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To amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to expand the authorization of the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, and the Interior to provide service opportunities for young Americans; help restore the Nation's natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational and scenic resources; train a new generation of public land managers and enthusiasts; and promote the value of public service.

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Mr. GRIJALVA (for himself and Mr. MARKEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture and Education and the Workforce, 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

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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 “Public Lands Service
3 Corps Act of 2011”.

4 **SEC. 2. REFERENCE.**

5 Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in
6 this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms
7 of an amendment to, or a repeal of, a section or other
8 provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to
9 a section or other provision of the Public Lands Corps
10 Act of 1993 (16 U.S.C. 1721 et seq.; title II of Public
11 Law 91–378).

12 **SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS TO THE PUBLIC LANDS CORPS ACT**
13 **OF 1993.**

14 (a) NAME AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION CHANGES.—
15 The Act is amended—

16 (1) by striking “Public Lands Corps” each
17 place it appears and inserting “Public Lands Service
18 Corps”;

19 (2) in the title heading, by striking “**PUBLIC**
20 **LANDS CORPS**” and inserting “**PUBLIC**
21 **LANDS SERVICE CORPS**”;

22 (3) in the section 204—

23 (A) in the section heading, by striking
24 “**PUBLIC LANDS CORPS**” and inserting
25 “**PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE CORPS**”; and

1 (B) in the heading of subsection (a), by
2 striking “PUBLIC LANDS CORPS” and inserting
3 “PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE CORPS”;

4 (4) in the heading of paragraph (2) of section
5 210(a), by striking “PUBLIC LANDS CORPS” and in-
6 serting “PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE CORPS”;

7 (5) by striking “conservation center” each place
8 it appears and inserting “residential conservation
9 center”; and

10 (6) by striking “appropriate conservation
11 projects” each place it appears (except in paragraph
12 (1) of section 204(e) as so redesignated) and insert-
13 ing “appropriate natural and cultural resources con-
14 servation projects”.

15 (b) FINDINGS.—Section 202(a) of the Act is amend-
16 ed as follows:

17 (1) In paragraph (1), by striking “the natural
18 and cultural” and inserting “natural and cultural”.

19 (2) By redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as
20 paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively, and by insert-
21 ing after paragraph (1) the following:

22 “(2) Participants in conservation corps receive
23 meaningful training and their experience with such
24 corps provides preparation for careers in public serv-
25 ice.

1 “(3) Young men and women who participate in
2 the rehabilitation and restoration of our Nation’s
3 natural, cultural, historic, archaeological, rec-
4 reational, and scenic treasures will gain an increased
5 appreciation and understanding of our public lands
6 and heritage, and of the value of public service, and
7 are likely to become life-long advocates for those val-
8 ues.”.

9 (3) In paragraph (4) (as so redesignated), by
10 inserting “, cultural, historic, archaeological, rec-
11 reational, and scenic” after “Many facilities and nat-
12 ural”.

13 (4) By adding at the end the following:

14 “(6) The work of conservation corps can benefit
15 communities adjacent to public lands and facilities
16 through renewed civic engagement and participation
17 by corps participants and those they serve; improved
18 student achievement; and restoration and rehabilita-
19 tion of public assets.”.

20 (c) PURPOSE.—Section 202(b) of the Act is amended
21 to read as follows:

22 “(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are to—

23 “(1) introduce young men and women to public
24 service while furthering their understanding and ap-

1 preciation of the Nation’s natural, cultural, historic,
2 archaeological, recreational, and scenic resources;

3 “(2) facilitate training and recruitment oppor-
4 tunities in which service is credited as qualifying ex-
5 perience for careers in public land management;

6 “(3) instill in a new generation of young men
7 and women from across the Nation, including those
8 from diverse backgrounds, the desire to seek careers
9 in natural and cultural resource stewardship and
10 public service by allowing them to work directly with
11 professionals in agencies responsible for the manage-
12 ment of the Nation’s natural, cultural, historic, ar-
13 chaeological, recreational, and scenic resources;

14 “(4) perform, in a cost-effective manner, appro-
15 priate natural and cultural resources conservation
16 projects where such projects are not being performed
17 by existing employees;

18 “(5) assist governments and Indian tribes in
19 performing research and public education tasks asso-
20 ciated with natural and cultural resources;

21 “(6) expand educational opportunities by re-
22 warding individuals who participate in national serv-
23 ice with an increased ability to pursue higher edu-
24 cation or job training; and

1 “(7) promote public understanding and appre-
2 ciation of the individual missions and natural and
3 cultural resources conservation work of the Federal
4 agencies through training opportunities, community
5 service and outreach, and other appropriate
6 means.”.

7 (d) DEFINITIONS.—Section 203 of the Act is amend-
8 ed as follows:

9 (1) By amending paragraphs (1) and (2) to
10 read as follows:

11 “(1) APPROPRIATE NATURAL AND CULTURAL
12 RESOURCES CONSERVATION PROJECT.—The term
13 ‘appropriate natural and cultural resources conserva-
14 tion project’ means any project for the conservation,
15 restoration, construction, or rehabilitation of nat-
16 ural, cultural, historic, archaeological, recreational,
17 or scenic resources.

18 “(2) CORPS AND PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE
19 CORPS.—The terms ‘Corps’ and ‘Public Lands Serv-
20 ice Corps’ mean the Public Lands Service Corps es-
21 tablished under section 204 of this title.”.

22 (2) By striking paragraphs (3) and (8).

23 (3) By redesignating paragraphs (4), (5), (6),
24 (7), (9), (10), (11), (12), and (13) as paragraphs
25 (3) through (11), respectively.

1 (4) By amending paragraph (7) (as so redesignig-
2 nated) to read as follows:

3 “(7) PUBLIC LANDS.—The term ‘public lands’
4 means any lands or waters (or interest therein)
5 owned or administered by the United States, includ-
6 ing those areas of coastal and ocean waters, the
7 Great Lakes and their connecting waters, and sub-
8 merged lands over which the United States exercises
9 jurisdiction, except that such term does not include
10 any Indian lands.”.

11 (5) In paragraph (8) (as so redesignated)—

12 (A) in subparagraph (B), by striking
13 “and” at the end;

14 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking the
15 period and inserting “; and”; and

16 (C) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(D) makes available for audit for each fis-
18 cal year for which the qualified youth or con-
19 servation corps receives Federal funds under
20 this Act, information pertaining to the expendi-
21 ture of the funds, any matching funds, and par-
22 ticipant demographics.”.

23 (6) In paragraph (10) (as so redesignated)—

24 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking
25 “and” at the end;

1 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the
2 period and inserting “; and”; and

3 (C) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(C) with respect to the National Marine
5 Sanctuary System, coral reefs, and other coast-
6 al, estuarine, and marine habitats, and other
7 lands and facilities administered by the Na-
8 tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration,
9 the Secretary of Commerce.”.

10 (7) By adding at the end the following:

11 “(12) RESIDENTIAL CONSERVATION CEN-
12 TERS.—The term ‘residential conservation centers’
13 means the facilities authorized under section 205.

14 “(13) CONSULTING INTERN.—The term ‘con-
15 sulting intern’ means a consulting intern selected
16 under section 206.

17 “(14) PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE CORPS PARTICI-
18 PANT.—The term ‘Public Lands Service Corps par-
19 ticipant’, ‘Corps participant’ or ‘participant of the
20 Corps’ means an individual who is enrolled in the
21 Public Lands Service Corps pursuant to section
22 204(b).”.

23 (e) PUBLIC LANDS SERVICE CORPS PROGRAM.—Sec-
24 tion 204 of the Act is amended as follows:

25 (1) In subsection (a)—

1 (A) in the heading, by adding at the end
2 “PROGRAM”;

3 (B) by striking “and the Department of
4 Agriculture a” and inserting “, the Department
5 of Agriculture, and the Department of Com-
6 merce a service and training program titled
7 the”; and

8 (C) by adding at the end the following:
9 “The Secretary of the Interior shall establish a
10 department-level office to coordinate Public
11 Lands Service Corps activities within the De-
12 partment of the Interior. The Secretary of Agri-
13 culture shall establish within the U.S. Forest
14 Service an office to coordinate Public Lands
15 Service Corps activities within that agency. The
16 Secretary of Commerce shall establish within
17 the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin-
18 istration an office to coordinate Public Lands
19 Service Corps activities within that agency. The
20 Secretary of each department shall designate a
21 Public Lands Service Corps coordinator for
22 each agency within that department that ad-
23 ministers Public Lands Service Corps activi-
24 ties.”.

1 (2) By amending subsection (b) to read as fol-
2 lows:

3 “(b) PARTICIPANTS.—The Secretary may enroll in
4 the Public Lands Service Corps individuals between the
5 ages of 16 and 25, inclusive, who are either hired by an
6 agency under the Secretary’s jurisdiction to perform work
7 authorized under this Act or who are members of a quali-
8 fied youth or conservation corps with which the Secretary
9 has entered into a cooperative agreement to perform work
10 authorized under this Act. The Secretary may also enroll
11 resource assistants and consulting interns. All enrollees
12 shall be considered Public Lands Service Corps partici-
13 pants, and may be enrolled for a term of up to 24 months
14 of service, which may be served over more than two cal-
15 endar years. The individuals may be enrolled without re-
16 gard to the civil service and classification laws, rules, or
17 regulations of the United States. The Secretary may es-
18 tablish a preference for the enrollment in the Corps of in-
19 dividuals who are economically, physically, or education-
20 ally disadvantaged.”.

21 (3) In subsection (c)—

22 (A) in paragraph (1)—

23 (i) by striking “contracts and”;

24 (ii) by inserting “natural and cultural
25 resources” after “appropriate”; and

1 (iii) by striking “subsection (d)” and
2 inserting “subsection (e)”;

3 (B) by redesignating paragraph (2) as
4 paragraph (3);

5 (C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the
6 following:

7 “(2) RECRUITMENT.—The Secretary shall un-
8 dertake, or enter into cooperative agreements to pro-
9 vide, a program to attract eligible youth to the
10 Corps by publicizing Corps opportunities through
11 high schools, colleges, employment centers, electronic
12 media, and other appropriate institutions or
13 means.”; and

14 (D) by amending paragraph (3) (as so re-
15 designated) to read as follows:

16 “(3) PREFERENCE.—For purposes of entering
17 into cooperative agreements under paragraph (1),
18 the Secretary may give preference to qualified youth
19 or conservation corps located in a specific area that
20 have a substantial portion of members who are eco-
21 nomically, physically, or educationally disadvantaged
22 to carry out projects within the area.”.

23 (4) By redesignating subsections (d) through
24 (f) as subsections (e) through (g), respectively.

1 (5) By inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(d) TRAINING.—The Secretary shall establish a
4 training program based at appropriate residential con-
5 servation centers or at other suitable regional Federal or
6 other appropriate facilities or sites to provide training for
7 Corps participants. The Secretary shall—

8 “(1) ensure that the duration and comprehen-
9 siveness of the training program shall be commensu-
10 rate with the projects Corps participants are ex-
11 pected to undertake;

12 “(2) develop department-wide standards for the
13 program that include training in—

14 “(A) resource stewardship;

15 “(B) ethics for those in public service;

16 “(C) principles of national service;

17 “(D) health and safety;

18 “(E) teamwork and leadership; and

19 “(F) interpersonal communications;

20 “(3) direct each participating agency to develop
21 agency-specific training guidelines to ensure that
22 Corps participants enrolled to undertake projects for
23 that agency are appropriately informed about mat-
24 ters specific to that agency, including—

1 “(A) the history and organization of the
2 agency;

3 “(B) the agency’s core values; and

4 “(C) any agency-specific standards for the
5 management of natural, cultural, historic, ar-
6 chaeological, recreational, and scenic resources;
7 and

8 “(4) take into account training already received
9 by Corps participants enrolled from qualified youth
10 or conservation corps, including in the matters out-
11 lined in paragraph (2).”.

12 (6) In subsection (e) (as so redesignated)—

13 (A) in paragraph (1)—

14 (i) by striking “The Secretary may
15 utilize the Corps or any qualified youth or
16 conservation corps to carry out appro-
17 priate” and inserting “The Secretary may
18 use Corps participants to carry out, under
19 appropriate supervision and training, ap-
20 propriate natural and cultural resource”;
21 and

22 (ii) by striking “law on public lands.”
23 and inserting the following: “law. Such
24 projects may include, but are not limited
25 to—

1 “(A) protection, restoration, or enhance-
2 ment of ecosystem components to promote spe-
3 cies recovery, improve biological diversity, en-
4 hance productivity and carbon sequestration,
5 and enhance adaptability and resilience of pub-
6 lic lands and resources in the face of climate
7 change and other natural and human disturb-
8 ances;

9 “(B) promoting the health of forests and
10 public lands, refuges, and coastal and marine
11 areas, including—

12 “(i) protection and restoration of wa-
13 tersheds and forest, riparian, estuarine,
14 grassland, coral reef, intertidal, or other
15 habitat;

16 “(ii) reduction of wildfire risk and
17 mitigation of damage from insects, disease,
18 and disasters;

19 “(iii) erosion control;

20 “(iv) control or removal of invasive,
21 noxious, or non-native species; and

22 “(v) restoration of native species;

23 “(C) collection of biological, archaeological,
24 and other scientific data, including monitoring
25 of climatological information, species popu-

1 lations and movement, habitat status, and other
2 factors;

3 “(D) assisting in historical and cultural re-
4 search, archival and curatorial work, oral his-
5 tory projects, documentary photography, and
6 activities that support the creation of public
7 works of art related to public lands; and

8 “(E) construction, repair, rehabilitation,
9 green building retrofitting, and maintenance of
10 roads, trails, campgrounds, and other facilities,
11 employee housing, cultural and historic sites
12 and structures, and facilities that further the
13 purposes of the Public Lands Service Corps.”;

14 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and
15 (3) as paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively;

16 (C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the
17 following:

18 “(2) VISITOR SERVICES.—The Secretary may—

19 “(A) enter into or amend an existing coop-
20 erative agreement with a cooperating associa-
21 tion, educational institute, friends group, or
22 similar nonprofit partner organization for the
23 purpose of providing training and work experi-
24 ence to Corps participants in areas including,
25 but not limited to, sales, office work, account-

1 ing, and management provided that the work
2 experience directly relates to the protection and
3 management of the public lands; and

4 “(B) allow Corps participants to help pro-
5 mote visitor safety and enjoyment of public
6 lands, and assist in the gathering of visitor use
7 data.

8 “(3) INTERPRETATION.—The Secretary may
9 assign Corps participants to provide interpretation
10 or education services for the public under the appro-
11 priate direction and supervision of agency personnel,
12 including—

13 “(A) providing orientation and information
14 services to visitors, including services for non-
15 English speaking visitors and visitors who use
16 American Sign Language;

17 “(B) assisting agency personnel in the de-
18 livery of interpretive or educational programs,
19 including outdoor learning and classroom learn-
20 ing;

21 “(C) presenting programs on Federal lands
22 or at schools, after-school programs, and youth-
23 serving community programs that relate the
24 personal experience of the Corps participant for
25 the purpose of promoting public awareness of

1 the Corps, its role in public land management
2 agencies, and its availability to potential partici-
3 pants; and

4 “(D) creating nonpersonal interpretive
5 products, such as Web site content, Junior
6 Ranger program books, printed handouts, and
7 audiovisual programs.”; and

8 (D) in paragraph (4) (as so redesignated),
9 by striking “Appropriate conservation projects”
10 and inserting “Appropriate natural and cultural
11 resources conservation projects”.

12 (7) In subsection (g) (as so redesignated), by
13 striking “appropriate conservation project” inserting
14 “appropriate natural and cultural resources con-
15 servation project”.

16 (8) By amending the text of subsection (f)(2)
17 (as so redesignated) to read as follows: “will instill
18 in Corps participants a work ethic and a sense of
19 public service;”.

20 (9) In subsection (g) (as so redesignated), by
21 striking “on eligible service lands”.

22 (10) By adding at the end the following:

23 “(h) OTHER PARTICIPANTS.—The Secretary may
24 allow volunteers from other programs administered or des-
25 ignated by the Secretary to participate as volunteers in

1 projects carried out under this section on such terms as
2 the Secretary considers appropriate.”.

3 (f) RESIDENTIAL CONSERVATION CENTERS AND
4 PROGRAM SUPPORT.—Section 205 of the Act is amended
5 as follows:

6 (1) In the section heading, by striking “**CON-**
7 **SERVATION**” and inserting “**RESIDENTIAL CON-**
8 **SERVATION**”.

9 (2) In subsection (a)—

10 (A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as
11 follows:

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may estab-
13 lish residential conservation centers for—

14 “(A) such housing, food service, medical
15 care, transportation, and other services as the
16 Secretary deems necessary for the Public Lands
17 Service Corps; and

18 “(B) the conduct of appropriate residential
19 conservation projects under this Act.”;

20 (B) by striking paragraph (2) and redesign-
21 ating paragraphs (3) and (4) as paragraphs
22 (2) and (3), respectively;

23 (C) in paragraph (2) (as so redesign-
24 nated)—

1 (i) in the text, by inserting “residen-
2 tial” before “conservation centers”; and

3 (ii) in the heading, by inserting “RES-
4 IDENTIAL” before “CONSERVATION CEN-
5 TERS”; and

6 (D) in paragraph (3) (as so redesignated),
7 by striking “with a State or” and inserting “a
8 cooperative agreement with another Federal,
9 State, or”.

10 (3) In subsection (b)—

11 (A) by striking “The Secretary” and in-
12 serting the following:

13 “(1) The Secretary”; and

14 (B) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(2) The Secretary may make arrangements
16 with other Federal agencies, States, local govern-
17 ments, or private organizations to provide temporary
18 housing as needed and available.

19 “(3) In project areas where Corps participants
20 can reasonably be expected to reside at their own
21 homes, the Secretary may fund or provide transpor-
22 tation to and from project sites.”.

23 (4) By redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
24 section (g).

1 (5) By inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(d) FACILITIES.—The Secretary may, as an appro-
4 priate natural and cultural resources conservation project,
5 direct Corps participants to aid in the rehabilitation or
6 construction of residential conservation center facilities,
7 including housing.

8 “(e) GREEN BUILDINGS.—The Secretary may seek
9 the assistance of the Secretary of Energy in identifying
10 and using solar and other green building technologies and
11 modular housing designs that may be adapted for residen-
12 tial conservation center facilities, including—

13 “(1) designs from the Department of Energy’s
14 Solar Decathlon competition; and

15 “(2) logistical support, assistance, and training
16 from Solar Decathlon participants.

17 “(f) MENTORS.—The Secretary may recruit from
18 programs, such as agency volunteer programs, and from
19 agency retirees, veterans groups, military retirees, active
20 duty personnel, and from appropriate youth-serving orga-
21 nizations, such adults as may be suitable and qualified to
22 provide training, mentoring, and crew-leading services to
23 Corps participants.”.

24 (6) In subsection (g) (as so redesignated), by
25 striking “are appropriate to carry out this title” and

1 inserting “the Secretary determines to be necessary
2 for the residential conservation center”.

3 (g) RESOURCE ASSISTANTS AND CONSULTING IN-
4 TERNS.—Section 206 of the Act is amended as follows:

5 (1) In the section heading, by inserting “**AND**
6 **CONSULTING INTERNS**” before the period.

7 (2) In subsection (a), by striking “The Sec-
8 retary is authorized to provide individual placements
9 of resource” and inserting the following: “The Sec-
10 retary is authorized, to provide individual place-
11 ments of the following:

12 “(1) Resource”.

13 (3) By inserting after subsection (a)(1) (as so
14 designated), the following:

15 “(2) Consulting interns with any Federal land,
16 coastal, or ocean management agency under the ju-
17 risdiction of the Secretary to carry out management
18 analysis activities on behalf of the agency. To be eli-
19 gible for selection as a consulting intern, an indi-
20 vidual must be a current enrollee and have com-
21 pleted at least one full year at a graduate or profes-
22 sional school that has been accredited by an accred-
23 iting body that has been recognized by the Secretary
24 of Education. The Secretary may select consulting
25 interns without regard to the civil service and classi-

1 fication laws, rules, or regulations of the United
2 States.”.

3 (4) In subsection (b)—

4 (A) by inserting “or consulting interns”
5 before “through private sources”;

6 (B) in the second sentence, before the pe-
7 riod, by inserting “; up to 15 percent may be
8 in-kind”; and

9 (C) by striking “Resource Assistants” and
10 inserting “resource assistants or consulting in-
11 terns”.

12 (5) By adding at the end the following:

13 “(c) **COST SHARING REQUIREMENTS.**—At the Sec-
14 retary’s discretion, the requirements for cost sharing ap-
15 plicable to participating nonprofit organizations for the ex-
16 penses of resource assistants and consulting interns under
17 subsection (b) may be reduced to not less than 10 per-
18 cent.”.

19 (h) **TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.**—The Act is amended
20 by redesignating sections 207, 208, 209, 210, and 211 as
21 sections 208, 209, 210, 211, and 212, respectively.

22 (i) **GUIDANCE.**—The Act is amended by inserting
23 after section 206 the following:

1 **“SEC. 207. GUIDANCE.**

2 “Not later than 18 months after funds are made
3 available for this purpose, the Secretaries shall issue
4 guidelines for the management of the Public Lands Serv-
5 ice Corps programs for use by regional and State direc-
6 tors, and the supervisors of individual parks, forests, dis-
7 tricts, sanctuaries, reserves, hatcheries, and refuges.”.

8 (j) **LIVING ALLOWANCES AND TERMS OF SERVICE.**—
9 Section 208 of the Act (as so redesignated) is amended—

10 (1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-
11 lows:

12 “(a) **LIVING ALLOWANCES.**—The Secretary shall pro-
13 vide each Corps participant with a living allowance in an
14 amount established by the Secretary. The Secretary
15 may—

16 “(1) apply a cost-of-living differential to such
17 allowances; and

18 “(2) reimburse Corps participants for travel
19 costs at the beginning and end of their term of serv-
20 ice if the Secretary deems appropriate.”;

21 (2) by amending the text of subsection (b) to
22 read as follows: “Each Corps participant shall agree
23 to participate in the Corps for such term of service
24 as may be established by the Secretary enrolling or
25 selecting the individual.”;

1 (3) in the heading of subsection (c), by adding
2 at the end “PREFERENCE AND FUTURE EMPLOY-
3 MENT”; and

4 (4) in subsection (c)—

5 (A) by amending paragraphs (1) and (2)

6 to read as follows:

7 “(1) grant to a participant of the Public Lands
8 Service Corps credit for service time in the Corps to
9 be used as qualifying experience toward future Fed-
10 eral hiring;

11 “(2) provide to a former participant of the Pub-
12 lic Lands Service Corps noncompetitive hiring status
13 for a period of not more than two years after the
14 date on which the participant’s service with the Pub-
15 lic Lands Service Corps is complete (not counting
16 any time spent enrolled in an academic institution or
17 trade school), if the candidate—

18 “(A) has served a minimum of 960 hours
19 on an appropriate natural or cultural resource
20 conservation project that included at least 120
21 hours through the Public Lands Service Corps;
22 and

23 “(B) meets Office of Personnel Manage-
24 ment qualification standards for the position to
25 which the candidate is applying;” and

1 (B) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(3) develop a system to provide consideration
3 for participants who cannot meet the requirements
4 of paragraph (2);

5 “(4) provide to an individual who has success-
6 fully fulfilled the resource assistant program non-
7 competitive hiring status for a period of not more
8 than two years after the date on which the indi-
9 vidual has completed an undergraduate degree from
10 an accredited institution;

11 “(5) provide to an individual who has success-
12 fully fulfilled the consulting internship program non-
13 competitive hiring status for a period of not more
14 than two years after the date on which the indi-
15 vidual has completed a graduate degree from an ac-
16 credited institution; and

17 “(6) provide, or enter into cooperative agree-
18 ments with qualified employment agencies to pro-
19 vide, alumni services such as job and education
20 counseling, referrals, verification of service, commu-
21 nications, and other appropriate services to partici-
22 pants who have completed their Corps service.”.

23 (k) NATIONAL SERVICE EDUCATIONAL AWARDS.—
24 Section 209 of the Act (as so redesignated) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “If a” and all
2 that follows through “shall be eligible” and inserting
3 “If a Corps participant also serves in an approved
4 national service position designated under subtitle C
5 of title I of the National and Community Service Act
6 of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12571 et seq.), the Corps partic-
7 ipant shall be eligible”; and

8 (2) in subsection (b), by striking—

9 (A) “either participants in the Corps or re-
10 source assistants” and inserting “participants
11 in the Corps”; and

12 (B) “or a resource assistant”.

13 (l) NONDISPLACEMENT.—Section 210 of the Act (as
14 so redesignated) is amended to read as follows:

15 **“SEC. 210. NONDISPLACEMENT.**

16 “The nondisplacement requirements of the National
17 and Community Service Act of 1990 shall be applicable
18 to all activities carried out by the Public Lands Service
19 Corps participants.”.

20 (m) FUNDING.—Section 211 of the Act (as so redes-
21 ignated) is amended—

22 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

23 (A) by striking “appropriate conservation
24 project” each place it appears and inserting

1 “appropriate natural and cultural resources
2 conservation project”; and

3 (B) by adding at the end the following:

4 “The Secretary may reduce to no less than 10
5 percent the non-Federal costs of a project when
6 the Secretary determines that it is necessary to
7 enable participation in the Public Lands Service
8 Corps from a greater range of organizations.”;
9 and

10 (2) in subsection (b)—

11 (A) by inserting “program” after “Corps”;
12 and

13 (B) by inserting “, consulting interns” be-
14 fore “and qualified youth”.

15 (n) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
16 212 of the Act (as so redesignated) is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “to the Sec-
18 retary” after “authorized to be appropriated”;

19 (2) in subsection (a), by striking “to carry out”
20 the first place it appears and all that follows
21 through the period and inserting “such sums as may
22 be necessary to carry out this title.”;

23 (3) by striking subsection (b); and

1 (4) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
2 section (b).

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