

109TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. 1288

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements to protect natural resources of units of the National Park System through collaborative efforts on land inside and outside of units of the National Park System.

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Natural Resource Pro-
5 tection Cooperative Agreement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS FOR NATIONAL PARK**
2 **NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior (re-
4 ferred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) may enter into
5 cooperative agreements with State, local, or tribal govern-
6 ments, other Federal agencies, other public entities, edu-
7 cational institutions, private nonprofit organizations, or
8 willing private landowners to protect natural resources of
9 units of the National Park System through collaborative
10 efforts on land inside and outside of National Park System
11 units.

12 (b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—A cooperative agree-
13 ment entered into under subsection (a) shall—

14 (1) provide for—

15 (A) clear and direct benefits to natural re-
16 sources of a unit of the National Park System;

17 (B) the preservation, conservation, and
18 restoration of coastal and riparian systems, wa-
19 tersheds, and wetlands;

20 (C) preventing, controlling or eradicating
21 invasive exotic species that occupy land within
22 a unit of the National Park System or adjacent
23 to a unit of the National Park System; or

24 (D) restoration of natural resources, in-
25 cluding native wildlife habitat;

1 (2) include a statement of purpose dem-
2 onstrating how the agreement will—

3 (A) enhance science-based natural resource
4 stewardship at the unit of the National Park
5 System; and

6 (B) benefit the parties to the agreement;

7 (3) specify any staff required and technical as-
8 sistance to be provided by the Secretary or other
9 parties to the agreement in support of activities in-
10 side and outside the unit of the National Park Sys-
11 tem that will—

12 (A) protect natural resources of the unit;

13 and

14 (B) benefit the parties to the agreement;

15 (4) identify any materials, supplies, or equip-
16 ment that will be contributed by the parties to the
17 agreement or by other Federal agencies;

18 (5) describe any financial assistance to be pro-
19 vided by the Secretary or the partners to implement
20 the agreement;

21 (6) ensure that any expenditure by the Sec-
22 retary pursuant to the agreement is determined by
23 the Secretary to support the purposes of natural re-
24 source stewardship at a unit of the National Park
25 System; and

1 (7) shall include such terms and conditions that
2 are agreed to by the Secretary and the other parties
3 to the agreement.

4 (c) LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary shall not use any
5 amounts associated with an agreement entered into under
6 subsection (a) for the purposes of land acquisition, regu-
7 latory activity, or the development, maintenance, or oper-
8 ation of infrastructure, except for ancillary support facili-
9 ties that the Secretary determines to be necessary for the
10 completion of projects or activities identified in the agree-
11 ment.

12 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
13 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-
14 essary to carry out this Act.

Passed the Senate September 29, 2006.

Attest:

Secretary.

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