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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. TANCREDO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To provide a source of funds to carry out restoration activities on Federal lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

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 AND FINDINGS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Federal Lands Restoration, Enhancement, Public Edu-
6 cation, and Information Resources Act of 2005”.

7 (b) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Violations of laws and regulations applicable
2 to the use of Federal lands under the jurisdiction of
3 the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Ag-
4 riculture often result in damages to those lands that
5 require expenditures for restoration activities to
6 mitigate the damages.

7 (2) Increased public information and education
8 regarding the laws and regulations applicable to the
9 use of these Federal lands can help to reduce the
10 frequency of unintentional violations.

11 (3) It is appropriate that fines and other mone-
12 tary penalties paid as a result of violations of laws
13 and regulations applicable to the use of these Fed-
14 eral lands be used to defray the costs of such res-
15 toration activities and to provide such public infor-
16 mation and education.

17 **SEC. 2. USE OF FINES FROM VIOLATIONS OF LAWS AND**
18 **REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO PUBLIC**
19 **LANDS FOR RESTORATION AND INFORMA-**
20 **TIONAL ACTIVITIES.**

21 (a) LANDS UNDER JURISDICTION OF BUREAU OF
22 LAND MANAGEMENT.—Section 305 of the Federal Land
23 Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1735),
24 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
25 section:

1 “(d) USE OF COLLECTED FINES.—

2 “(1) AVAILABILITY AND AUTHORIZED USE.—

3 Any moneys received by the United States as a re-
4 sult of a fine imposed under section 3571 of title 18,
5 United States Code, for a violation of a regulation
6 prescribed under section 303(a) shall be available to
7 the Secretary, without further appropriation and
8 until expended, for the following purposes:

9 “(A) To cover the cost to the United
10 States of any improvement, protection, or reha-
11 bilitation work on the public lands rendered
12 necessary by the action which led to the fine or
13 by similar actions.

14 “(B) To increase public awareness of regu-
15 lations and other requirements regarding the
16 use of the public lands.

17 “(2) TREATMENT OF EXCESS FUNDS.—Moneys
18 referred to in paragraph (1) that the Secretary de-
19 termines are excess to the amounts necessary to
20 carry out the purposes specified in such paragraph
21 shall be transferred to the Crime Victims Fund es-
22 tablished by section 1402 of the Victims of Crime
23 Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10601).”.

24 (b) NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM LANDS.—Section 3 of
25 the Act of August 25, 1916 (popularly known as the Na-

1 tional Park Service Organic Act; 16 U.S.C. 3), is amend-
2 ed—

3 (1) by striking “That the Secretary” the first
4 place it appears and inserting “(a) REGULATIONS
5 FOR USE AND MANAGEMENT OF NATIONAL PARK
6 SYSTEM; ENFORCEMENT.—The Secretary”;

7 (2) by striking “He may also” the first place it
8 appears and inserting the following:

9 “(b) SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES.—The
10 Secretary of the Interior may”;

11 (3) by striking “He may also” the second place
12 it appears and inserting “The Secretary may”;

13 (4) by striking “No natural,” and inserting the
14 following:

15 “(c) LEASE AND PERMIT AUTHORITIES.—No nat-
16 ural”; and

17 (5) by adding at the end the following new sub-
18 section:

19 “(d) USE OF COLLECTED FINES.—

20 “(1) AVAILABILITY AND AUTHORIZED USE.—

21 Any moneys received by the United States as a re-
22 sult of a fine imposed under section 3571 of title 18,
23 United States Code, for a violation of a rule or regu-
24 lation prescribed under this section shall be available
25 to the Secretary of the Interior, without further ap-

1 appropriation and until expended, for the following
2 purposes:

3 “(A) To cover the cost to the United
4 States of any improvement, protection, or reha-
5 bilitation work on the National Park System
6 lands rendered necessary by the action which
7 led to the fine or by similar actions.

8 “(B) To increase public awareness of rules,
9 regulations, and other requirements regarding
10 the use of such lands.

11 “(2) TREATMENT OF EXCESS FUNDS.—Moneys
12 referred to in paragraph (1) that the Secretary de-
13 termines are excess to the amounts necessary to
14 carry out the purposes specified in such paragraph
15 shall be transferred to the Crime Victims Fund es-
16 tablished by section 1402 of the Victims of Crime
17 Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10601).”.

18 (c) NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM LANDS.—
19 Subsection (f) of section 4 of the National Wildlife Refuge
20 System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd) is
21 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
22 graphs:

23 “(3) USE OF COLLECTED FINES.—Any moneys
24 received by the United States as a result of a fine
25 imposed under section 3571 of title 18, United

1 States Code, for a violation of this Act or a regula-
2 tion issued thereunder shall be available to the Sec-
3 retary, without further appropriation and until ex-
4 pended, for the following purposes:

5 “(A) To cover the cost to the United
6 States of any improvement, protection, or reha-
7 bilitation work on the System lands rendered
8 necessary by the action which led to the fine or
9 by similar actions.

10 “(B) To increase public awareness of rules,
11 regulations, and other requirements regarding
12 the use of System lands.

13 “(4) TREATMENT OF EXCESS FUNDS.—Moneys
14 referred to in paragraph (3) that the Secretary de-
15 termines are excess to the amounts necessary to
16 carry out the purposes specified in such paragraph
17 shall be transferred to the Crime Victims Fund es-
18 tablished by section 1402 of the Victims of Crime
19 Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10601).”.

20 (d) NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LANDS.—Section 7
21 of the Act of June 20, 1958 (16 U.S.C. 579c), is amend-
22 ed—

23 (1) by inserting “(a) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN
24 MONEYS RECEIVED ON BEHALF OF FOREST SERV-
25 ICE.—” before “Any funds”;

1 (2) by striking “contract or (2)” and inserting
2 “contract, (2)”;

3 (3) by inserting after “improvements,” the fol-
4 lowing: “or (3) as a result of a fine imposed under
5 section 3571 of title 18, United States Code, for a
6 violation of a rule or regulation prescribed by the
7 Secretary of Agriculture with respect to such
8 lands,”;

9 (4) by striking “to cover” and all that follows
10 through the end of the section and inserting the fol-
11 lowing: “for the purposes specified in subsection
12 (b).”; and

13 (5) by adding at the end the following new sub-
14 section:

15 “(b) AUTHORIZED USE.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The moneys referred to in
17 subsection (a) shall be available to the Secretary of
18 Agriculture for the following purposes:

19 “(A) To cover the cost to the United
20 States of any improvement, protection, or reha-
21 bilitation work on National Forest System lands
22 rendered necessary by the action which led to
23 the fine, forfeiture, judgment, compromise, or
24 settlement or by similar actions.

1 “(B) To increase public awareness of rules,
2 regulations, and other requirements regarding
3 the use of such lands.

4 “(2) TREATMENT OF EXCESS FUNDS.—Moneys
5 referred to in subsection (a) that the Secretary de-
6 termines are excess to the amounts necessary to
7 carry out the purposes specified in paragraph (1)
8 shall be transferred to the Crime Victims Fund es-
9 tablished by section 1402 of the Victims of Crime
10 Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10601).”.

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