

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3417

To establish the Rocky Mountain Science Collections Center to assist in preserving the archeological, anthropological, paleontological, zoological, and geological artifacts and archival documentation from the Rocky Mountain region through the construction of an on-site, secure collections facility for the Denver Museum of Nature & Science in Denver, Colorado.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 2009

Ms. DEGETTE (for herself, Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado, Mr. POLIS of Colorado, Ms. MARKEY of Colorado, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. PERLMUTTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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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 “Rocky Mountain
3 Science Collections Center Act of 2009”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds that—

6 (1) the collection of the Denver Museum of Na-
7 ture & Science in Denver, Colorado, includes more
8 than 1,000,000 anthropological, archeological, pale-
9 ontological, zoological, and geological artifacts and
10 supporting archival documentation;

11 (2) the collection of items housed by the Mu-
12 seum includes artifacts from land managed by—

13 (A) the Bureau of Land Management;

14 (B) the Bureau of Reclamation;

15 (C) the National Park Service;

16 (D) the United States Fish and Wildlife
17 Service;

18 (E) the Forest Service; and

19 (F) the Corps of Engineers;

20 (3) a significant portion of the collections of the
21 Museum were recovered from public land managed
22 by the Federal Government;

23 (4) the Museum has been designated as the re-
24 pository for those collections by Federal agencies;

1 (5) less than 2 percent of those collections are
2 accessible to the public through electronic or phys-
3 ical mediums; and

4 (6) the Museum is among the largest facilities
5 in the western region of the United States and at-
6 tracts more than 1,200,000 participants to the pro-
7 grams of the Museum each year from all States and
8 territories.

9 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

10 In this Act:

11 (1) MUSEUM.—The term “Museum” means the
12 Denver Museum of Nature & Science in Denver,
13 Colorado.

14 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
15 the Secretary of the Interior.

16 **SEC. 4. GRANT FOR THE MUSEUM.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may provide a
18 grant to the Museum to pay the Federal share of the cost
19 of—

20 (1) constructing 1 or more on-site collection fa-
21 cilities that meet the standards of the Museum; and

22 (2) obtaining goods and services required by the
23 Museum, including the acquisition of—

24 (A) designs;

25 (B) plans;

1 (C) furnishings;

2 (D) equipment; and

3 (E) other support for the Museum.

4 (b) APPLICATION.—To receive assistance under sub-
5 section (a), the Museum shall submit to the Secretary an
6 application in such time, in such manner, and containing
7 such additional information as the Secretary may require.

8 (c) MATCHING FUNDS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of receiving
10 assistance under subsection (a), the Museum shall
11 match any amounts provided to the Museum under
12 this Act.

13 (2) FORMS OF PAYMENT.—To meet the match-
14 ing requirement described in paragraph (1), the Mu-
15 seum may provide to the Secretary—

16 (A) cash;

17 (B) in-kind donations; and

18 (C) services.

19 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
20 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry
21 out this Act \$15,000,000, to remain available until ex-
22 pended.

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