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To designate the Grey Towers National Historic Site in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes.

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Mr. SHERWOOD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 *This Act may be cited as the “Grey Towers National*
3 *Historic Site Act of 2004”.*

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS; PURPOSES; DEFINITIONS.**

5 (a) *FINDINGS.*—*Congress finds the following:*

6 (1) *James and Mary Pinchot constructed a home*
7 *and estate that is known as Grey Towers in Milford,*
8 *Pennsylvania.*

9 (2) *James and Mary Pinchot were also the pro-*
10 *genitors of a family of notable accomplishment in the*
11 *history of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the*
12 *Nation, in particular, their son, Gifford Pinchot.*

13 (3) *Gifford Pinchot was the first Chief of the*
14 *Forest Service, a major influence in formulating and*
15 *implementing forest conservation policies in the early*
16 *20th Century, and twice Governor of Pennsylvania.*

17 (4) *During the early 20th century, James and*
18 *Gifford Pinchot used Grey Towers and the environs to*
19 *establish scientific forestry, to develop conservation*
20 *leaders, and to formulate conservation principles, thus*
21 *making this site one of the primary birthplaces of the*
22 *American conservation movement.*

23 (5) *In 1963, Gifford Bryce Pinchot, the son of*
24 *Gifford and Cornelia Pinchot, donated Grey Towers*
25 *and 102 acres to the Nation.*

1 (6) *In 1963, President John F. Kennedy dedi-*
2 *cated the Pinchot Institute for Conservation “for the*
3 *greater knowledge of land and its uses” at Grey Tow-*
4 *ers National Historic Landmark, thereby establishing*
5 *a partnership between the public and private sectors.*

6 (7) *Grey Towers today is a place of historical*
7 *significance where leaders in natural resource con-*
8 *servation meet, study, and share ideas, analyses, val-*
9 *ues, and philosophies, and is also a place where the*
10 *public can learn and appreciate our conservation her-*
11 *itage.*

12 (8) *As established by President Kennedy, the*
13 *Pinchot Institute for Conservation, and the Forest*
14 *Service at Grey Towers operate through an estab-*
15 *lished partnership in developing and delivering pro-*
16 *grams that carry on Gifford Pinchot’s conservation*
17 *legacy.*

18 (9) *Grey Towers and associated structures in*
19 *and around Milford, Pennsylvania, can serve to en-*
20 *hance regional recreational and educational opportu-*
21 *nities.*

22 (b) *PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are as fol-*
23 *lows:*

24 (1) *To honor and perpetuate the memory of Gif-*
25 *ford Pinchot.*

1 (2) *To promote the recreational and educational*
2 *resources of Milford, Pennsylvania, and its environs.*

3 (3) *To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture—*

4 *(A) to further the scientific, policy analysis,*
5 *educational, and cultural programs in natural*
6 *resource conservation at Grey Towers;*

7 *(B) to manage the property and environs*
8 *more efficiently and effectively; and*

9 *(C) to further collaborative ties with the*
10 *Pinchot Institute for Conservation, and other*
11 *Federal, State, and local agencies with shared*
12 *interests.*

13 (c) *DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this Act:*

14 (1) *ASSOCIATED PROPERTIES.—The term “Asso-*
15 *ciated Properties” means lands and improvements*
16 *outside of the Grey Towers National Historic Land-*
17 *mark within Pike County, Pennsylvania, and which*
18 *were associated with James and Mary Pinchot, the*
19 *Yale School of Forestry, or the Forest Service.*

20 (2) *GREY TOWERS.—The term “Grey Towers”*
21 *means the buildings and surrounding area of ap-*
22 *proximately 303 acres, including the 102 acres do-*
23 *ated in 1963 to the United States and so designated*
24 *that year.*

1 (3) *HISTORIC SITE*.—The term “Historic Site”
 2 means the Grey Towers National Historic Site, as so
 3 designated by this Act.

4 (4) *PINCHOT INSTITUTE*.—The term “Pinchot
 5 Institute” means the Pinchot Institute for Conserva-
 6 tion, a nonprofit corporation established under the
 7 laws of the District of Columbia.

8 (5) *SECRETARY*.—The term “Secretary” means
 9 the Secretary of Agriculture.

10 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE.**

11 Subject to valid existing rights, all lands and improve-
 12 ments formerly encompassed within the Grey Towers Na-
 13 tional Historic Landmark are designated as the “Grey
 14 Towers National Historic Site”.

15 **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATION.**

16 (a) *PURPOSES*.—The Historic Site shall be adminis-
 17 tered for the following purposes:

18 (1) *Education, public demonstration projects,*
 19 *and research related to natural resource conservation,*
 20 *protection, management, and use.*

21 (2) *Leadership development within the natural*
 22 *resource professions and the Federal civil service.*

23 (3) *Continuing Gifford Pinchot’s legacy through*
 24 *pursuit of new ideas, strategies, and solutions to nat-*

1 *ural resource issues that include economic, ecological,*
2 *and social values.*

3 *(4) Preservation, use, and maintenance of the*
4 *buildings, grounds, facilities, and archives associated*
5 *with Gifford Pinchot.*

6 *(5) Study and interpretation of the life and*
7 *works of Gifford Pinchot.*

8 *(6) Public recreation and enjoyment.*

9 *(7) Protection and enjoyment of the scenic and*
10 *natural environs.*

11 *(b) APPLICABLE LAWS.—The Secretary shall admin-*
12 *ister federally owned lands and interests in lands at the*
13 *Historic Site and Associated Properties as components of*
14 *the National Forest System in accordance with this Act,*
15 *16 U.S.C. 461 et seq. and other laws generally applicable*
16 *to the administration of national historic sites, and the*
17 *laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the National For-*
18 *est System, except that the Forest and Rangeland Renew-*
19 *able Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 1600, et*
20 *seq.) shall not apply.*

21 *(c) LAND ACQUISITION.—The Secretary is authorized*
22 *to acquire, on a willing seller basis, by purchase, donation,*
23 *exchange, or otherwise, privately owned lands and interests*
24 *in lands, including improvements, within the Historic Site*

1 *and the Associated Properties, using donated or appro-*
 2 *priated funds.*

3 (d) *GIFTS.*—

4 (1) *ACCEPTED BY ENTITIES OTHER THAN THE*
 5 *SECRETARY.*—*Subject to such terms and conditions as*
 6 *the Secretary may prescribe, any public or private*
 7 *agency, organization, institution, or individual may*
 8 *solicit, accept, and administer private gifts of money*
 9 *and real or personal property for the benefit of, or in*
 10 *connection with, the activities and services at the His-*
 11 *toric Site.*

12 (2) *ACCEPTED BY THE SECRETARY.*—*Gifts may*
 13 *be accepted by the Secretary for the benefit of, or in*
 14 *connection with, the activities and services at the His-*
 15 *toric Site notwithstanding the fact that a donor con-*
 16 *ducts business with or is regulated by the Department*
 17 *of Agriculture in any capacity.*

18 **SEC. 5. COOPERATIVE AUTHORITIES.**

19 (a) *GRANTS, CONTRACTS, AND COOPERATIVE AGREE-*
 20 *MENTS.*—*The Secretary is authorized to enter into agree-*
 21 *ments for grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements as*
 22 *appropriate with the Pinchot Institute, public and other*
 23 *private agencies, organizations, institutions, and individ-*
 24 *uals to provide for the development, administration, main-*
 25 *tenance, or restoration of land, facilities, or Forest Service*

1 *programs at Grey Towers or to otherwise further the pur-*
2 *poses of this Act.*

3 (b) *INTERDEPARTMENTAL.—The Secretary and the*
4 *Secretary of the Interior are authorized and encouraged to*
5 *cooperate in promoting public use and enjoyment of Grey*
6 *Towers and the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation*
7 *Area and in otherwise furthering the administration and*
8 *purposes for which both areas were designated. Such co-*
9 *operation may include colocation and use of facilities with-*
10 *in Associated Properties and elsewhere.*

11 (c) *OTHER.—The Secretary may authorize use of the*
12 *grounds and facilities of Grey Towers by the Pinchot Insti-*
13 *tute and other participating partners including Federal,*
14 *State, and local agencies, on such terms and conditions as*
15 *the Secretary may prescribe, including the waiver of special*
16 *use authorizations and the waiver of rental and use fees.*

17 **SEC. 6. FUNDS.**

18 (a) *FEES AND CHARGES.—The Secretary may impose*
19 *reasonable fees and charges for admission to and use of fa-*
20 *cilities on Grey Towers.*

21 (b) *SPECIAL FUND.—Any monies received by the For-*
22 *est Service in administering Grey Towers shall be deposited*
23 *into the Treasury of the United States and covered in a*
24 *special fund called the Grey Towers National Historic Site*
25 *Fund. Monies in the Grey Towers National Historic Site*

1 *Fund shall be available until expended, without further ap-*
2 *propriation, for support of programs of Grey Towers, and*
3 *any other expenses incurred in the administration of Grey*
4 *Towers.*

5 **SEC. 7. MAP.**

6 *The Secretary shall produce and keep for public in-*
7 *spection a map of the Historic Site and associated prop-*
8 *erties within Pike County, Pennsylvania, which were asso-*
9 *ciated with James and Mary Pinchot, the Yale School of*
10 *Forestry, or the Forest Service.*

11 **SEC. 8. SAVINGS PROVISION.**

12 *Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to diminish the*
13 *authorities of the Secretary under the Cooperative Forestry*
14 *Assistance Act or any other law pertaining to the National*
15 *Forest System.*

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