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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

February 14, 2013

Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the 'Land and Water Conservation Authorization and Funding Act of 2013'.

SEC. 2. PERMANENT AUTHORIZATION; FULL FUNDING.

(a) Purposes- The purposes of the amendments made by subsection (b) are--

(1) to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the land and water conservation fund established under section 2 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 4601-5); and

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

(b) Amendments-

(1) PERMANENT AUTHORIZATION- Section 2 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 4601-5) is amended--

(A) in the matter preceding subsection (a), by striking `During the period ending September 30, 2015, there' and inserting `There'; and

(B) in subsection (c)(1), by striking `through September 30, 2015'.

(2) FULL FUNDING- Section 3 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 4601-6) is amended to read as follows:

`SEC. 3. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

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

(c) Public Access- Section 7 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 4601-9) is amended by adding at the end the following:

`(d) Public Access- Not less than 1.5 percent of the annual authorized funding amount shall be made available each year for projects that secure recreational public access to existing Federal public land for hunting, fishing, and other recreational purposes.'.

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