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H. R. 848

To require the Forest Service to accommodate, to the extent consistent with the management objectives and limitations applicable to the National Forest System lands at issue, individuals with mobility disabilities who need to use a power-driven mobility device for reasonable access to such lands.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 1, 2011

Mr. ALEXANDER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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. ACCOMMODATION OF ACCESS NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH MOBILITY DISABILITIES UNDER FOREST SERVICE TRAVEL MANAGEMENT RULE.**

5 (a) **CONSIDERATION OF ACCESS NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH MOBILITY DISABILITIES.**—The Secretary of
6 Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, shall require Forest Service personnel, in implementing off-road vehicle management under the Forest
7 Service Travel Management Rule, to endeavor to accommodate, to the extent consistent with the management objectives and limitations applicable to the National Forest
8 System lands at issue, individuals with mobility disabilities who would need to use a power-driven mobility device for
9 reasonable access to such lands.

16 (b) **RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR ACCESS.**—If, after receiving a request by or on behalf of an individual with
17 mobility disabilities for permission to use a power-driven mobility device to access specific National Forest System
18 lands, Forest Service personnel determine that use of such a power-driven mobility device is not appropriate given the
19 management objectives and limitations applicable to the National Forest System lands at issue, the Forest Service
20 personnel shall provide the individual with a written re-

- 1 sponse containing an explanation of the reasons for the
- 2 determination.

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