, 2023] *September 30, 2037*.

SEC. 291K. REQUIREMENTS FOR INCLUSION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY.

(a) NOTIFICATION AND CONSENT OF PROPERTY OWNERS REQUIRED.—No privately owned property shall be preserved, conserved, or promoted by the management plan for [the Heritage Route] *the Heritage Area* until the owner of that private property has been notified in writing by the management entity and has given written consent for such preservation, conservation, or promotion to the management entity.

(b) LANDOWNER WITHDRAW.—Any owner of private property included within the boundary of [the Heritage Route] *the Heritage Area* shall have their property immediately removed from the boundary by submitting a written request to the management entity.

SEC. 291L. PRIVATE PROPERTY PROTECTION.

(a) ACCESS TO PRIVATE PROPERTY.—Nothing in this title shall be construed to—

(1) require any private property owner to allow public access (including Federal, State, or local government access) to such private property; or

(2) modify any provision of Federal, State, or local law with regard to public access to or use of private property.

(b) LIABILITY.—Designation of **【the Heritage Route】** *the Heritage Area* shall not be considered to create any liability, or to have any effect on any liability under any other law, of any private property owner with respect to any persons injured on such private property.

(c) RECOGNITION OF AUTHORITY TO CONTROL LAND USE.— Nothing in this title shall be construed to modify the authority of Federal, State, or local governments to regulate land use.

(d) PARTICIPATION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS **【IN HERITAGE ROUTE】** IN HERITAGE AREA.—Nothing in this title shall be construed to require the owner of any private property located within the boundaries of **【the Heritage Route】** *the Heritage Area* to participate in or be associated with **【the Heritage Route】** *the Heritage Area*.

(e) EFFECT OF ESTABLISHMENT.—The boundaries designated for **【the Heritage Route】** *the Heritage Area* represent the area within which Federal funds appropriated for the purpose of this title may be expended. The establishment of **【the Heritage Route】** *the Heritage Area* and its boundaries shall not be construed to provide any nonexisting regulatory authority on land use within **【the Heritage Route】** *the Heritage Area* or its viewshed by the Secretary, the National Park Service, or the management entity.

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Subtitle I—Gullah/Geechee Heritage Corridor

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SEC. 295L. TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.

The authority of the Secretary to provide assistance under this subtitle terminates on **【September 30, 2023】** *September 30, 2037*.

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Subtitle J—Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area

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SEC. 297H. TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.

The authority of the Secretary to provide assistance under this subtitle terminates on **【September 30, 2023】** *September 30, 2037*.

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Public Law 110–229

AN ACT To authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior, the Forest Service, and the Department of Energy, to implement further the Act approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, to amend the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003, and for other purposes

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TITLE IV—NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS

Subtitle A—Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area

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SEC. 411. SUNSET FOR GRANTS AND OTHER ASSISTANCE.

The authority of the Secretary to provide financial assistance under this subtitle terminates on [the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of this subtitle] *September 30, 2037*.

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Subtitle B—Niagara Falls National Heritage Area

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SEC. 432. SUNSET FOR GRANTS AND OTHER ASSISTANCE.

The authority of the Secretary to provide financial assistance under this subtitle terminates on [the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of this Act] *September 30, 2037*.

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Subtitle C—Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area

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SEC. 451. SUNSET FOR GRANTS AND OTHER ASSISTANCE.

The authority of the Secretary to provide financial assistance under this subtitle terminates on [the date that is 15 years after the date of the enactment of this subtitle] *September 30, 2037*.

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Public Law 111–11

AN ACT To designate certain land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the “Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009”.

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TITLE VIII—NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS

Subtitle A—Designation of National Heritage Areas

SEC. 8001. SANGRE DE CRISTO NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA, COLORADO.

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(i) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority of the Secretary to provide assistance under this section terminates on [the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of this Act] *September 30, 2037*.

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SEC. 8002. CACHE LA POUFRE RIVER NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA, COLORADO.

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(i) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority of the Secretary to provide assistance under this section terminates [on the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of this Act] *September 30, 2037*.

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SEC. 8003. SOUTH PARK NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA, COLORADO.

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(i) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority of the Secretary to provide assistance under this section terminates on [the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of this Act] *September 30, 2037*.

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SEC. 8004. NORTHERN PLAINS NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA, NORTH DAKOTA.

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(f) PRIVATE PROPERTY AND REGULATORY PROTECTIONS.—Nothing in this section—

(1) abridges the rights of any owner of public or private property, including the right to refrain from participating in any plan, project, program, or activity conducted within the Heritage Area;

[(2) requires any property owner to—

(A) permit public access (including access by Federal, State, or local agencies) to the property of the property owner; or

(B) modify public access to, or use of the property of the property owner under any other Federal, State, or local law;

(3) alters any duly adopted land use regulation, approved land use plan, or other regulatory authority of any Federal, State, tribal, or local agency;

(4) conveys any land use or other regulatory authority to the local coordinating entity;]

(2) requires any property owner to permit public access (including Federal, State, Tribal government, or local government access) to a property;

(3) modifies any provision of Federal, State, Tribal, or local law with respect to public access or use of private land;

(4)(A) alters any applicable land use regulation, land use plan, or other regulatory authority of any Federal, State, or local agency or Tribal government; or

(B) conveys to any local coordinating entity any land use or other regulatory authority;

(5) authorizes or implies the reservation or appropriation of water or water rights;

(6) diminishes the authority of the State to manage fish and wildlife, including the regulation of fishing and hunting within the Heritage Area; or

(7) creates any liability, or affects any liability under any other law, or any private property owner with respect to any person injured on the private property.

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(j) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority of the Secretary to provide assistance under this section terminates on [the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of this Act] *September 30, 2037*.

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SEC. 8005. BALTIMORE NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA, MARYLAND.

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(i) TERMINATION OF EFFECTIVENESS.—The authority of the Secretary to provide assistance under this section terminates on [the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of this Act] *September 30, 2037*.

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SEC. 8006. FREEDOM’S WAY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA, MASSACHUSETTS AND NEW HAMPSHIRE.

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(i) TERMINATION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—The authority of the Secretary to provide financial assistance under this section terminates on [the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of this Act] *September 30, 2037*.

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SEC. 8007. MISSISSIPPI HILLS NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.

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(i) TERMINATION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—The authority of the Secretary to provide financial assistance under this section terminates on [the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of this Act] *September 30, 2037*.

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SEC. 8008. MISSISSIPPI DELTA NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.

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(i) TERMINATION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—The authority of the Secretary to provide financial assistance under this section terminates on [the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of this Act] *September 30, 2037.*

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SEC. 8009. MUSCLE SHOALS NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA, ALABAMA.

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(j) TERMINATION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—The authority of the Secretary to provide financial assistance under this section terminates on [the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of this Act] *September 30, 2037.*

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SEC. 8010. KENAI MOUNTAINS-TURNAGAIN ARM NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA, ALASKA.

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(i) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority of the Secretary to provide financial assistance under this section terminates on [the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of this Act] *September 30, 2037.*

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Public Law 113–291

AN ACT To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes

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DIVISION B—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZATIONS

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TITLE XXX—NATURAL RESOURCES RELATED GENERAL PROVISIONS

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Subtitle D—National Park Service Studies, Management, and Related Matters

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SEC. 3052. NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS AND CORRIDORS.

(a) EXTENSION OF NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA AUTHORITIES.—

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[(2) CONDITIONAL EXTENSION OF AUTHORITIES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by paragraph (1) (other than the amendments made by clauses (iii) and (v) of paragraph (1)(B)), shall apply only through Sep-

tember 30, 2020, unless the Secretary of the Interior (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”)—

(i) conducts an evaluation of the accomplishments of the national heritage areas extended under paragraph (1), in accordance with subparagraph (B); and

(ii) prepares a report in accordance with subparagraph (C) that recommends a future role for the National Park Service with respect to the applicable national heritage area.

(B) EVALUATION.—An evaluation conducted under subparagraph (A)(i) shall—

(i) assess the progress of the local management entity with respect to—

(I) accomplishing the purposes of the authorizing legislation for the national heritage area; and

(II) achieving the goals and objectives of the approved management plan for the national heritage area;

(ii) analyze the investments of Federal, State, tribal, and local government and private entities in each national heritage area to determine the impact of the investments; and

(iii) review the management structure, partnership relationships, and funding of the national heritage area for purposes of identifying the critical components for sustainability of the national heritage area.

(C) REPORT.—Based on the evaluation conducted under subparagraph (A)(i), the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives a report that includes recommendations for the future role of the National Park Service with respect to the national heritage area.】

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Public Law 116–9

AN ACT To provide for the management of the natural resources of the United States, and for other purposes

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SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act”.

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TITLE VI—NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS

SEC. 6001. NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA DESIGNATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The following areas are designated as National Heritage Areas, to be administered in accordance with the section:

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(6) SUSQUEHANNA NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA, PENNSYLVANIA.—

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(7) ALABAMA BLACK BELT NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—

(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*There is established the Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area in the State of Alabama, as depicted on the map entitled “Alabama Black Belt Proposed National Heritage Area”, numbered 258/177,272, and dated September 2021.*

(B) *LOCAL COORDINATING ENTITY.*—*The Center for the Study of the Black Belt at the University of West Alabama shall be the local coordinating entity for the National Heritage Area designated by subparagraph (A).*

(8) DOWNEAST MAINE NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—

(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*There is established the Downeast Maine National Heritage Area in the State of Maine, consisting of Hancock and Washington Counties, Maine.*

(B) *LOCAL COORDINATING ENTITY.*—*The Sunrise County Economic Council shall be the local coordinating entity for the National Heritage Area designated by subparagraph (A).*

(9) NORTHERN NECK NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA, VIRGINIA.—

(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*There is established the Northern Neck National Heritage Area in the State of Virginia, as depicted on the map entitled “Northern Neck National Heritage Area Proposed Boundary”, numbered 671/177,224, and dated August 2021.*

(B) *LOCAL COORDINATING ENTITY.*—*The Northern Neck Tourism Commission, a working committee of the Northern Neck Planning District Commission, shall serve as the local coordinating entity for the National Heritage Area designated by subparagraph (A).*

(10) SOUTHERN CAMPAIGN OF THE REVOLUTION NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR, NORTH CAROLINA AND SOUTH CAROLINA.—

(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*There is established the Southern Campaign of the Revolution National Heritage Corridor in the States of North Carolina and South Carolina, as depicted on the map entitled “Southern Campaign of the Revolution Proposed National Heritage Corridor”, numbered 257/177,271, and dated September 2021.*

(B) *LOCAL COORDINATING ENTITY.*—*The University of South Carolina shall be the local coordinating entity for the National Heritage Area designated by subparagraph (A).*

(11) SOUTHERN MARYLAND NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—

(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*There is established the Southern Maryland National Heritage Area in the State of Maryland, as depicted on the map entitled “Southern Maryland National Heritage Area Proposed Boundary”, numbered 672/177,225B, and dated November 2021.*

(B) *LOCAL COORDINATING ENTITY.*—*The Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland shall be the local coordi-*

nating entity for the National Heritage Area designated by subparagraph (A).

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(c) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than **[3]** 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the local coordinating entity for each of the National Heritage Areas designated by subsection (a) shall submit to the Secretary for approval a proposed management plan for the National Heritage Area.

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