

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 3113, With an Amendment

(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3113

To require the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works to digitize and make publicly available geographic information system mapping data relating to public access to Federal land and waters for outdoor recreation, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 11, 2021

Mr. MOORE of Utah (for himself, Mr. FULCHER, Mr. NEGUSE, and Ms. SCHRIER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, 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

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Modernizing Access
3 to Our Public Land Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) **FEDERAL LAND.**—The term “Federal land”
7 means any land managed by a Federal land manage-
8 ment agency.

9 (2) **FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY.**—
10 The term “Federal land management agency”
11 means—

12 (A) the Bureau of Reclamation;

13 (B) the National Park Service;

14 (C) the Bureau of Land Management;

15 (D) the United States Fish and Wildlife
16 Service;

17 (E) the Forest Service; and

18 (F) the Corps of Engineers.

19 (3) **ROAD OR TRAIL.**—The term “road or trail”
20 means a road or trail designated by 1 or more of the
21 Secretaries for public use.

22 (4) **SECRETARIES.**—The term “Secretaries”
23 means—

24 (A) the Secretary of Agriculture, acting
25 through the Chief of the Forest Service;

26 (B) the Secretary of the Interior; and

1 (C) the Secretary of the Army, acting
2 through the Assistant Secretary of the Army
3 for Civil Works.

4 **SEC. 3. INTERAGENCY DATA STANDARDIZATION.**

5 Not later than 30 months after the date of enactment
6 of this Act, the Secretaries shall jointly develop and adopt
7 interagency standards to ensure compatibility and inter-
8 operability among applicable Federal databases with re-
9 spect to the collection and dissemination of data—

10 (1) relating to public outdoor recreational use
11 on Federal land; and

12 (2) used to depict locations at which recreation
13 uses are available to the public.

14 **SEC. 4. DIGITIZATION AND PUBLICATION OF EASEMENTS.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 4 years after the
16 date of enactment of this Act, each of the Secretaries, to
17 the maximum extent practicable, shall digitize and publish
18 on the applicable agency website geographic information
19 system mapping data that specifies, with respect to the
20 relevant Secretary, all Federal interests in private land,
21 including easements (other than flowage easements), res-
22 ervations, and rights-of-way—

23 (1) to which the Federal Government does not
24 have a fee title interest; and

1 (2) that may be used to provide public rec-
2 reational access to the Federal land.

3 (b) PUBLIC COMMENT.—The Secretaries shall de-
4 velop a process to allow members of the public to submit
5 questions or comments regarding the information de-
6 scribed in subsection (a).

7 **SEC. 5. DATA CONSOLIDATION AND PUBLICATION OF**
8 **ROUTE AND AREA DATA FOR PUBLIC REC-**
9 **REATIONAL USE.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later than 5 years
11 after the date of enactment of this Act, each of the Secre-
12 taries, to the maximum extent practicable, shall make pub-
13 licly available on the website of the Department of the In-
14 terior, the Forest Service, and the Corps of Engineers, as
15 applicable, geographic information system data with re-
16 spect to the following:

17 (1) Status information with respect to whether
18 roads and trails on the Federal land are open or
19 closed.

20 (2) The dates on which roads and trails on the
21 Federal land are seasonally closed.

22 (3) The classes of vehicles and types of rec-
23 reational uses that are allowed on each segment of
24 roads and trails on the Federal land, including the
25 permissibility of—

- 1 (A) off-highway vehicles;
- 2 (B) motorcycles;
- 3 (C) nonmotorized bicycles;
- 4 (D) electric bicycles;
- 5 (E) passenger vehicles;
- 6 (F) nonmechanized transportation; and
- 7 (G) over-snow vehicles.

8 (4) The boundaries of areas where hunting or
9 recreational shooting (including archery, firearm dis-
10 charge, and target shooting) is permanently re-
11 stricted or prohibited on the Federal land.

12 (b) UPDATES.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretaries, to the max-
14 imum extent practicable, shall update the data de-
15 scribed in subsection (a) not less frequently than
16 twice per year.

17 (2) PUBLIC COMMENT.—The Secretaries shall
18 develop a process to allow members of the public to
19 submit questions or comments regarding the infor-
20 mation described in subsection (a).

21 (c) EFFECT.—Geographic information system data
22 made publicly available under subsection (a) shall not dis-
23 close information regarding the nature, location, char-
24 acter, or ownership of historic, paleontological, or archae-
25 ological resources, consistent with applicable law.

1 **SEC. 6. COOPERATION AND COORDINATION.**

2 (a) **THIRD-PARTY PROVIDERS.**—The Secretaries may
3 enter into an agreement with a third party to carry out
4 any provision of this Act.

5 (b) **US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.**—The Secretaries may
6 work with the Director of the United States Geological
7 Survey to collect, aggregate, digitize, standardize, or pub-
8 lish data on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior to meet
9 the requirements of this Act.

10 **SEC. 7. REPORTS.**

11 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
12 of this Act and annually thereafter through March 30,
13 2031, the Secretaries shall submit a report on the progress
14 made by the Secretaries with respect to meeting the re-
15 quirements of this Act to—

16 (1) the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
17 sources of the Senate;

18 (2) the Committee on Environment and Public
19 Works of the Senate;

20 (3) the Committee on Natural Resources of the
21 House of Representatives; and

22 (4) the Committee on Transportation and In-
23 frastructure of the House of Representatives.

24 **SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

25 There are authorized to be appropriated—

1 (1) to the Secretary of the Interior to carry out
2 this Act—

3 (A) \$2,500,000 for fiscal year 2022; and

4 (B) \$5,500,000 for each of fiscal years
5 2023 through 2025;

6 (2) to the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out
7 this Act—

8 (A) \$2,500,000 for fiscal year 2022; and

9 (B) \$5,500,000 for each of fiscal years
10 2023 through 2025; and

11 (3) to the Secretary of the Army to carry out
12 this Act—

13 (A) \$1,500,000 for fiscal year 2022; and

14 (B) \$2,500,000 for each of fiscal years
15 2023 through 2025.