

“(3) SECRETARIES.—The term ‘Secretaries’ means—

“(A) the Secretary [of the Interior], acting through—

“(i) the Director of the National Park Service;

“(ii) the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service;

“(iii) the Director of the Bureau of Land Management; and

“(iv) the Commissioner of Reclamation;

“(B) the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service;

“(C) the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and

“(D) the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works.

“(4) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means each of the several States, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands of the United States, and any other territory or possession of the United States.

“(5) STUDENT OR STUDENTS.—The term ‘student’ or ‘students’ means any fourth grader or home-schooled learner 10 years of age residing in the United States, including any territory or possession of the United States.

“(b) EVERY KID OUTDOORS PROGRAM.—

“(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretaries shall jointly establish a program, to be known as the ‘Every Kid Outdoors program’, to provide free access to Federal land and waters for students and accompanying individuals in accordance with this subsection.

“(2) ANNUAL PASSES.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—At the request of a student, the Secretaries shall issue a pass to the student, which allows access to Federal lands and waters for which access is subject to an entrance, standard amenity, or day use fee, free of charge for the student and—

“(i) in the case of a per-vehicle fee area—

“(I) any passengers accompanying the student in a private, noncommercial vehicle; or

“(II) not more than three adults accompanying the student on bicycles; or

“(ii) in the case of a per-person fee area, not more than three adults accompanying the student.

“(B) TERM.—A pass described in subparagraph (A) shall be effective for a 12-month period that begins on a date determined by the Secretaries.

“(C) PRESENCE OF A STUDENT IN GRADE FOUR REQUIRED.—A pass described in subparagraph (A) shall be effective only if the student to which the pass was issued is present at the point of entry to the applicable Federal land or water.

“(3) OTHER ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out the program, the Secretaries—

“(A) may collaborate with State Park systems that opt to implement a complementary Every Kid Outdoors State park pass;

“(B) may coordinate with the Secretary of Education to implement the program;

“(C) shall maintain a publicly available website with information about the program;

“(D) may provide visitor services for the program; and

“(E) may support approved partners of the Federal land and waters by providing the partners with opportunities to participate in the program.

“(4) REPORTS.—The Secretary, in coordination with each Secretary described in subparagraphs (B) through (D) of subsection (a)(3), shall prepare a comprehensive report to Congress each year describing—

“(A) the implementation of the program;

“(B) the number and geographical distribution of students who participated in the program; and

“(C) the number of passes described in paragraph (2)(A) that were distributed.

“(5) SUNSET.—The authorities provided in this section, including the reporting requirement, shall expire on September 30, 2031.”

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL NATIONAL PARKS AND FEDERAL RECREATIONAL LANDS PASS PROGRAM

Pub. L. 113–121, title I, §1048, June 10, 2014, 128 Stat. 1257, provided that: “The Secretary [of the Army] may participate in the America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass program in the same manner as the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Forest Service, and the Bureau of Reclamation, including the provision of free annual passes to active duty military personnel and dependents.”

**§ 6804a. Availability of Federal, State, and local recreation passes**

**(a) Establishment of program**

**(1) In general**

To improve the availability of Federal, State, and local outdoor recreation passes, the Secretaries are encouraged to coordinate with States and counties regarding the availability of Federal, State, and local recreation passes to allow a purchaser to buy a Federal recreation pass, State recreation pass, and local recreation pass in a single transaction.

**(2) Included passes**

Passes covered by the program established under paragraph (1) include—

(A) an America the Beautiful—the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass under section 6804 of this title; and

(B) any pass covering any fees charged by participating States and counties for entrance and recreational use of parks and public land in the participating States.

**(b) Agreements with States and counties**

**(1) In general**

The Secretaries, after consultation with the States and counties, may enter into agreements with States and counties to coordinate the availability of passes as described in subsection (a).

**(2) Revenue from pass sales**

Agreements between the Secretaries, States, and counties entered into pursuant to this section shall ensure that—

(A) funds from the sale of State or local passes are transferred to the appropriate State agency or county government;

(B) funds from the sale of Federal passes are transferred to the appropriate Federal agency; and

(C) fund transfers are completed by the end of a fiscal year for all pass sales occurring during the fiscal year.

(Pub. L. 108–447, div. J, title VIII, §805A, as added Pub. L. 118–234, title III, §321(a), Jan. 4, 2025, 138 Stat. 2909.)

**§ 6805. Cooperative agreements**

**(a) Fee management agreement**

Notwithstanding chapter 63 of title 31, the Secretary may enter into a fee management agreement, including a contract, which may provide for a reasonable commission, reimbursement, or discount, with the following entities for the following purposes:

(1) With any governmental or nongovernmental entity, including those in a gateway community, for the purpose of obtaining fee collection and processing services, including visitor reservation services.

(2) With any governmental or nongovernmental entity, including those in a gateway community, for the purpose of obtaining emergency medical services.

(3) With any governmental entity, including those in a gateway community, to obtain law enforcement services.

**(b) Revenue sharing**

A State or legal subdivision of a State that enters into an agreement with the Secretary under subsection (a) may share in a percentage of the revenues collected at the site in accordance with that fee management agreement.

**(c) County proposals**

The Secretary shall consider any proposal submitted by a county to provide services described in subsection (a). If the Secretary decides not to enter into a fee management agreement with the county under subsection (a), the Secretary shall notify the county in writing of the decision, identifying the reasons for the decision. The fee management agreement may include cooperative site planning and management provisions.

(Pub. L. 108-447, div. J, title VIII, §806, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3387.)

**§ 6806. Special account and distribution of fees and revenues**

**(a) Special account**

The Secretary of the Treasury shall establish a special account in the Treasury for each Federal land management agency.

**(b) Deposits**

Subject to subsections (c), (d), and (e), revenues collected by each Federal land management agency under this chapter shall—

- (1) be deposited in its special account; and
- (2) remain available for expenditure, without further appropriation, until expended.

**(c) Distribution of recreation fees and single-site agency pass revenues**

**(1) Local distribution of funds**

**(A) Retention of revenues**

Not less than 80 percent of the recreation fees and site-specific agency pass revenues collected at a specific unit or area of a Federal land management agency shall remain available for expenditure, without further appropriation, until expended at that unit or area.

**(B) Reduction**

The Secretary may reduce the percentage allocation otherwise applicable under subparagraph (A) to a unit or area of a Federal land management agency, but not below 60 percent, for a fiscal year if the Secretary determines that the revenues collected at the unit or area exceed the reasonable needs of the unit or area for which expenditures may be made for that fiscal year.

**(2) Agency-wide distribution of funds**

The balance of the recreation fees and site-specific agency pass revenues collected at a specific unit or area of a Federal land management and not distributed in accordance with paragraph (1) shall remain available to that Federal land management agency for expenditure on an agency-wide basis, without further appropriation, until expended.

**(3) Other amounts**

Other amounts collected at other locations, including recreation fees collected by other entities or for a reservation service, shall remain available, without further appropriation, until expended in accordance with guidelines established by the Secretary.

**(d) Distribution of National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass revenues**

Revenues collected from the sale of the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass shall be deposited in the special accounts established for the Federal land management agencies in accordance with the guidelines issued under section 6804(a)(7) of this title.

**(e) Distribution of regional multientity pass revenues**

Revenues collected from the sale of a regional multientity pass authorized under section 6804(d) of this title shall be deposited in each participating Federal land management agency's special account in accordance with the terms of the region multientity pass agreement for the regional multientity pass.

(Pub. L. 108-447, div. J, title VIII, §807, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3388.)

**Editorial Notes**

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (b), was in the original "this Act", and was translated as reading "this title", meaning title VIII of div. J of Pub. L. 108-447, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3377, known as the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, to reflect the probable intent of Congress. For complete classification of title VIII to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 6801 of this title and Tables.

Section 6804 of this title, referred to in subsections (d) and (e), was in the original a reference to section 5, and was translated as meaning section 805 of title VIII of div. J of Pub. L. 108-447, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

**§ 6807. Expenditures**

**(a) Use of fees at specific site or area**

Amounts available for expenditure at a specific site or area—

- (1) shall be accounted for separately from the amounts collected;
- (2) may be distributed agency-wide; and
- (3) shall be used only for—

(A) repair, maintenance, and facility enhancement related directly to visitor enjoyment, visitor access, and health and safety;

(B) interpretation, visitor information, visitor service, visitor needs assessments, and signs;

(C) habitat restoration directly related to wildlife-dependent recreation that is limited