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[Report No. 110–10]

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.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 10, 2007

Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. AKAKA) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

FEBRUARY 15, 2007

Reported by Mr. BINGAMAN, without amendment

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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 “Natural Resource Pro-
3 tection Cooperative Agreement Act”.

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

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

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

17 (1) provide for—

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

20 (B) the preservation, conservation, and
21 restoration of coastal and riparian systems, wa-
22 tersheds, and wetlands;

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

1 (D) restoration of natural resources, in-
2 cluding native wildlife habitat;

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

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

8 (B) benefit the parties to the agreement;

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

14 (A) protect natural resources of the unit;
15 and

16 (B) benefit the parties to the agreement;

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

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

23 (6) ensure that any expenditure by the Sec-
24 retary pursuant to the agreement is determined by
25 the Secretary to support the purposes of natural re-

1 source stewardship at a unit of the National Park
2 System; and

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

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

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

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