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To establish National Wildlife Corridors to provide for the protection and restoration of certain native fish, wildlife, and plant species, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 16, 2019

Mr. BEYER (for himself and Mr. BUCHANAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, Armed Services, and Transportation and Infrastructure, 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

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Additional sponsors: Ms. HAALAND, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. TORRES SMALL of New Mexico, Mr. ROONEY of Florida, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CONNOLLY, and Mrs. MURPHY of Florida

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Reported from the Committee on Natural Resources with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

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Committees on Agriculture, Armed Services, and Transportation and Infrastructure discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 16, 2019]

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# **A BILL**

To establish National Wildlife Corridors to provide for the protection and restoration of certain native fish, wildlife, and plant species, 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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) *SHORT TITLE.*—*This Act may be cited as the*  
 5 *“Wildlife Corridors Conservation Act of 2019”.*

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

*Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.*

*Sec. 2. Findings and purposes.*

*Sec. 3. Definitions.*

*TITLE I—NATIONAL WILDLIFE CORRIDOR SYSTEM ON FEDERAL  
LAND AND WATER*

*Sec. 101. National Wildlife Corridors.*

*Sec. 102. Administrative designation of National Wildlife Corridors.*

*Sec. 103. Management of National Wildlife Corridors.*

*Sec. 104. Collaboration and coordination.*

*Sec. 105. Effect.*

*TITLE II—TRIBAL WILDLIFE CORRIDORS*

*Sec. 201. Tribal Wildlife Corridors.*

*Sec. 202. Protection of Indian tribes.*

*TITLE III—WILDLIFE MOVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM ON NON-  
FEDERAL LAND AND WATER*

*Sec. 301. Wildlife movement grant program.*

*Sec. 302. National Coordination Committee.*

*Sec. 303. Regional wildlife movement councils.*

*TITLE IV—NATIONAL WILDLIFE CORRIDORS DATABASE*

*Sec. 401. National wildlife corridors database.*

*TITLE V—FUNDING*

*Sec. 501. Wildlife Corridors Stewardship Fund.*

*Sec. 502. Working landscapes.*

*Sec. 503. Authorization of appropriations.*

8 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

9 (a) *FINDINGS.*—*Congress finds that—*

10 (1) *the native fish, wildlife, and plant species in*  
 11 *the United States are part of a rich natural heritage*

1       *and an important legacy to pass on to future genera-*  
2       *tions;*

3               *(2) the populations of many native fish, wildlife,*  
4       *and plant species in the United States are in decline;*

5               *(3) scientists estimate that 1 in 5 animal and*  
6       *plant species in the United States is at risk of extinc-*  
7       *tion, and many species are declining in numbers;*

8               *(4) threats to the survival and diversity of many*  
9       *native fish, wildlife, and plant species in the United*  
10       *States include the loss, degradation, fragmentation,*  
11       *and obstruction of natural habitats;*

12               *(5) climate change threatens native fish, wildlife,*  
13       *and plant species;*

14               *(6) the 2019 global assessment report from the*  
15       *Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Bio-*  
16       *diversity and Ecosystem Services found that—*

17                       *(A) 1,000,000 wildlife and plant species*  
18               *worldwide are now threatened with extinction;*  
19               *and*

20                       *(B) 75 percent of the land-based environ-*  
21               *ment, and approximately 66 percent of the ma-*  
22       *rine environment, have been significantly altered*  
23       *by human actions;*

24               *(7) the conservation of new and existing land-*  
25       *scape and seascape corridors, through which native*

1       *species can transition from 1 habitat to another,*  
2       *plays an important role in helping—*

3               *(A) to conserve native biodiversity; and*

4               *(B) to ensure resiliency against impacts*  
5       *from a range of biotic and abiotic stressors;*

6       *(8) the conservation, restoration, and establish-*  
7       *ment of new ecological connections to facilitate the*  
8       *movement of species into more suitable habitats is a*  
9       *key climate change adaptation strategy;*

10       *(9) the protection of new and existing corridors*  
11       *is often one of the first steps in restoration and recov-*  
12       *ery planning;*

13       *(10) States have recognized the importance of*  
14       *habitat connectivity, including—*

15               *(A) a New England Governors and Eastern*  
16       *Canadian Premiers' Conference on the impor-*  
17       *tance of connectivity for ecosystem adaptability*  
18       *and resilience, biodiversity, and human commu-*  
19       *nities; and*

20               *(B) past Western Governors' Association*  
21       *policy resolution;*

22       *(11) the strategic plan of the United States Fish*  
23       *and Wildlife Service to respond to accelerating cli-*  
24       *mate change entitled "Rising to the Urgent Chal-*  
25       *lenge" acknowledges that "processes such as polli-*

1        *nation, seed dispersal, nutrient cycling, natural dis-*  
 2        *turbance cycles, predator-prey relations, and others*  
 3        *must be part of the natural landscapes we seek to*  
 4        *maintain or restore . . . and are likely to function*  
 5        *more optimally in landscapes composed of large habi-*  
 6        *tat blocks connected by well-placed corridors”;*

7            *(12) Federal and State agencies continue to de-*  
 8        *velop policies to address—*

9            *(A) the importance of conserving fish, wild-*  
 10        *life, and plant corridors;*

11            *(B) the gap between science and manage-*  
 12        *ment for at-risk species; and*

13            *(C) ecological connectivity; and*

14            *(13) Federal policies consistently recognize the*  
 15        *importance of voluntary improvement projects by pri-*  
 16        *rate landowners to habitat conservation and restora-*  
 17        *tion for native species.*

18        *(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are—*

19            *(1) to support a diverse array of native species,*  
 20        *including species protected under Federal, State, and*  
 21        *Tribal law, that have experienced or may experience*  
 22        *habitat loss, degradation, fragmentation, or obstruc-*  
 23        *tion to connectivity;*

24            *(2) to provide long-term habitat connectivity for*  
 25        *native species migration, dispersal, adaptation to cli-*

1        *mate and other environmental change, and genetic ex-*  
 2        *change;*

3            *(3) to help restore wildlife movements that have*  
 4        *been disrupted by habitat loss, degradation, frag-*  
 5        *mentation, or obstruction;*

6            *(4) to facilitate coordinated landscape- and*  
 7        *seascape-scale connectivity planning and management*  
 8        *across jurisdictions; and*

9            *(5) to support State, Tribal, local, voluntary pri-*  
 10        *ivate landowner, and Federal agency decisionmakers*  
 11        *in the planning and development of National Wildlife*  
 12        *Corridors.*

13    **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

14        *In this Act:*

15            *(1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—*  
 16        *The term “appropriate committees of Congress”*  
 17        *means—*

18            *(A) the Committee on Energy and Natural*  
 19        *Resources of the Senate;*

20            *(B) the Committee on Environment and*  
 21        *Public Works of the Senate;*

22            *(C) the Committee on Appropriations of the*  
 23        *Senate;*

24            *(D) the Committee on Energy and Com-*  
 25        *merce of the House of Representatives;*

1                   (E) the Committee on Natural Resources of  
2                   the House of Representatives; and

3                   (F) the Committee on Appropriations of the  
4                   House of Representatives.

5                   (2) CONNECTIVITY.—The term “connectivity”  
6                   means the degree to which the landscape or seascape  
7                   facilitates native species movement.

8                   (3) CORRIDOR.—The term “corridor” means a  
9                   feature of the landscape or seascape that—

10                   (A) provides habitat or ecological  
11                   connectivity; and

12                   (B) allows for native species movement or  
13                   dispersal.

14                   (4) DATABASE.—The term “Database” means the  
15                   National Wildlife Corridors Database established  
16                   under section 401(a).

17                   (5) FEDERAL LAND OR WATER.—The term “Fed-  
18                   eral land or water” means any land or water, or in-  
19                   terest in land or water, owned by the United States.

20                   (6) FUND.—The term “Fund” means the Wildlife  
21                   Corridors Stewardship Fund established by section  
22                   501(a).

23                   (7) HABITAT.—The term “habitat” means land,  
24                   water, and substrate occupied at any time during the  
25                   life cycle of a native species that is necessary, with re-



1        *spect to the native species, for spawning, breeding,*  
2        *feeding, growth to maturity, or migration.*

3            (8) *INDIAN LAND.*—*The term “Indian land”*  
4        *means land of an Indian tribe, or an Indian indi-*  
5        *vidual, that is—*

6                    (A) *held in trust by the United States; or*

7                    (B) *subject to a restriction against alien-*  
8        *ation imposed by the United States.*

9            (9) *INDIAN TRIBE.*—*The term “Indian tribe” has*  
10        *the meaning given the term in section 4 of the Indian*  
11        *Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25*  
12        *U.S.C. 5304).*

13            (10) *NATIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE.*—*The*  
14        *term “National Coordination Committee” means the*  
15        *National Coordination Committee established under*  
16        *section 302(a).*

17            (11) *NATIONAL WILDLIFE CORRIDOR.*—*The term*  
18        *“National Wildlife Corridor” means any Federal land*  
19        *or water designated as a National Wildlife Corridor*  
20        *under section 101(a).*

21            (12) *NATIONAL WILDLIFE CORRIDOR SYSTEM.*—  
22        *The term “National Wildlife Corridor System” means*  
23        *the system of National Wildlife Corridors established*  
24        *by section 101(a).*

1           (13) *NATIVE SPECIES*.—The term “native spe-  
2       cies” means—

3           (A) a fish, wildlife, or plant species that is  
4       or was historically present in a particular eco-  
5       system as a result of natural migratory or evolu-  
6       tionary processes, including subspecies and plant  
7       varieties; and

8           (B) a migratory bird species that is native  
9       to the United States or its territories (as defined  
10      in section 2(b) of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act  
11      (16 U.S.C. 703(b))).

12          (14) *REGIONAL OCEAN PARTNERSHIP*.—The term  
13      “regional ocean partnership” means a regional orga-  
14      nization of coastal or Great Lakes States, territories,  
15      or possessions voluntarily convened by Governors to  
16      address cross-jurisdictional ocean matters, or the  
17      functional equivalent of such a regional ocean organi-  
18      zation designated by the Governor or Governors of a  
19      State or States.

20          (15) *REGIONAL WILDLIFE MOVEMENT COUN-  
21      CIL*.—The term “regional wildlife movement council”  
22      means a regional wildlife movement council estab-  
23      lished under section 303(a).

24          (16) *SECRETARIES*.—The term “Secretaries”  
25      means—

- 1                   (A) *the Secretary of Agriculture;*
- 2                   (B) *the Secretary of Commerce;*
- 3                   (C) *the Secretary of Defense;*
- 4                   (D) *the Secretary of the Interior; and*
- 5                   (E) *the Secretary of Transportation.*

6                   (17) *SECRETARY.*—*The term “Secretary” means*  
7                   *the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-*  
8                   *rector of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.*

9                   (18) *TRIBAL WILDLIFE CORRIDOR.*—*The term*  
10                  *“Tribal Wildlife Corridor” means a corridor estab-*  
11                  *lished by the Secretary under section 201(a)(1)(C).*

12                  (19) *UNITED STATES.*—*The term “United*  
13                  *States”, when used in a geographical sense, means—*

- 14                       (A) *a State;*
- 15                       (B) *the District of Columbia;*
- 16                       (C) *the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;*
- 17                       (D) *Guam;*
- 18                       (E) *American Samoa;*
- 19                       (F) *the Commonwealth of the Northern*  
20                    *Mariana Islands;*
- 21                       (G) *the Federated States of Micronesia;*
- 22                       (H) *the Republic of the Marshall Islands;*
- 23                       (I) *the Republic of Palau;*
- 24                       (J) *the United States Virgin Islands; and*

(K) the territorial sea (within the meaning of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.)) and the exclusive economic zone (as defined in section 3 of that Act (16 U.S.C. 1802)) within the jurisdiction or sovereignty of the Federal Government.

(20) WILDLIFE MOVEMENT.—The term “wildlife movement” means the passage of individual members or populations of native species across a landscape or seascape.

## **TITLE I—NATIONAL WILDLIFE CORRIDOR SYSTEM ON FED- ERAL LAND AND WATER**

### **SEC. 101. NATIONAL WILDLIFE CORRIDORS.**

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a system of corridors on Federal land and water, to be known as the “National Wildlife Corridor System”, which shall consist of National Wildlife Corridors designated as part of the National Wildlife Corridor System by—

(1) statute;

(2) rulemaking under section 102; or

(3) a land management or land use plan developed or revised by the Secretaries.

1       (b) *STRATEGY*.—Not later than 18 months after the  
 2       date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall develop  
 3       a strategy for the effective development of the National  
 4       Wildlife Corridor System—

5               (1) *to support the fulfillment of the purposes de-*  
 6       scribed in section 2(b);

7               (2) *to ensure coordination and consistency across*  
 8       *Federal agencies in the development, implementation,*  
 9       *and management of National Wildlife Corridors; and*

10              (3) *to develop a timeline for the implementation*  
 11      *of National Wildlife Corridors.*

12   **SEC. 102. ADMINISTRATIVE DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL**  
 13                           **WILDLIFE CORRIDORS.**

14       (a) *RULEMAKING*.—

15              (1) *NATIONAL WILDLIFE CORRIDORS*.—Not later  
 16       than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act,  
 17       the Secretaries, pursuant to the Secretaries' respective  
 18       land, water, and resource management planning and  
 19       conservation authorities, shall establish a process, by  
 20       regulation, for the designation and management of  
 21       National Wildlife Corridors on Federal land or water  
 22       under the respective jurisdictions of the Secretaries.

23              (2) *FEDERAL LAND AND WATER MANAGEMENT*.—  
 24       The Secretaries shall consider the designation of Na-  
 25       tional Wildlife Corridors in any process relating to

1       *the issuance, revision, or modification of a manage-*  
2       *ment plan for land or water under the respective ju-*  
3       *risdiction of the Secretaries.*

4       ***(b) CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION.***—*The regulations*  
5       *promulgated by the Secretary under subsection (a)(1) shall*  
6       *ensure that, in designating a National Wildlife Corridor,*  
7       *the Secretaries—*

8               *(1) base the designation of the National Wildlife*  
9       *Corridor on—*

10               *(A) coordination with existing—*

11                       *(i) National Wildlife Corridors;*

12                       *(ii) corridors established or recognized*  
13               *by States; and*

14                       *(iii) Tribal Wildlife Corridors; and*

15               *(B) the best available science of—*

16                       *(i) existing native species habitat; and*

17                       *(ii) likely future native species habi-*  
18               *tats;*

19               *(2) determine that the National Wildlife Cor-*  
20       *ridor supports the connectivity, persistence, resilience,*  
21       *and adaptability of the native species for which it has*  
22       *been designated by providing for—*

23                       *(A) dispersal and genetic exchange between*  
24       *populations;*

1                   (B) range shifting, range expansion, or  
2                   range restoration, such as in response to climate  
3                   change;

4                   (C) seasonal movement or migration; or

5                   (D) succession, movement, or recolonization  
6                   following—

7                   (i) a disturbance, such as fire, flood,  
8                   drought, or infestation; or

9                   (ii) population decline or previous ex-  
10                  tirpation;

11                  (3) consult the Database; and

12                  (4) consider recommendations from the National  
13                  Coordination Committee under section 302(e)(2)(C).

14                  (c) *DESIGNATION OF FEDERAL LAND OR WATER RE-*  
15                  *QUIRING RESTORATION OR CONNECTION OF HABITAT.*—The  
16                  Secretaries may designate as a National Wildlife Corridor  
17                  land or water that—

18                  (1) is necessary for the natural movements of 1  
19                  or more native species;

20                  (2) requires restoration, including—

21                  (A) land or water that is degraded; and

22                  (B) land or water from which a species is  
23                  currently absent—

24                  (i) but may be colonized or recolonized  
25                  by the species naturally; or

1                   (ii) to which the species may be re-  
2                   introduced or restored based on habitat  
3                   changes; and

4                   (3) is fragmented or consists of only a portion of  
5                   the habitat required for the connectivity needs of 1 or  
6                   more native species.

7                   (d) *NOMINATION FOR DESIGNATION.*—

8                   (1) *IN GENERAL.*—In establishing the process for  
9                   designation under subsection (a)(1), the Secretary  
10                  shall include procedures under which—

11                  (A) any State, Tribal, or local government,  
12                  or a nongovernmental organization engaged in  
13                  the conservation of native species and the im-  
14                  provement of the habitats of native species, may  
15                  submit to the Secretaries a nomination to des-  
16                  ignate as a National Wildlife Corridor Federal  
17                  land or water under the respective jurisdiction of  
18                  the Secretaries; and

19                  (B) the Secretaries shall consider and, not  
20                  later than 1 year after the date on which the  
21                  nomination was submitted under subparagraph  
22                  (A), respond to any nomination submitted under  
23                  that subparagraph.



1           (2) *SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION.*—A nomination  
2           for designation under paragraph (1)(A) shall include supporting documentation, including—  
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4                   (A) the native species for which the National Wildlife Corridor would be designated;  
5

6                   (B) summaries and references of, with respect to the designation of a National Wildlife  
7                   Corridor—  
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9                           (i) the best science available at the  
10                           time of the submission of the nomination for  
11                           designation documenting why the corridor  
12                           is needed; and

13                           (ii) the most current scientific reports  
14                           available at the time of the submission of  
15                           the nomination for designation;

16                   (C) information with respect to how the  
17                   nomination was coordinated with potential partners;  
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19                   (D) a description of supporting stakeholders, such as States, Indian tribes, local governments,  
20                   scientific organizations, nongovernmental organizations, and affected voluntary  
21                   private landowners; and  
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23                   (E) any additional information the Secretaries, in consultation with the National Coordi-  
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1            *nation Committee, determine is relevant to the*  
2            *nomination.*

3            *(e) DESIGNATION ON MILITARY LAND.—*

4            *(1) IN GENERAL.—Any designation of a Na-*  
5            *tional Wildlife Corridor on a military installation*  
6            *(as defined in section 100 of the Sikes Act (16 U.S.C.*  
7            *670))—*

8                    *(A) shall be consistent with the use of mili-*  
9                    *tary installations and State-owned National*  
10                   *Guard installations to ensure the preparedness of*  
11                   *the Armed Forces; and*

12                   *(B) may not result in a net loss in the ca-*  
13                   *pability of military installation lands to support*  
14                   *the military mission of the installation.*

15            *(2) SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF DESIGNA-*  
16            *TION.—The Secretary of Defense may suspend or ter-*  
17            *minate the designation of any National Wildlife Cor-*  
18            *ridor on a military installation if the Secretary of*  
19            *Defense considers the suspension or termination to be*  
20            *necessary for military purposes, after public notice*  
21            *of—*

22                   *(A) the suspension or termination; and*

23                   *(B) any voluntary steps taken by the De-*  
24                   *partment of Defense to attempt to provide simi-*

1            *lar ecological connectivity elsewhere on the mili-*  
 2            *tary installation.*

3    **SEC. 103. MANAGEMENT OF NATIONAL WILDLIFE COR-**  
 4            **RIDORS.**

5            (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretaries shall, consistent*  
 6    *with other applicable Federal land and water management*  
 7    *requirements, laws, and regulations, manage each National*  
 8    *Wildlife Corridor under the respective administrative juris-*  
 9    *diction of the Secretaries in a manner that contributes to*  
 10   *the long-term connectivity, persistence, resilience, and*  
 11   *adaptability of native species for which the National Wild-*  
 12   *life Corridor is identified, including through—*

13            (1) *the maintenance and improvement of habitat*  
 14            *connectivity within the National Wildlife Corridor;*

15            (2) *the implementation of strategies and activi-*  
 16            *ties that enhance the ability of native species to re-*  
 17            *spond to climate change and other environmental fac-*  
 18            *tors;*

19            (3) *the maintenance or restoration of the integ-*  
 20            *riety and functionality of the National Wildlife Cor-*  
 21            *ridor;*

22            (4) *the mitigation or removal of human infra-*  
 23            *structure that obstructs the natural movement of na-*  
 24            *tive species; and*

1           (5) *the use of existing conservation programs, in-*  
2           *cluding Tribal Wildlife Corridors, under the respec-*  
3           *tive jurisdiction of the Secretaries to contribute to the*  
4           *connectivity, persistence, resilience, and adaptability*  
5           *of native species.*

6           (b) *NATIONAL WILDLIFE CORRIDORS SPANNING MUL-*  
7           *TIPLE JURISDICTIONS.—In the case of a National Wildlife*  
8           *Corridor that spans the administrative jurisdiction of 2 or*  
9           *more of the Secretaries, the relevant Secretaries shall coordi-*  
10          *nate management of the National Wildlife Corridor in ac-*  
11          *cordance with section 104(b) to advance the purposes de-*  
12          *scribed in section 2(b).*

13          (c) *ROAD MITIGATION.—In the case of a National*  
14          *Wildlife Corridor that intersects, adjoins, or crosses a new*  
15          *or existing State, Tribal, or local road or highway, the rel-*  
16          *evant Secretaries shall coordinate with the Secretary of*  
17          *Transportation and State, Tribal, and local transportation*  
18          *agencies, as appropriate, to identify and implement vol-*  
19          *untary environmental mitigation measures—*

20                 (1) *to improve public safety and reduce vehicle-*  
21                 *caused native species mortality while maintaining*  
22                 *habitat connectivity; and*

23                 (2) *to mitigate damage to the natural movements*  
24                 *of native species through strategies such as—*

1           (A) *the construction, maintenance, or re-*  
2           *placement of native species underpasses, over-*  
3           *passes, and culverts; and*

4           (B) *the maintenance, replacement, or re-*  
5           *moval of dams, bridges, culverts, and other*  
6           *hydrological obstructions.*

7       (d) *COMPATIBLE USES.—A use of Federal land or*  
8       *water that was authorized before the date on which the Fed-*  
9       *eral land or water is designated as a National Wildlife Cor-*  
10       *ridor may continue if the applicable Secretaries determine*  
11       *that the use is compatible with the wildlife movements of*  
12       *the species for which the National Wildlife Corridor was*  
13       *designated, consistent with applicable Federal laws and reg-*  
14       *ulations.*

15       **SEC. 104. COLLABORATION AND COORDINATION.**

16       (a) *COLLABORATION.—The Secretaries may partner*  
17       *with and provide funds to States, local governments, Indian*  
18       *tribes, the National Coordination Committee, voluntary*  
19       *private landowners, and the regional wildlife movement*  
20       *councils to support the purposes described in section 2(b).*

21       (b) *COORDINATION.—To the maximum extent prac-*  
22       *ticable and consistent with applicable law, the Secretary*  
23       *or Secretaries, as applicable, shall develop the strategy*  
24       *under section 101(b), designate National Wildlife Corridors*

1 *under section 102, and manage National Wildlife Corridors*

2 *under section 103—*

3 *(1) in consultation and coordination with—*

4 *(A) other relevant Federal agencies;*

5 *(B) States, including—*

6 *(i) State fish and wildlife agencies;*

7 *and*

8 *(ii) other State agencies responsible for*

9 *managing the natural resources and wild-*

10 *life;*

11 *(C) Indian tribes;*

12 *(D) units of local government;*

13 *(E) other interested stakeholders identified*

14 *by the Secretary, including applicable voluntary*

15 *private landowners;*

16 *(F) landscape- and seascape-scale partner-*

17 *ships, including—*

18 *(i) the National Fish Habitat Partner-*

19 *ship;*

20 *(ii) the National Marine Fisheries*

21 *Service;*

22 *(iii) regional fishery management*

23 *councils established under section 302(a) of*

24 *the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation*

25 *and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1852(a));*

- 1                   (iv) relevant regional ocean partner-  
 2                   ships;  
 3                   (v) the Climate Science Centers of the  
 4                   Department of the Interior; and  
 5                   (vi) the Landscape Conservation Coop-  
 6                   erative Network;  
 7                   (G) the National Coordination Committee;  
 8                   and  
 9                   (H) the regional wildlife movement councils.

10 **SEC. 105. EFFECT.**

11       (a) *RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER CONSERVATION*  
 12 *LAWS.*—Nothing in this Act amends or otherwise affects  
 13 any other law (including regulations) relating to the con-  
 14 servation of native species.

15       (b) *JURISDICTION OF STATES AND INDIAN TRIBES.*—  
 16 Nothing in this Act or an amendment made by this Act  
 17 affects the jurisdiction of a State or an Indian tribe with  
 18 respect to fish and wildlife management, including the regu-  
 19 lation of hunting, fishing, and trapping, in a National  
 20 Wildlife Corridor or a Tribal Wildlife Corridor.

21                   **TITLE II—TRIBAL WILDLIFE**  
 22                   **CORRIDORS**

23 **SEC. 201. TRIBAL WILDLIFE CORRIDORS.**

24       (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—

25                   (1) *IN GENERAL.*—

1           (A) *NOMINATIONS.*—*An Indian tribe may*  
2           *nominate a corridor within Indian land of the*  
3           *Indian tribe as a Tribal Wildlife Corridor by*  
4           *submitting to the Secretary, in consultation with*  
5           *the Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (re-*  
6           *ferred to in this section as the “Secretary”), an*  
7           *application at such time, in such manner, and*  
8           *containing such information as the Secretary*  
9           *may require.*

10          (B) *DETERMINATION.*—*Not later than 90*  
11          *days after the date on which the Secretary re-*  
12          *ceives an application under subparagraph (A),*  
13          *the Secretary shall determine whether the nomi-*  
14          *nated Tribal Wildlife Corridor described in the*  
15          *application meets the criteria established under*  
16          *paragraph (2).*

17          (C) *PUBLICATION.*—*On approval of an ap-*  
18          *plication under subparagraph (B), the Secretary*  
19          *shall publish in the Federal Register a notice of*  
20          *the establishment of the Tribal Wildlife Corridor,*  
21          *which shall include a map and legal description*  
22          *of the land designated as a Tribal Wildlife Cor-*  
23          *ridor.*

24          (2) *CRITERIA.*—



1           (A) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 18  
2           months after the date of enactment of this Act,  
3           the Secretary shall establish criteria for deter-  
4           mining whether a corridor nominated by an In-  
5           dian tribe under paragraph (1)(A) qualifies as a  
6           Tribal Wildlife Corridor.

7           (B) *INCLUSIONS.*—The criteria established  
8           under subparagraph (A) shall include, at a min-  
9           imum, the following:

10                   (i) *The restoration of historical habitat*  
11                   *for the purposes of facilitating connectivity.*

12                   (ii) *The management of land for the*  
13                   *purposes of facilitating connectivity.*

14                   (iii) *The management of land to pre-*  
15                   *vent the imposition of barriers that may*  
16                   *hinder current or future connectivity.*

17           (3) *REMOVAL.*—

18           (A) *IN GENERAL.*—An Indian tribe may  
19           elect to remove the designation of a Tribal Wild-  
20           life Corridor on the Indian land of the Indian  
21           tribe by notifying the Secretary.

22           (B) *EFFECT OF REMOVAL.*—An Indian tribe  
23           that elects to remove a designation under sub-  
24           paragraph (A) may not receive assistance under  
25           subsection (c) or (d)(1) or section 301.

1       (b) *COORDINATION OF LAND USE PLANS.*—Section  
 2   202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of  
 3   1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712) is amended—

4           (1) in subsection (b)—

5               (A) by striking “Indian tribes by” and in-  
 6       serting the following: “Indian tribes—

7       “(1) by”;

8               (B) in paragraph (1) (as so designated), by  
 9       striking the period at the end and inserting “;  
 10      and”; and

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

12           “(2) for the purposes of determining whether the  
 13      land use plans for land in the National Forest Sys-  
 14      tem would provide additional connectivity to benefit  
 15      the purposes of a Tribal Wildlife Corridor established  
 16      under section 10(a)(1) of the Wildlife Corridors Con-  
 17      servation Act of 2019.”; and

18           (2) by adding at the end the following:

19           “(g) *TRIBAL WILDLIFE CORRIDORS.*—On the estab-  
 20      lishment of a Tribal Wildlife Corridor under section  
 21      10(a)(1) of the Wildlife Corridors Conservation Act of 2019,  
 22      the Secretary shall conduct a meaningful consultation with  
 23      the Indian tribe that administers the Tribal Wildlife Cor-  
 24      ridor to determine whether, through the revision of 1 or

1 *more existing land use plans, the Tribal Wildlife Corridor*  
 2 *can—*

3 *“(1) be expanded into public lands; or*

4 *“(2) otherwise benefit connectivity (as defined in*  
 5 *section 3 of that Act) between public lands and the*  
 6 *Tribal Wildlife Corridor.”.*

7 *(c) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall*  
 8 *provide to Indian tribes technical assistance relating to the*  
 9 *establishment, management, and expansion of a Tribal*  
 10 *Wildlife Corridor, including assistance with accessing wild-*  
 11 *life data and working with voluntary private landowners*  
 12 *to access Federal and State programs to improve wildlife*  
 13 *habitat and connectivity on non-Federal land.*

14 *(d) AVAILABILITY OF ASSISTANCE.—*

15 *(1) CONSERVATION PROGRAMS CONSIDER-*  
 16 *ATION.—*

17 *(A) IN GENERAL.—In evaluating applica-*  
 18 *tions under conservation programs described in*  
 19 *subparagraph (B), the Secretary of Agriculture*  
 20 *may consider whether a project would enhance*  
 21 *connectivity through the expansion of a Tribal*  
 22 *Wildlife Corridor.*

23 *(B) PROGRAMS DESCRIBED.—The conserva-*  
 24 *tion programs referred to in subparagraph (A)*

1           *are any of the following conservation programs*  
2           *administered by the Secretary of Agriculture:*

3                   *(i) The conservation reserve program*  
4                   *established under subchapter B of chapter 1*  
5                   *of subtitle D of title XII of the Food Secu-*  
6                   *rity Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3831 et seq.).*

7                   *(ii) The environmental quality incen-*  
8                   *tives program established under subchapter*  
9                   *A of chapter 4 of subtitle D of title XII of*  
10                  *the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C.*  
11                  *3839aa et seq.).*

12                  *(iii) The conservation stewardship pro-*  
13                  *gram established under subchapter B of*  
14                  *chapter 4 of subtitle D of title XII of the*  
15                  *Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C.*  
16                  *3839aa–21 et seq.).*

17                  *(iv) The agricultural conservation ease-*  
18                  *ment program established under subtitle H*  
19                  *of title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985*  
20                  *(16 U.S.C. 3865 et seq.).*

21           *(2) WILDLIFE MOVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM.—An*  
22           *Indian tribe that has a Tribal Wildlife Corridor es-*  
23           *tablished on the Indian land of the Indian tribe shall*  
24           *be eligible for a grant under the wildlife movements*

1        *grant program under section 301, subject to other ap-*  
 2        *plicable requirements of that grant program.*

3        *(e) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section author-*  
 4        *izes or affects the use of private property or Indian land.*

5        **SEC. 202. PROTECTION OF INDIAN TRIBES.**

6        *(a) FEDERAL TRUST RESPONSIBILITY.—Nothing in*  
 7        *this Act amends, alters, or waives the Federal trust respon-*  
 8        *sibility to Indian tribes.*

9        *(b) FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.—*

10        *(1) EXEMPTION.—Information described in*  
 11        *paragraph (2) shall not be subject to disclosure under*  
 12        *section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly*  
 13        *known as the “Freedom of Information Act”), if the*  
 14        *head of the agency that receives the information, in*  
 15        *consultation with the Secretary and the affected In-*  
 16        *Indian tribe, determines that disclosure may—*

17                *(A) cause a significant invasion of privacy;*

18                *(B) risk harm to human remains or re-*  
 19        *sources, cultural items, uses, or activities; or*

20                *(C) impede the use of a traditional religious*  
 21        *site by practitioners.*

22        *(2) INFORMATION DESCRIBED.—Information re-*  
 23        *ferred to in paragraph (1) is information received by*  
 24        *a Federal agency—*

25                *(A) pursuant to this Act relating to—*

1                   (i) the location, character, or owner-  
 2                   ship of human remains of a person of In-  
 3                   dian ancestry; or

4                   (ii) resources, cultural items, uses, or  
 5                   activities identified by an Indian tribe as  
 6                   traditional or cultural because of the long-  
 7                   established significance or ceremonial na-  
 8                   ture to the Indian tribe; or

9                   (B) pursuant to the Native American  
 10                  Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (25  
 11                  U.S.C. 3001 et seq.).

12 **TITLE III—WILDLIFE MOVEMENT**  
 13 **GRANT PROGRAM ON NON-**  
 14 **FEDERAL LAND AND WATER**

15 **SEC. 301. WILDLIFE MOVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM.**

16           (a) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary shall establish a  
 17 wildlife movement grant program (referred to in this sec-  
 18 tion as the “grant program”) to encourage wildlife move-  
 19 ment in accordance with this subsection.

20           (b) *GRANTS.*—Beginning not later than 2 years after  
 21 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, based on  
 22 recommendations from the National Coordination Com-  
 23 mittee under section 302(e)(2)(C), shall make grants to 1  
 24 or more projects that—

1           (1) *are a regional priority project identified by*  
2           *a regional wildlife movement council;*

3           (2) *satisfy the purposes described in section 2(b);*  
4           *and*

5           (3) *increase connectivity for native species.*

6           (c) *ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS.—A person that is eligible*  
7           *to receive a grant under the grant program is—*

8           (1) *a voluntary private landowner or group of*  
9           *landowners;*

10          (2) *a State fish and wildlife agency or other*  
11          *State agency responsible for managing natural re-*  
12          *sources and wildlife;*

13          (3) *an Indian tribe;*

14          (4) *a unit of local government;*

15          (5) *an agricultural cooperative;*

16          (6) *water, irrigation, or rural water districts or*  
17          *associations, or other organizations with water deliv-*  
18          *ery authority (including acequias and land grant*  
19          *communities in the State of New Mexico);*

20          (7) *institutions of higher education;*

21          (8) *an entity approved for a grant by a regional*  
22          *wildlife movement council; and*

23          (9) *any group of entities described in para-*  
24          *graphs (1) through (8).*

1       (d) *REQUIREMENTS.*—*In administering the grant pro-*  
 2 *gram, the Secretary shall use the criteria, guidelines, con-*  
 3 *tracts, reporting requirements, and evaluation metrics de-*  
 4 *veloped by the National Coordination Committee under sub-*  
 5 *paragraphs (A) and (B) of section 302(e)(2).*

6   **SEC. 302. NATIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE.**

7       (a) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—*Not later than 18 months after*  
 8 *the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall estab-*  
 9 *lish a committee, to be known as the “National Coordina-*  
 10 *tion Committee”.*

11       (b) *ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.*—*The Secretary shall*  
 12 *provide administrative support for the National Coordina-*  
 13 *tion Committee.*

14       (c) *MEMBERSHIP.*—*The National Coordination Com-*  
 15 *mittee shall be composed of—*

16           (1) *the Secretary (or a designee);*

17           (2) *the Secretary of Transportation (or a des-*  
 18 *ignee);*

19           (3) *the Secretary of Agriculture (or a designee);*

20           (4) *the Secretary of Commerce (or a designee);*

21           (5) *the Secretary of Defense (or a designee);*

22           (6) *the Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs*  
 23 *(or a designee);*

24           (7) *the Executive Director of the Association of*  
 25 *Fish and Wildlife Agencies (or a designee);*



1           (8) 2 representatives of intertribal organizations,  
2           to be appointed by the Secretary;

3           (9) the chairperson of each regional wildlife  
4           movement council (or a designee); and

5           (10) not more than 3 representatives of non-  
6           governmental, science, or academic organizations with  
7           expertise in wildlife conservation and habitat  
8           connectivity, to be appointed by the Secretary in a  
9           manner that ensures that the membership of the Na-  
10          tional Coordination Committee is fair and balanced.

11          (d) DUTIES.—The National Coordination Com-  
12          mittee—

13               (1) shall establish standards for regional wildlife  
14               movement plans to allow for better cross-regional col-  
15               laboration; and

16               (2) shall, with respect to the wildlife movement  
17               grant program under section 301—

18                       (A) establish criteria and develop guidelines  
19                       for the solicitation of applications for grants by  
20                       regional wildlife movement councils;

21                       (B) develop standardized contracts, report-  
22                       ing requirements, and evaluation metrics for  
23                       grant recipients; and

24                       (C) make recommendations annually to the  
25                       Secretary for the selection of grant recipients on

1           *the basis of the ranked lists of regional priority*  
 2           *projects received from the regional wildlife move-*  
 3           *ment councils under section 303(c)(4) that are*  
 4           *consistent with the purposes described in section*  
 5           *2(b).*

6           *(e) APPLICABILITY OF FACA.—Except as otherwise*  
 7           *provided in this section, the Federal Advisory Committee*  
 8           *Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall apply to the National Coordina-*  
 9           *tion Committee.*

10   **SEC. 303. REGIONAL WILDLIFE MOVEMENT COUNCILS.**

11           *(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year after the*  
 12           *date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall establish*  
 13           *not less than 4 regional wildlife movement councils with*  
 14           *separate geographic jurisdictions that encompass the entire*  
 15           *United States.*

16           *(b) MEMBERSHIP.—*

17                   *(1) IN GENERAL.—Each regional wildlife move-*  
 18                   *ment council shall be composed of—*

19                           *(A) the director of each State fish and wild-*  
 20                           *life agency within the jurisdiction of the regional*  
 21                           *wildlife movement council (or a designee);*

22                           *(B) balanced representation from Tribal*  
 23                           *governments within the jurisdiction of the re-*  
 24                           *gional wildlife movement council;*

1           (C) to serve as a Federal agency liaison and  
 2 nonvoting, *ex officio* member—

3           (i) the Director of the United States  
 4 Fish and Wildlife Service (or a designee); or

5           (ii) the director of any applicable re-  
 6 gional office of the United States Fish and  
 7 Wildlife Service (or a designee);

8           (D) not more than 3 representatives of non-  
 9 governmental, science, or academic organizations  
 10 with expertise in native species conservation and  
 11 the habitat connectivity needs of the region cov-  
 12 ered by the regional wildlife movement council;  
 13 and

14           (E) not more than 3 voluntary representa-  
 15 tives of private landowners with property in the  
 16 applicable region, not less than 1 of whom shall  
 17 be a farmer or rancher.

18       (2) *REQUIREMENTS.*—

19           (A) *MEMBERSHIP.*—The Secretary shall en-  
 20 sure that the membership of each regional wild-  
 21 life movement council is fair and balanced in  
 22 terms of expertise and perspectives represented.

23           (B) *EXPERTISE.*—Each regional wildlife  
 24 movement council shall include experts in eco-

1           *logical connectivity, native species ecology, and*  
2           *ecological adaptation.*

3           (c) *DUTIES.—Each regional wildlife movement council*  
4   *shall—*

5           (1) *not later than 2 years after the date of estab-*  
6           *lishment of the regional wildlife movement council*  
7           *and in accordance with any standards established by*  
8           *the National Coordination Committee, prepare and*  
9           *submit to the Secretary and the National Coordina-*  
10          *tion Committee a regional wildlife movement plan*  
11          *that maintains natural wildlife movement by identi-*  
12          *fying research priorities and data needs for the Data-*  
13          *base that is revised, amended, or updated not less fre-*  
14          *quently than once every 5 years;*

15          (2) *provide for public engagement, including en-*  
16          *gagement of Indian tribes, at appropriate times and*  
17          *in appropriate locations in the region covered by the*  
18          *regional wildlife movement council, to allow all inter-*  
19          *ested persons an opportunity to be heard in the devel-*  
20          *opment and implementation of a regional wildlife*  
21          *movement plan under paragraph (1);*

22          (3) *solicit applications for wildlife movement*  
23          *grants under section 301 in accordance with the cri-*  
24          *teria and guidelines established by the National Co-*  
25          *ordination Council under section 302(e)(2)(A);*

1           (4) *in accordance with the criteria and guide-*  
 2           *lines established under section 302(e)(2)(A), submit to*  
 3           *the National Coordination Committee an annual list*  
 4           *of regional priority projects, in ranked order, for*  
 5           *wildlife movement grants under section 301 to main-*  
 6           *tain wildlife movements in the area under the juris-*  
 7           *isdiction of the regional wildlife movement council; and*

8           (5) *submit to the Secretary and the National Co-*  
 9           *ordination Committee, and make publicly available,*  
 10          *an annual report describing the activities of the re-*  
 11          *gional wildlife movement council.*

12          (d) *COORDINATION.—If applicable, to increase habitat*  
 13          *connectivity between designated Federal land and water*  
 14          *and non-Federal land and water, a regional wildlife move-*  
 15          *ment council shall coordinate with—*

16               (1) *Federal agencies;*

17               (2) *Indian tribes;*

18               (3) *regional fishery management councils estab-*  
 19               *lished under section 302(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens*  
 20               *Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16*  
 21               *U.S.C. 1852(a));*

22               (4) *migratory bird joint ventures partnerships*  
 23               *recognized by the United States Fish and Wildlife*  
 24               *Service with respect to migratory bird species;*

25               (5) *State fish and wildlife agencies;*

1           (6) *regional associations of fish and wildlife*  
 2           *agencies;*

3           (7) *nongovernmental organizations;*

4           (8) *applicable voluntary private landowners;*

5           (9) *the National Coordination Committee;*

6           (10) *fish habitat partnerships;*

7           (11) *other regional wildlife movement councils*  
 8           *with respect to crossregional projects;*

9           (12) *international wildlife management entities*  
 10           *with respect to transboundary species in accordance*  
 11           *with trade policies of the United States; and*

12           (13) *Federal and State transportation agencies.*

13           (e) *APPLICABILITY OF FACA.—Except as otherwise*  
 14           *provided in this section, the Federal Advisory Committee*  
 15           *Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall apply to the regional wildlife*  
 16           *movement councils.*

## 17       **TITLE IV—NATIONAL WILDLIFE** 18       **CORRIDORS DATABASE**

### 19       **SEC. 401. NATIONAL WILDLIFE CORRIDORS DATABASE.**

20           (a) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after the*  
 21           *date of enactment of this Act, the Director of the United*  
 22           *States Geological Survey (referred to in this section as the*  
 23           *“Director”), in consultation with the National Coordina-*  
 24           *tion Committee and the regional wildlife movement coun-*

1 *cils, shall establish a database, to be known as the “National*  
 2 *Wildlife Corridors Database”.*

3 *(b) CONTENTS.—*

4 *(1) IN GENERAL.—The Database shall—*

5 *(A) include maps, data, models, surveys,*  
 6 *and descriptions of native species habitats, wild-*  
 7 *life movements, and corridors that have been de-*  
 8 *veloped by Federal agencies that pertain to Fed-*  
 9 *eral land and water;*

10 *(B) include maps, models, analyses, and de-*  
 11 *scriptions of projected shifts in habitats, wildlife*  
 12 *movements, and corridors of native species in re-*  
 13 *sponse to climate change or other environmental*  
 14 *factors;*

15 *(C) reflect the best scientific data and infor-*  
 16 *mation available; and*

17 *(D) in accordance with the requirements of*  
 18 *the Geospatial Data Act of 2018 (Public Law*  
 19 *115–254), have the data, models, and analyses*  
 20 *included in the Database available at scales use-*  
 21 *ful to State, Tribal, local, and Federal agency*  
 22 *decisionmakers and the public.*

23 *(c) REQUIREMENTS.—Subject to subsection (d), the Di-*  
 24 *rector, in collaboration with the National Coordination*  
 25 *Committee, the regional wildlife movement councils, and the*

1 *Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric*  
2 *Administration, shall—*

3 *(1) design the Database to support State, Tribal,*  
4 *local, voluntary private landowner, and Federal agen-*  
5 *cy decisionmakers and the public with data that will*  
6 *allow those entities—*

7 *(A) to prioritize and target natural resource*  
8 *adaptation strategies and enhance existing State*  
9 *and Tribal corridor protections;*

10 *(B) to assess the impacts of proposed en-*  
11 *ergy, water, transportation, and transmission*  
12 *projects, and other development activities, and to*  
13 *avoid, minimize, and mitigate the impacts of*  
14 *those projects and activities on National Wildlife*  
15 *Corridors;*

16 *(C) to assess the impact of new and existing*  
17 *development on native species habitats and Na-*  
18 *tional Wildlife Corridors; and*

19 *(D) to develop strategies that promote habi-*  
20 *tat connectivity to allow native species to*  
21 *move—*

22 *(i) to meet biological and ecological*  
23 *needs;*

24 *(ii) to adjust to shifts in habitat; and*

25 *(iii) to adapt to climate change;*



1           (2) *establish a coordination process among Fed-*  
2           *eral agencies to update maps and other information*  
3           *with respect to landscapes, seascapes, native species*  
4           *habitats and ranges, habitat connectivity, National*  
5           *Wildlife Corridors, and wildlife movement changes as*  
6           *information based on new scientific data becomes*  
7           *available; and*

8           (3) *not later than 5 years after the date of enact-*  
9           *ment of this Act, and not less frequently than once*  
10          *every 5 years thereafter, develop, submit a report to*  
11          *the Secretary and the appropriate committees of Con-*  
12          *gress, and make publicly available a report, that,*  
13          *with respect to the Database—*

14                (A) *outlines the categories for data that*  
15                *may be included in the Database;*

16                (B) *outlines the data protocols and stand-*  
17                *ards for each category of data in the Database;*

18                (C) *identifies gaps in native species habitat*  
19                *and National Wildlife Corridor information;*

20                (D) *prioritizes research and future data col-*  
21                *lection activities for use in updating the Data-*  
22                *base; and*

23                (E) *evaluates and quantifies the efficacy of*  
24                *the Database to meet the needs of the entities de-*  
25                *scribed in paragraph (1).*

1       (d) *PROPRIETARY INTERESTS AND PROTECTED INFOR-*  
 2 *MATION.—In developing the Database, the Director shall—*

3               (1) *as applicable, protect proprietary interests*  
 4 *with respect to any licensed information, licensed*  
 5 *data, and other items contained in the Database; and*

6               (2) *protect information in the Database with re-*  
 7 *spect to the habitats and ranges of specific native spe-*  
 8 *cies to prevent poaching, illegal taking and trapping,*  
 9 *and other related threats to native species.*

## 10                               ***TITLE V—FUNDING***

### 11 ***SEC. 501. WILDLIFE CORRIDORS STEWARDSHIP FUND.***

12       (a) *ESTABLISHMENT AND CONTENTS.—There is estab-*  
 13 *lished in the Treasury a fund, to be known as the “Wildlife*  
 14 *Corridors Stewardship Fund”, that consists of donations of*  
 15 *amounts accepted under subsection (c).*

16       (b) *USE.—The Fund—*

17               (1) *shall be administered by the Secretary and*  
 18 *the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, acting*  
 19 *jointly; and*

20               (2) *may be used by the National Fish and Wild-*  
 21 *life Foundation to enhance the management and pro-*  
 22 *tection of National Wildlife Corridors by providing fi-*  
 23 *nancial assistance to the Federal Government, Indian*  
 24 *tribes, and nongovernmental, science, and academic*  
 25 *organizations.*

1       (c) *DONATIONS.*—*The National Fish and Wildlife*  
 2 *Foundation may solicit and accept donations of amounts*  
 3 *for deposit into the Fund.*

4       (d) *COORDINATION.*—*In administering the Fund, the*  
 5 *Secretary and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation*  
 6 *may coordinate with regional wildlife movement councils,*  
 7 *regional ocean partnerships, and the National Coordination*  
 8 *Committee to the maximum extent practicable.*

9       (e) *DISCLOSURE OF USE.*—*Not later than 1 year after*  
 10 *the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,*  
 11 *the Secretary and the National Fish and Wildlife Founda-*  
 12 *tion shall make publicly available a description of usage*  
 13 *of the Fund during the preceding calendar year.*

14 **SEC. 502. WORKING LANDSCAPES.**

15       *The Secretary of Agriculture may—*

16           (1) *direct investments in working landscapes*  
 17 *through conservation programs under the jurisdiction*  
 18 *of the Secretary of Agriculture, including programs*  
 19 *under title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16*  
 20 *U.S.C. 3801 et seq.), to support the purposes described*  
 21 *in section 2(b); and*

22           (2) *notwithstanding any other provision of law,*  
 23 *give priority under the conservation programs de-*  
 24 *scribed in paragraph (1) to non-Federal land and*  
 25 *water for the purposes described in section 2(b).*

1 **SEC. 503. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 (a) *NATIONAL WILDLIFE CORRIDOR SYSTEM.*—*There*  
 3 *are authorized to be appropriated to carry out title I for*  
 4 *fiscal year 2020 and each fiscal year thereafter—*

5 (1) *to the Secretary, \$7,500,000;*

6 (2) *to the Secretary of Agriculture, \$3,000,000;*

7 (3) *to the Secretary of Defense, \$1,500,000;*

8 (4) *to the Secretary of Commerce, \$3,000,000;*

9 *and*

10 (5) *to the Secretary of Transportation,*  
 11 *\$3,000,000.*

12 (b) *TRIBAL WILDLIFE CORRIDORS.*—*There is author-*  
 13 *ized to be appropriated to carry out title II \$5,000,000 for*  
 14 *fiscal year 2020 and each fiscal year thereafter.*

15 (c) *WILDLIFE MOVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM AND RE-*  
 16 *GIONAL WILDLIFE MOVEMENT COUNCILS.*—

17 (1) *WILDLIFE MOVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM.*—

18 (A) *IN GENERAL.*—*There is authorized to be*  
 19 *appropriated to the Secretary to carry out the*  
 20 *wildlife movement grant program under section*  
 21 *301 \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2022 and each*  
 22 *fiscal year thereafter.*

23 (B) *REQUIREMENTS.*—*Amounts appro-*  
 24 *priated under subparagraph (A) may be used to*  
 25 *complement or match other Federal or non-Fed-*

1            *eral funding received by the projects funded by*  
 2            *those grants.*

3            (C) *ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.*—*Not more*  
 4            *than 5 percent of amounts appropriated under*  
 5            *subparagraph (A) may be used for administra-*  
 6            *tive support.*

7            (2) *REGIONAL WILDLIFE MOVEMENT COUN-*  
 8            *CILS.*—

9            (A) *IN GENERAL.*—*There is authorized to be*  
 10           *appropriated to the Secretary to provide support*  
 11           *for the regional wildlife movement councils to*  
 12           *carry out section 303 \$1,000,000 for fiscal year*  
 13           *2020 and each fiscal year thereafter.*

14           (B) *EQUAL DIVISION.*—*Amounts appro-*  
 15           *priated under subparagraph (A) shall be propor-*  
 16           *tionally divided between each regional wildlife*  
 17           *movement council.*

18           (d) *NATIONAL WILDLIFE CORRIDORS DATABASE.*—  
 19           *There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary*  
 20           *to carry out section 401—*

21           (1) *\$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2020; and*

22           (2) *\$1,500,000 for fiscal year 2021 and each fis-*  
 23           *cal year thereafter.*

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