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To direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement to provide for management of the free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 2013

Mr. JONES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Corolla Wild Horses
5 Protection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. WILD HORSES IN AND AROUND THE CURRITUCK**
7 **NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.**

8 (a) AGREEMENT REQUIRED.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Inte-
2 rior shall enter into an agreement with the Corolla
3 Wild Horse Fund (a nonprofit corporation estab-
4 lished under the laws of the State of North Caro-
5 lina), the County of Currituck, North Carolina, and
6 the State of North Carolina within 180 days after
7 the date of enactment of this Act to provide for
8 management of free-roaming wild horses in and
9 around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge.

10 (2) TERMS.—The agreement shall—

11 (A) allow a herd of not less than 110 and
12 not more than 130 free-roaming wild horses in
13 and around such refuge, with a target popu-
14 lation of between 120 and 130 free-roaming
15 wild horses;

16 (B) provide for cost-effective management
17 of the horses while ensuring that natural re-
18 sources within the refuge are not adversely im-
19 pacted;

20 (C) provide for introduction of a small
21 number of free-roaming wild horses from the
22 herd at Cape Lookout National Seashore as is
23 necessary to maintain the genetic viability of
24 the herd in and around the Currituck National
25 Wildlife Refuge; and

1 (D) specify that the Corolla Wild Horse
2 Fund shall pay the costs associated with—

3 (i) coordinating a periodic census and
4 inspecting the health of the horses;

5 (ii) maintaining records of the horses
6 living in the wild and in confinement;

7 (iii) coordinating the removal and
8 placement of horses and monitoring of any
9 horses removed from the Currituck County
10 Outer Banks; and

11 (iv) administering a viable population
12 control plan for the horses including auc-
13 tions, adoptions, contraceptive fertility
14 methods, and other viable options.

15 (b) REQUIREMENTS FOR INTRODUCTION OF HORSES
16 FROM CAPE LOOKOUT NATIONAL SEASHORE.—During
17 the effective period of the memorandum of understanding
18 between the National Park Service and the Foundation
19 for Shackleford Horses, Inc. (a non-profit corporation or-
20 ganized under the laws of and doing business in the State
21 of North Carolina) signed in 2007, no horse may be re-
22 moved from Cape Lookout National Seashore for intro-
23 duction at Currituck National Wildlife Refuge except—

24 (1) with the approval of the Foundation; and

1 (2) consistent with the terms of such memo-
2 randum (or any successor agreement) and the Man-
3 agement Plan for the Shackleford Banks Horse
4 Herd signed in January 2006 (or any successor
5 management plan).

6 (c) NO LIABILITY CREATED.—Nothing in this sec-
7 tion shall be construed as creating liability for the United
8 States for any damages caused by the free-roaming wild
9 horses to any person or property located inside or outside
10 the boundaries of the refuge.

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