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S. 1265

To amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the land and water conservation fund to maximize the effectiveness of the fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 23, 2011

Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mr. TESTER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and 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 “Land and Water Con-
5 servation Authorization and Funding Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. PERMANENT AUTHORIZATION; FULL FUNDING.**

2 (a) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the amendments
3 made by subsection (b) are—

4 (1) to provide consistent and reliable authority
5 for, and for the funding of, the land and water con-
6 servation fund established under section 2 of the
7 Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965
8 (16 U.S.C. 460l-5); and

9 (2) to maximize the effectiveness of the fund
10 for future generations.

11 (b) AMENDMENTS.—

12 (1) PERMANENT AUTHORIZATION.—Section 2
13 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of
14 1965 (16 U.S.C. 460l-5) is amended—

15 (A) in the matter preceding subsection (a),
16 by striking “During the period ending Sep-
17 tember 30, 2015, there” and inserting “There”;
18 and

19 (B) in subsection (c)(1), by striking
20 “through September 30, 2015”.

21 (2) FULL FUNDING.—Section 3 of the Land
22 and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16
23 U.S.C. 460l-6) is amended to read as follows:

1 **“SEC. 3. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.**

2 “Monies covered into the fund under section 2 shall
3 be available for expenditure to carry out the purposes of
4 this Act, without further appropriation.”.

5 (c) PUBLIC ACCESS.—Section 7 of the Land and
6 Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 460l–
7 9) is amended by adding at the end the following:

8 “(d) PUBLIC ACCESS.—Not less than 1.5 percent of
9 the annual authorized funding amount shall be made
10 available each year for projects that secure recreational
11 public access to existing Federal public land for hunting,
12 fishing, and other recreational purposes.”.

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