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To direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish within the National Park Service the Japanese American World War II History Network, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BARRASSO 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 “Japanese American
5 World War II History Network Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. JAPANESE AMERICAN WORLD WAR II HISTORY NET-**
7 **WORK.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of the Interior
9 (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall establish

1 within the National Park Service a program, to be known
2 as the “Japanese American World War II History Net-
3 work” (referred to in this Act as the “Network”).

4 (b) DUTIES OF SECRETARY.—In carrying out the
5 Network, the Secretary shall—

6 (1) review studies and reports to complement,
7 and not duplicate, studies of Japanese American
8 World War II history and Japanese American expe-
9 riences during World War II (including studies re-
10 lating to relocation centers and confinement sites)
11 that are in progress or complete;

12 (2) produce and disseminate appropriate edu-
13 cational materials, such as handbooks, maps, inter-
14 pretive guides, or electronic information, relating to
15 Japanese American World War II history and Japa-
16 nese American experiences during World War II, in-
17 cluding with respect to relocation centers and con-
18 finement sites;

19 (3) enter into appropriate cooperative agree-
20 ments and memoranda of understanding to provide
21 technical assistance under section 3; and

22 (4)(A) create and adopt an official, uniform
23 symbol or device for the Network; and

24 (B) issue regulations for the use of the symbol
25 or device adopted under subparagraph (A).

1 (c) ELEMENTS.—The Network shall encompass the
2 following elements:

3 (1) All units of the National Park System and
4 programs of the National Park Service that are de-
5 termined by the Secretary to relate to Japanese
6 American World War II history and Japanese Amer-
7 ican experiences during the war, including relocation
8 centers and confinement sites.

9 (2) With the consent of the property owner,
10 other Federal, State, local, Tribal, and privately
11 owned properties that—

12 (A) relate to Japanese American World
13 War II history and Japanese American experi-
14 ences during World War II, including relocation
15 centers and confinement sites;

16 (B) have a verifiable connection to Japa-
17 nese American World War II history and Japa-
18 nese American experiences during World War
19 II, including relocation centers and confinement
20 sites; and

21 (C) are included in, or determined by the
22 Secretary to be eligible for inclusion in, the Na-
23 tional Register of Historic Places.

24 (3) Other governmental and nongovernmental
25 facilities and programs of an educational, research,

1 or interpretive nature that are directly related to
2 Japanese American World War II history and Japa-
3 nese American experiences during the war, including
4 relocation centers and confinement sites.

5 **SEC. 3. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS AND MEMORANDA OF**
6 **UNDERSTANDING.**

7 To achieve the purposes of this Act and to ensure
8 effective coordination of the Federal and non-Federal ele-
9 ments of the Network described in section 2(c) with units
10 of the National Park System and programs of the Na-
11 tional Park Service, including the Japanese American
12 Confinement Sites Program, the Secretary may enter into
13 cooperative agreements and memoranda of understanding
14 with, and provide technical assistance to, the heads of
15 other Federal agencies, States, units of local government,
16 Indian Tribes, regional governmental bodies, and private
17 entities.

18 **SEC. 4. SUNSET.**

19 The authority of the Secretary under this Act shall
20 terminate on the date that is 7 years after the date of
21 enactment of this Act.

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