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To designate the Range of Light National Monument in the State of California, and for other purposes.

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Ms. SPEIER (for herself, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. LEE of California, and Mr. LEVIN of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

To designate the Range of Light National Monument in the State of California, 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 TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “The Range of Light National Monument Act”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
7 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title and table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Definitions.
- Sec. 3. Findings.
- Sec. 4. Establishment of the Range of Light National Monument, California.
- Sec. 5. Management of Federal lands within the monument.

- Sec. 6. Development of management plan.
- Sec. 7. Existing and historical uses of Federal lands included in the monument.
- Sec. 8. Acquisition of land.
- Sec. 9. Watershed management.
- Sec. 10. Withdrawal of Federal land from mining laws.
- Sec. 11. Visitor services plan.
- Sec. 12. Authorization of appropriations.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) **MANAGEMENT PLAN.**—The term “manage-
 4 ment plan” means the plan developed consistent
 5 with section 6.

6 (2) **NATIONAL MONUMENT.**—The term “na-
 7 tional monument” means the Range of Light Na-
 8 tional Monument.

9 (3) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary”
 10 means—

11 (A) the Secretary of the Interior, with re-
 12 spect to those Federal lands under the jurisdic-
 13 tion of the Secretary of the Interior; and

14 (B) the Secretary of Agriculture, with re-
 15 spect to those Federal lands under the jurisdic-
 16 tion of the Secretary of Agriculture.

17 (4) **SECRETARIES.**—The term “Secretaries”
 18 means the Secretary of Agriculture and the Sec-
 19 retary of the Interior acting jointly.

20 (5) **TRAILS.**—Trails mean non-motorized trails
 21 available only to non-motorized users, including non-
 22 motorized bicyclists, except in Wilderness areas

1 where existing regulations for trails remain the
2 same. Electronic bicycles are considered a form of
3 “motorized” bicycling.

4 (6) ROADS.—Roads are defined as roads avail-
5 able only to street legal vehicles.

6 **SEC. 3. FINDINGS.**

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

8 (1) The Sierra Nevada ecosystem is a diverse
9 mountain range that is geologically, ecologically,
10 hydrologically, recreationally and historically signifi-
11 cant to the American people.

12 (2) The Range of Light National Monument
13 sits between two National Parks, Yosemite and
14 Kings Canyon, in the center of longest inter-
15 connected wilderness in the contiguous United
16 States and its establishment will create an inter-
17 connected wildlife corridor to facilitate the migration
18 and survival of native species and provide habitat for
19 rare, threatened, and endangered species.

20 (3) The Sierra Nevada ecosystem contains one
21 of the most diverse coniferous forests in the world.
22 Ponderosa pine, incense-cedar, white-fir, douglas-fir,
23 sugar pine and scattered groves of giant sequoia
24 intermix and coexist. These trees fight climate

1 change, store carbon, and support a vast array of
2 California's wildlife.

3 (4) The Sierra Nevada ecosystem and water-
4 shed is vital to the people of California. The rivers,
5 springs, alpine lakes and groundwater within the wa-
6 tershed contribute to the Kings, the Merced, and the
7 San Joaquin Rivers, which support wildlife, enhance
8 recreation, and provide drinking water for millions
9 of Californians.

10 (5) The interactions between the climate, topog-
11 raphy and biota in the Sierra Nevada have created
12 some of the most productive soils for conifers in the
13 world, which has improved vegetation, erosion, wild-
14 life distribution, and water quality throughout the
15 range. These soils harbor the microorganisms and
16 nutrients that provide the basis for the forest's
17 health and support hundreds of plant species, many
18 of which are endemic to the region and are found
19 nowhere else on earth.

20 (6) The Range of Light ecosystems, forests,
21 and watersheds provide a wild and rugged landscape
22 enjoyed by hikers, bicyclists, birders, picnickers,
23 sight seers, fishermen, campers, rock climbers, boat-
24 ers, equestrians, and other recreationists.

1 (7) Sierra Nevada tribes have been stewards of
2 the land for more than 10,000 years. Native Ameri-
3 cans of the Sierra Nevada have hunted, fished, gath-
4 ered, and made their homes throughout the region.
5 Many sites along rivers and elsewhere in the na-
6 tional monument are part of tribal history and are
7 considered sacred. Preserving these sites is vital to
8 maintaining tribal identity, as well as enabling the
9 continuation and renewal of annual cultural tradi-
10 tions and ecological land management practices.

11 **SEC. 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RANGE OF LIGHT NA-**
12 **TIONAL MONUMENT, CALIFORNIA.**

13 (a) ESTABLISHMENT AND BOUNDARIES.—Subject to
14 valid existing rights, there is established the Range of
15 Light National Monument as a unit of the National Park
16 System in the State of California, which consists of ap-
17 proximately 1,427,750 acres of Federal land and interests
18 in Federal land in California, as generally depicted in the
19 map entitled “Range of Light National Monument Map”
20 and dated November 2022. The Range of Light National
21 Monument is composed of the Sierra National Forest in
22 its entirety and the San Joaquin Gorge managed by the
23 Bureau of Land Management.

24 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the national monu-
25 ment are—

1 (1) to preserve, protect, and restore nationally
2 significant biological, ecological, cultural, historical,
3 recreational, geological, hydrological, scenic, and sci-
4 entific resources in the Sierra Nevada's ecosystems,
5 forests, and soils;

6 (2) to preserve, protect, and restore watersheds,
7 including meadows, above ground tributaries,
8 springs and groundwater, and surface waters that
9 contribute to the San Joaquin, Kings, and Merced
10 Rivers;

11 (3) to provide wildlife connectivity and a migra-
12 tory area for native species and to provide habitat
13 for rare, threatened, and endangered species through
14 protection and restoration;

15 (4) to secure now and for future generations
16 the opportunity to experience and enjoy a diverse
17 and natural forest landscape, wildlife, free-flowing
18 water, an unfettered rugged environment, and recre-
19 ation on public land;

20 (5) to provide environmentally responsible, well-
21 managed recreational opportunities and spaces for
22 people to connect with nature within the national
23 monument;

24 (6) to provide educational, recreational, visitor,
25 and interpretive services that will increase public un-

1 derstanding of and appreciation for the natural and
2 cultural resources of the Sierra Nevada and the na-
3 tional monument area; and

4 (7) to protect Native American sacred cultural
5 sites and traditional practices and to involve Native
6 Americans in the planning and the care of native
7 plants and cultural sites in the monument area.

8 (c) TRANSFER AND ADMINISTRATION OF LANDS.—

9 Upon enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture
10 shall transfer the Federal lands and Federal buildings
11 under the jurisdiction of the National Forest Service,
12 managed specifically as the Sierra National Forest, with-
13 out consideration, to the administrative jurisdiction of the
14 National Park Service for administration as a national
15 monument that is part of the National Park System. Upon
16 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall
17 transfer the Federal lands and Federal buildings under
18 the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management and
19 Bureau of Reclamation, managed specifically as the San
20 Joaquin Gorge, without consideration, to the administra-
21 tive jurisdiction of the National Park Service for adminis-
22 tration as a national monument that is part of the Na-
23 tional Park System.

24 (d) LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS; CORRECTIONS OF ER-
25 RORS.—

1 (1) PREPARATION.—As soon as practical after
2 the date of the enactment of this Act, but not later
3 than 1 year after such date, the Secretary shall pre-
4 pare final maps and legal descriptions of the na-
5 tional monument, which shall have the same force
6 and effect as if included in this Act, except that the
7 Secretary of the Interior may correct clerical and ty-
8 pographical errors in the existing maps and legal de-
9 scriptions.

10 (2) SUBMISSION.—As soon as practicable after
11 the preparation of the maps and legal descriptions
12 under paragraph (1), the Secretary of the Interior
13 shall submit the maps and legal descriptions to the
14 Committee on Natural Resources of the House of
15 Representatives and to the Committee on Energy
16 and Natural Resources of the Senate.

17 (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The maps and
18 legal descriptions prepared pursuant to paragraph
19 (1) shall be on file and available for public inspec-
20 tion at appropriate offices of the National Park
21 Service.

22 (e) ADMINISTRATION AND JURISDICTION.—

23 (1) PUBLIC LANDS.—The public lands included
24 in the national monument area shall be administered

1 by the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the
2 National Park Service.

3 (2) STATE AND LOCAL JURISDICTION.—Noth-
4 ing in this Act alters, modifies, or diminishes any
5 right, responsibility, power, authority, jurisdiction,
6 or entitlement of the State, any political subdivision
7 of the State, or any State or local agency under ex-
8 isting Federal, State, and local law (including regu-
9 lations).

10 **SEC. 5. MANAGEMENT OF FEDERAL LANDS WITHIN THE**
11 **MONUMENT.**

12 (a) NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM.—Subject to valid ex-
13 isting rights, the Secretary of the Interior shall manage
14 the public lands included in the national monument area
15 in a manner that protects, and enhances the natural re-
16 sources and values of the lands, in accordance with—

17 (1) this Act;

18 (2) the laws generally applicable to units of the
19 National Park System;

20 (3) the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.)
21 in existing wilderness areas; and

22 (4) other applicable law (including Federal,
23 State, or local law, and regulations).

24 (b) TREATMENT OF NON-FEDERAL LANDS AND RE-
25 LATED PROVISIONS.—Nothing in this Act—

1 (1) authorizes the Secretary to take any action
2 that would affect the use of any land not owned by
3 the United States;

4 (2) affects the use of any non-Federal land
5 within the national monument area;

6 (3) modifies any provision of Federal, State, or
7 local law with respect to public access to or use of
8 non-Federal land;

9 (4) requires any owner of non-Federal land to
10 allow public access (including Federal, State, or local
11 government access) to private property or any other
12 non-Federal land; and

13 (5) creates any liability, or affects any liability
14 under any other law, of any private property owner
15 or other owner of non-Federal land with respect to
16 any person injured on private property or other non-
17 Federal land.

18 (c) RESOLUTION OF CONFLICTS.—If there is a con-
19 flict between a provision of this Act and a provision of
20 another law specified in subsection (a), the more restric-
21 tive provision shall control.

22 (d) AUTHORIZED USES.—The Secretary shall allow
23 only such uses of the national monument as the Secretary
24 determines would further the purposes specified in section
25 4 of this Act.

1 **SEC. 6. DEVELOPMENT OF MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

2 (a) DEADLINE.—Not later than 3 years after the
3 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall cre-
4 ate a comprehensive management plan for the national
5 monument that fulfills the purposes described in section
6 4.

7 (b) INCORPORATION OF VISITOR SERVICES PLAN.—
8 To the maximum extent practicable, the Secretary shall
9 incorporate the visitor services plan into the management
10 plan as described in section 11.

11 **SEC. 7. EXISTING AND HISTORICAL USES OF FEDERAL**
12 **LANDS INCLUDED IN THE MONUMENT.**

13 (a) FISH AND WILDLIFE.—Nothing in this Act af-
14 fects the jurisdiction of the State of California with re-
15 spect to the management of fish and wildlife located on
16 public land in the State, except that the Secretary of the
17 Interior, after consultation with the California Depart-
18 ment of Fish and Wildlife, may designate zones in the na-
19 tional monument where, and periods when, hunting shall
20 not be allowed to accommodate traditional tribal uses,
21 public safety, wildlife health, administration, or public use
22 and enjoyment.

23 (b) MOTORIZED AND MECHANIZED VEHICLES.—The
24 use of motorized and mechanized vehicles on lands within
25 the national monument shall be permitted only on roads
26 designated for their use. In the Sierra National Forest,

1 all roads currently classified as Forest Service Mainte-
2 nance Level 1 roads will be closed, and Maintenance Level
3 2 roads will be converted to Maintenance Level 1 roads
4 indefinitely unless they lead to campgrounds, picnic areas,
5 private inholdings, non-motorized trailheads, selected
6 viewpoints or are needed for administrative purposes or
7 to respond to an emergency. When managed by the Na-
8 tional Park Service, these roads shall be classified as
9 paved, maintained dirt roads, and unmaintained dirt
10 roads. Selected roads shall remain open, partially or fully,
11 paved or dirt, in accordance with the Range of Light Na-
12 tional Monument map, and shall remain open only to
13 street-legal vehicles. Closed roads may be remediated or
14 converted to non-motorized trails and may remain avail-
15 able to non-motorized recreational use at the discretion of
16 the park service and in accordance with the visitor services
17 plan, as detailed in subsection (a). The existing roads and
18 trails in the San Joaquin Gorge shall remain and shall
19 be managed as is, at the date of the enactment of this
20 Act.

21 (c) GRAZING.—Livestock grazing permits within the
22 national monument, where established or planned before
23 the date of the enactment of this Act, shall be allowed
24 to continue until the end of their permit period, a max-
25 imum of 10 years from the issued permit date, subject

1 to all applicable laws and regulations. Grazing permits
2 shall not be re-issued once expired and shall be retired.

3 (1) DONATION OF GRAZING PERMITS AND
4 LEASES.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall ac-
6 cept the donation of any valid existing leases or
7 permits authorizing grazing on public land or
8 National Forest System land, all or a portion of
9 which are within the area depicted as the
10 “Range of Light National Monument” on the
11 maps entitled “Range of Light National Monu-
12 ment”.

13 (B) PARTIAL DONATION.—A person hold-
14 ing a valid grazing permit or lease for a grazing
15 allotment partially within the area described in
16 subparagraph (A) may elect to donate only the
17 portion of the grazing permit or lease that is
18 within the area.

19 (2) TERMINATION.—With respect to each per-
20 mit or lease donated under paragraph (1)(A), the
21 Secretary shall—

22 (A) terminate the grazing permit or lease
23 or portion of the permit or lease; and

1 (B) ensure a permanent end to grazing on
2 the land covered by the permit or lease or por-
3 tion of the permit or lease.

4 (d) COMMERCIAL RECREATION ACTIVITIES.—The
5 Secretary shall allow commercial recreation activities with-
6 in the national monument in accordance with—

7 (1) this Act;

8 (2) the laws generally applicable to units of the
9 National Park System;

10 (3) the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133 et
11 seq.); and

12 (4) other applicable law (including Federal,
13 State, or local law, and regulations).

14 (e) FISHING AND GATHERING.—The Secretary shall
15 allow fishing and gathering within the national monument
16 in accordance with applicable laws and regulations of the
17 United States and the State of California.

18 (f) FORESTRY.—The Secretary shall prohibit the cut-
19 ting, sale, harvest or removal of timber and other vegeta-
20 tive material within the national monument for commer-
21 cial purposes, commercial logging, or for biomass energy
22 production. No part of the monument shall be considered
23 suitable for timber production or calculation or provision
24 for sustained yield of timber. The Secretary may permit
25 the cutting of timber in the national monument only in

1 cases where the cutting of such timber is required to pre-
2 serve and protect wildlife, or the natural, scientific, scenic
3 or historical objects in the area. The Secretary may permit
4 the removal of tree materials for personal use fuel wood,
5 in cases where the removal does not harm the forest, wild-
6 life or the natural, scientific or historical objects in the
7 area.

8 (g) BUYOUTS, DONATIONS AND TERMINATION OF
9 EXISTING TIMBER CONTRACTS.—

10 (1) DONATIONS.—The Secretary shall accept
11 the donation of any valid existing contract author-
12 izing logging on public land in National Forest Sys-
13 tem land, which is within the area depicted as the
14 “Range of Light National Monument” on the maps
15 entitled “Range of Light National Monument”.

16 (2) BUYOUTS.—With respect to purchased tim-
17 ber contracts, the Secretary may buy back the con-
18 tracts for the sale of timber within the boundaries
19 of the Monument at the time of enactment of this
20 Act, for the price sold, in accordance with applicable
21 Federal law.

22 (3) TERMINATION.—All timber sales and con-
23 tracts will be terminated at date of the enactment of
24 this Act.

1 (h) USE OF CHEMICALS.—The application of any
2 toxic chemicals (other than fire retardants), including pes-
3 ticides and herbicides, shall be prohibited within the na-
4 tional monument area.

5 (i) TRAILS.—A non-motorized trail system will be
6 constructed and maintained using existing non-motorized
7 trails and roads decommissioned from motorized use.

8 (j) EXISTING CABIN LEASES.—Nothing in this Act
9 shall preclude the renewal or continuation of valid leases
10 for cabins, homesites or similar structures on federally
11 owned lands in the national monument in effect on date
12 this law is enacted.

13 (k) SPECIFIC PROTECTIONS.—The use of street-legal
14 motorized vehicles in the national monument shall be per-
15 mitted only on existing roads designated for use by vehi-
16 cles. In recognition that certain conditions are deemed de-
17 sirable for maintaining the rugged character of the na-
18 tional monument, Congress declares its intention to retain
19 selected dirt roads. Notwithstanding any other provision
20 of law, no Federal lands may be used for the construction
21 of any new road or to pave any existing dirt road or to
22 pave any partially paved dirt road in the national monu-
23 ment. Roads that are deemed destructive to the natural
24 landscape or harm wildlife and the values of the national

1 monument shall be closed at the discretion of the park
2 service.

3 (l) PRIVATE PROPERTY ACCESS.—In instances where
4 roads have been closed to the public and those roads lead
5 to private property, the private property owners shall re-
6 tain the right to access their lands via the closed road.

7 (m) NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS
8 USES.—Nothing in this Act diminishes—

9 (1) the rights of any Indian tribe; or

10 (2) any tribal rights regarding access to Fed-
11 eral land for tribal activities, including spiritual, cul-
12 tural, and traditional food-gathering activities.

13 **SEC. 8. ACQUISITION OF LAND.**

14 (a) ACQUISITION AUTHORIZED; METHODS.—Non-
15 Federal held land or interests in land within the bound-
16 aries of the national monument may be acquired for man-
17 agement as part of the national monument only by—

18 (1) donation; or

19 (2) purchase from a willing seller.

20 (b) VALUATION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY.—The
21 United States shall offer the fair market value for any
22 interests or partial interests in land acquired under this
23 section unless donated.

24 (c) INCORPORATION OF ACQUIRED LANDS AND IN-
25 TERESTS.—Any land or interest in land within the bound-

aries of the national monument that is acquired by the United States after the date of the enactment of this Act shall be added to and administered as part of the national monument.

SEC. 9. WATERSHED MANAGEMENT.

(a) WATER RIGHTS.—Nothing in this Act—

(1) affects the use or allocation, in existence on the date of the enactment of this Act, of any water, water right, or interest in water;

(2) affects any vested absolute or decreed conditional water right in existence on the date of the enactment of this Act, including any water right held by the United States;

(3) affects any interstate water compact in existence on the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(4) relinquishes or reduces any water rights reserved or appropriated by the United States in the State of California on or before the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) POWER GENERATION.—All lands in the recreation area which have been withdrawn or acquired by the United States for reclamation purposes shall remain subject to the primary use thereof for reclamation and power purposes so long as they are needed for such purposes.

1 (c) TRIBUTARIES OF THE KINGS RIVER, THE
2 MERCED RIVER, THE SAN JOAQUIN.—Notwithstanding
3 any other provision of law, no Federal lands may be used
4 for the construction of any new dam or diversion, or ex-
5 pansion of any existing dam or diversion, on any tributary
6 of the Merced, Kings and San Joaquin Rivers and the
7 south, middle and north forks of the Merced, Kings and
8 San Joaquin Rivers within the boundaries of the national
9 monument.

10 (d) WATER FOR THE NATIONAL MONUMENT.—There
11 is hereby reserved, as of the date of this Act and subject
12 to valid existing rights, a quantity of water sufficient to
13 fulfill the purposes for which this national monument is
14 established. Nothing in this reservation shall be construed
15 as a relinquishment or reduction of any water use or rights
16 reserved or appropriated by the United States on or before
17 the date of this proclamation.

18 **SEC. 10. WITHDRAWAL OF FEDERAL LAND FROM MINING**
19 **LAWS.**

20 (a) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights
21 as provided in section 4, the Federal lands and interests
22 in lands included within the national monument are here-
23 by withdrawn from—

24 (1) all forms of entry, appropriation, and dis-
25 posal under the public land laws;

1 (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining
2 laws; and

3 (3) operation of the mineral leasing and geo-
4 thermal leasing laws and mineral materials laws.

5 (b) TREATMENT OF EXISTING RIGHTS.—The with-
6 drawal under subsection (a) is subject to valid, existing
7 rights. If such rights are relinquished or otherwise ac-
8 quired by the United States after the date of the enact-
9 ment of this Act, the land that was subject to the rights
10 shall be immediately withdrawn in accordance with sub-
11 section (a).

12 **SEC. 11. VISITOR SERVICES PLAN.**

13 (a) VISITOR SERVICES.—

14 (1) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this subsection
15 is to facilitate the development of an integrated vis-
16 itor services plan that will provide enhanced visitor
17 experiences and resource protection in the national
18 monument through expanded recreational opportuni-
19 ties, public safety, fire management, interpretation,
20 education, and law enforcement.

21 (2) PLAN REQUIRED.—Not later than 2 years
22 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
23 retary shall develop and apply an integrated visitor
24 services plan for the national monument.

1 (3) CONTENTS.—The visitor services plan
2 shall—

3 (A) include a regular and adequate ranger
4 patrol and staffing plan, which covers the re-
5 maining open roads and provides for people
6 management and resource protection to prevent
7 human-caused wildfires;

8 (B) provide and plan for adequate disposal
9 of trash and recycling and management of gar-
10 bage removal throughout the national monu-
11 ment and where appropriate and needed to pre-
12 vent garbage accumulation and vandalism;

13 (C) manage dispersed camping to protect
14 natural resources and wildlife, enhance recre-
15 ation, and prevent human-caused wildfires;

16 (D) maintain and manage all existing pic-
17 nic areas and campgrounds to ensure that visi-
18 tors have adequate developed sites for recre-
19 ation;

20 (E) develop a non-motorized trail network
21 and prepare a maintenance and management
22 plan for front-country and back-country trails
23 and create and maintain trail maps, trails, and
24 trail signs, with a particular emphasis placed on
25 trail interconnectivity;

1 (F) ensure adequate closure of roads and
2 provide visitor signs indicating closures, and
3 create a program for restoring the natural envi-
4 ronment on closed roads and for developing
5 trails on closed roads designated as non-motor-
6 ized trails;

7 (G) assess the current level of interpretive
8 and educational services and facilities; include
9 recommendations to better manage recreation
10 area resources and improve the experience of
11 recreation area visitors through expanded inter-
12 pretive and educational services and facilities,
13 and improved enforcement; and manage recre-
14 ation area resources to reduce negative impacts
15 on the environment, the forest, and the water-
16 shed in the area;

17 (H) assess opportunities to provide rec-
18 reational non-motorized trails that connect with
19 adjacent National Forest, Bureau of Land
20 Management, and Park Service lands; and to
21 develop and carry this out in accordance with
22 applicable Federal, State, and local laws and or-
23 dinances;

24 (I) in developing the visitor services plan,
25 the Secretary shall consult with the State and

1 local agencies, nongovernmental organizations,
2 tribes, and the public; and

3 (J) in hiring personnel, the secretary shall
4 prioritize hiring applicants formerly employed
5 in jobs associated with commercial logging ac-
6 tivities on public lands and biomass production
7 and low income applicants.

8 (b) VISITOR FACILITIES.—As needed, the Secretary
9 may construct visitor use facilities in the national monu-
10 ment area or improve upon existing Federal buildings
11 under the jurisdiction of the park service. Such facilities
12 shall be developed in conformance with all existing Fed-
13 eral, State, and local laws (including regulations) and ap-
14 plicable Federal, State, and local plans.

15 (c) DONATIONS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may accept
17 and use donated funds, property, in-kind contribu-
18 tions, and services to carry out this Act.

19 (2) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary may not use
20 the authority provided in this Act to accept non-Fed-
21 eral land that has been acquired, after the date of
22 the enactment of this Act, through use of eminent
23 domain.

24 (d) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—In carrying out
25 this Act, the Secretary may make grants to, or enter into

1 cooperative agreements with State, tribal, local govern-
2 mental entities, non-profit entities and private entities to
3 conduct research, develop scientific analyses, and carry
4 out any other initiatives relating to the management of
5 and visitation to the national monument.

6 **SEC. 12. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7 There is hereby authorized to be appropriated such
8 sums as are necessary to carry out this Act.

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