

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-

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Insert before title I the following:

1 **DIVISION A—RECOVERING**
2 **AMERICA’S WILDLIFE**

Page 1, line 2, strike “Act” and insert “division”.

Add at the end the following new division:

3 **DIVISION B—WILDLIFE COR-**
4 **RIDORS CONSERVATION ACT**
5 **OF 2022**

6 **SEC. 11101. SHORT TITLE; DEFINITIONS.**

7 This division may be cited as the “Wildlife Corridors
8 Conservation Act of 2022”.

9 **SEC. 11102. DEFINITIONS.**

10 In this Act:

11 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
12 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
13 gress” means—

14 (A) the Committee on Energy and Natural
15 Resources of the Senate;

1 (B) the Committee on Environment and
2 Public Works of the Senate;

3 (C) the Committee on Appropriations of
4 the Senate;

5 (D) the Committee on Energy and Com-
6 merce of the House of Representatives;

7 (E) the Committee on Natural Resources
8 of the House of Representatives;

9 (F) the Committee on Appropriations of
10 the House of Representatives; and

11 (2) CONNECTIVITY.—The term “connectivity”
12 means the degree to which the landscape or seascape
13 facilitates native species movement.

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

16 (A) provides habitat or ecological
17 connectivity; and

18 (B) allows for native species movement or
19 dispersal.

20 (4) DATABASE.—The term “Database” means
21 the National Wildlife Corridors Database established
22 under section 11308(a).

23 (5) FEDERAL LAND OR WATER.—The term
24 “Federal land or water” means any land or water,

1 or interest in land or water, owned by the United
2 States.

3 (6) FUND.—The term “Fund” means the Wild-
4 life Corridors Stewardship Fund established by sec-
5 tion 11401(a).

6 (7) HABITAT.—The term “habitat” means
7 land, water, and substrate occupied at any time dur-
8 ing the life cycle of a native species that is nec-
9 essary, with respect to the native species, for spawn-
10 ing, breeding, feeding, growth to maturity, or migra-
11 tion.

12 (8) INDIAN LAND.—The term “Indian land”
13 means land of an Indian Tribe, or an Indian indi-
14 vidual, that is—

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

16 (B) subject to a restriction against alien-
17 ation imposed by the United States.

18 (9) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian Tribe”
19 has the meaning given the term “Indian tribe” in
20 section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
21 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

22 (10) NATIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE.—
23 The term “National Coordination Committee”
24 means the National Coordination Committee estab-
25 lished under section 11306(a).

1 (11) NATIONAL WILDLIFE CORRIDOR.—The
2 term “National Wildlife Corridor” means any Fed-
3 eral land or water designated as a National Wildlife
4 Corridor under section 11201(a).

5 (12) NATIONAL WILDLIFE CORRIDOR SYS-
6 TEM.—The term “National Wildlife Corridor Sys-
7 tem” means the system of National Wildlife Cor-
8 ridors established by section 11201(a).

9 (13) NATIVE SPECIES.—The term “native spe-
10 cies” means—

11 (A) a fish, wildlife, or plant species that is
12 or was historically present in a particular eco-
13 system as a result of natural migratory or evo-
14 lutionary processes, including subspecies and
15 plant varieties; or

16 (B) a migratory bird species that is native
17 to the United States or its territories (as de-
18 fined in section 2(b) of the Migratory Bird
19 Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703(b))).

20 (14) REGIONAL OCEAN PARTNERSHIP.—The
21 term “regional ocean partnership” means a regional
22 organization of coastal or Great Lakes States, terri-
23 tories, or possessions voluntarily convened by Gov-
24 ernors to address cross-jurisdictional ocean matters,
25 or the functional equivalent of such a regional ocean

1 organization designated by the Governor or Gov-
2 ernors of a State or States.

3 (15) REGIONAL WILDLIFE MOVEMENT COUN-
4 CIL.—The term “regional wildlife movement council”
5 means a regional wildlife movement council estab-
6 lished under section 11307(a).

7 (16) SECRETARIES.—The term “Secretaries”
8 means—

9 (A) the Secretary of Agriculture, acting
10 through the Chief of the Forest Service, con-
11 cerning land contained within the National For-
12 est System;

13 (B) the Secretary of Commerce;

14 (C) the Secretary of the Interior; and

15 (D) the Secretary of Transportation.

16 (17) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary”
17 means the Secretary of the Interior, acting through
18 the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife
19 Service.

20 (18) TRIBAL WILDLIFE CORRIDOR.—The term
21 “Tribal Wildlife Corridor” means a corridor estab-
22 lished by the Secretary under section
23 11303(a)(1)(C).

1 (19) UNITED STATES.—The term “United
2 States”, when used in a geographical sense,
3 means—

4 (A) a State;

5 (B) the District of Columbia;

6 (C) the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;

7 (D) Guam;

8 (E) American Samoa;

9 (F) the Commonwealth of the Northern
10 Mariana Islands;

11 (G) the Federated States of Micronesia;

12 (H) the Republic of the Marshall Islands;

13 (I) the Republic of Palau;

14 (J) the United States Virgin Islands; and

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

22 (20) WILDLIFE MOVEMENT.—The term “wild-
23 life movement” means the passage of individual
24 members or populations of a fish, wildlife, or plant
25 species across a landscape or seascape.

1 **TITLE I—NATIONAL WILDLIFE**
2 **CORRIDOR SYSTEM ON FED-**
3 **ERAL LAND AND WATER**

4 **SEC. 11201. NATIONAL WILDLIFE CORRIDORS.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a system
6 of corridors on Federal land and water, to be known as
7 the “National Wildlife Corridor System”, which shall con-
8 sist of National Wildlife Corridors designated as part of
9 the National Wildlife Corridor System by—

10 (1) statute;

11 (2) rulemaking under section 11202; or

12 (3) a land management plan developed or re-
13 vised under section 202 of the Federal Land Policy
14 and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712).

15 (b) STRATEGY.—Not later than 18 months after the
16 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall develop
17 a strategy for the effective development of the National
18 Wildlife Corridor System—

19 (1) to support the fulfillment of the purposes
20 described in section 11202(b);

21 (2) to ensure coordination and consistency
22 across Federal agencies in the development, imple-
23 mentation, and management of National Wildlife
24 Corridors; and

1 (3) to develop a timeline for the implementation
2 of National Wildlife Corridors.

3 **SEC. 11202. ADMINISTRATIVE DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL**
4 **WILDLIFE CORRIDORS.**

5 (a) RULEMAKING.—

6 (1) NATIONAL WILDLIFE CORRIDORS.—Not
7 later than 2 years after the date of enactment of
8 this Act, the Secretary, in consultation with the Sec-
9 retaries, pursuant to the land, water, and resource
10 management planning and conservation authorities
11 of the Secretaries, shall establish a process, by regu-
12 lation, for the designation and management of Na-
13 tional Wildlife Corridors on Federal land or water
14 under the respective jurisdictions of the Secretaries.
15 Where a National Wildlife Corridor crosses federal
16 land or water under the jurisdiction of several secre-
17 taries, then the Secretary must obtain concurrence
18 from the applicable Secretaries before a National
19 Wildlife Corridor may be designated.

20 (2) FEDERAL LAND AND WATER MANAGE-
21 MENT.—The Secretaries shall consider the designa-
22 tion of National Wildlife Corridors in any process re-
23 lating to the issuance, revision, or modification of a
24 management plan for land or water under the re-

1 spective jurisdiction of the Secretaries insofar as a
2 corridor is consistent with the purpose of the plan.

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

7 (1) base the designation of the National Wild-
8 life Corridor on—

9 (A) coordination with existing—

10 (i) National Wildlife Corridors;

11 (ii) corridors established by States;

12 and

13 (iii) Tribal Wildlife Corridors; and

14 (B) the best available science of—

15 (i) existing native species habitat; and

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

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

22 (A) dispersal and genetic exchange between
23 populations;

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

4 (C) seasonal movement or migration; or

5 (D) succession, movement, or recoloniza-
6 tion 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 Na-
13 tional Coordination Committee under section
14 11306(e)(2)(C).

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

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

21 (2) requires restoration, including—

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

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

1 (i) but may be colonized or recolo-
2 nized by the species naturally; or

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

6 (3) is fragmented or consists of only a portion
7 of the habitat required for the connectivity needs of
8 one or more native species.

9 (d) NOMINATION FOR DESIGNATION.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—In establishing the process
11 for designation under subsection (a)(1), the Sec-
12 retary shall include procedures under which—

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

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

1 (2) SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION.—A nomina-
2 tion for designation under paragraph (1)(A) shall in-
3 clude supporting documentation, including—

4 (A) the native species for which the Na-
5 tional Wildlife Corridor would be designated;

6 (B) summaries and references of, with re-
7 spect to the designation of a National Wildlife
8 Corridor—

9 (i) the best science available at the
10 time of the submission of the nomination
11 for designation documenting why the cor-
12 ridor 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 part-
18 ners;

19 (D) a description of supporting stake-
20 holders, such as States, Indian Tribes, local
21 governments, scientific organizations, non-
22 governmental organizations, and affected vol-
23 untary private landowners; and

24 (E) any additional information the Secre-
25 taries, in consultation with the National Coordi-

1 nation Committee, determine is relevant to the
2 nomination.

3 **SEC. 11203. 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 Na-
8 tional Wildlife Corridor under the respective administra-
9 tive jurisdiction of the Secretaries in a manner that con-
10 tributes to the long-term connectivity, persistence, resil-
11 ience, and adaptability of native species for which the Na-
12 tional Wildlife Corridor is identified, including through—

13 (1) the maintenance and improvement of habi-
14 tat connectivity within the National Wildlife Cor-
15 ridor;

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

20 (3) the maintenance or restoration of the integ-
21 rity and functionality of the National Wildlife Cor-
22 ridor;

23 (4) the mitigation or removal of human infra-
24 structure that obstructs the natural movement of
25 native species; and

1 (5) the use of existing conservation programs,
2 including Tribal Wildlife Corridors, under the re-
3 spective jurisdiction of the Secretaries to contribute
4 to the connectivity, persistence, resilience, and
5 adaptability of native species.

6 (b) NATIONAL WILDLIFE CORRIDORS SPANNING
7 MULTIPLE JURISDICTIONS.—In the case of a National
8 Wildlife Corridor that spans the administrative jurisdic-
9 tion of two or more of the Secretaries, the relevant Secre-
10 taries shall coordinate management of the National Wild-
11 life Corridor in accordance with section 11301(b) to ad-
12 vance the purposes described in section 11201(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 move-
24 ments 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
9 Federal land or water is designated as a National Wildlife
10 Corridor may continue if the applicable Secretaries deter-
11 mine that the use is compatible with the wildlife move-
12 ments of the species for which the National Wildlife Cor-
13 ridor was designated, consistent with applicable Federal
14 laws and regulations.

15 **TITLE II—WILDLIFE CORRIDORS** 16 **CONSERVATION**

17 **SEC. 11301. COLLABORATION AND COORDINATION.**

18 (a) COLLABORATION.—The Secretaries may partner
19 with and provide funds to States, local governments, In-
20 dian Tribes, the National Coordination Committee, vol-
21 untary private landowners, and the regional wildlife move-
22 ment councils to support the purposes described in section
23 11201(b).

24 (b) COORDINATION.—To the maximum extent prac-
25 ticable and consistent with applicable law, the Secretary

1 or Secretaries, as applicable, shall develop the strategy
2 under section 11201(b), designate National Wildlife Cor-
3 ridors under section 11202, and manage National Wildlife
4 Corridors under section 11203—

5 (1) in consultation and coordination with—

6 (A) other relevant Federal agencies;

7 (B) States, including—

8 (i) State fish and wildlife agencies;

9 and

10 (ii) other State agencies responsible
11 for managing the natural resources and
12 wildlife;

13 (C) Indian Tribes;

14 (D) units of local government;

15 (E) other interested stakeholders identified
16 by the Secretary, including applicable voluntary
17 private landowners;

18 (F) landscape- and seascape-scale partner-
19 ships, including—

20 (i) the National Fish Habitat Part-
21 nership;

22 (ii) the National Marine Fisheries
23 Service;

24 (iii) regional fishery management
25 councils established under section 302(a)

1 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Con-
2 servation and Management Act (16 U.S.C.
3 1852(a));

4 (iv) relevant regional ocean partner-
5 ships;

6 (v) the Climate Science Centers of the
7 Department of the Interior; and

8 (vi) the Landscape Conservation Co-
9 operative Network;

10 (G) the National Coordination Committee;

11 and

12 (H) the regional wildlife movement coun-
13 cils.

14 **SEC. 11302. EFFECT.**

15 (a) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER CONSERVATION
16 LAWS.—Nothing in this title amends or otherwise affects
17 any other law (including regulations) relating to the con-
18 servation of native species.

19 (b) JURISDICTION OF STATES AND INDIAN
20 TRIBES.—Nothing in this title or an amendment made by
21 this title affects the jurisdiction of a State or an Indian
22 Tribe with respect to fish and wildlife management, in-
23 cluding the regulation of hunting, fishing, and trapping,
24 in a National Wildlife Corridor or a Tribal Wildlife Cor-
25 ridor.

1 **SEC. 11303. TRIBAL WILDLIFE CORRIDORS.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—

4 (A) NOMINATIONS.—An Indian Tribe may
5 nominate a corridor within Indian land of the
6 Indian Tribe as a Tribal Wildlife Corridor by
7 submitting to the Secretary, in consultation
8 with the Director of the Bureau of Indian Af-
9 fairs (referred to in this section as the “Sec-
10 retary”), an application at such time, in such
11 manner, and containing such information as the
12 Secretary may require.

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

20 (C) PUBLICATION.—On approval of an ap-
21 plication under subparagraph (B), the Sec-
22 retary shall publish in the Federal Register a
23 notice of the establishment of the Tribal Wild-
24 life Corridor, which shall include a map and
25 legal description of the land designated as a
26 Tribal Wildlife Corridor.

1 (2) CRITERIA.—

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

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

11 (i) The restoration of historical habi-
12 tat for the purposes of facilitating
13 connectivity.

14 (ii) The management of land for the
15 purposes of facilitating connectivity.

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

19 (3) REMOVAL.—

20 (A) IN GENERAL.—An Indian Tribe may
21 elect to remove the designation of a Tribal
22 Wildlife Corridor on the Indian land of the In-
23 dian Tribe by notifying the Secretary.

24 (B) EFFECT OF REMOVAL.—An Indian
25 Tribe that elects to remove a designation under

1 subparagraph (A) may not receive assistance
2 under subsection (c) or (d)(1) or section 11305.

3 (b) COORDINATION OF LAND USE PLANS.—Section
4 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of
5 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (b)—

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

9 “(1) by”;

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

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

14 “(2) for the purposes of determining whether
15 the land use plans for land in the National Forest
16 System would provide additional connectivity to ben-
17 efit the purposes of a Tribal Wildlife Corridor estab-
18 lished under section 11303(a)(1) of the Wildlife Cor-
19 ridors Conservation Act of 2022.”; and

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

21 “(g) TRIBAL WILDLIFE CORRIDORS.—On the estab-
22 lishment of a Tribal Wildlife Corridor under section
23 11303(a)(1) of the Wildlife Corridors Conservation Act of
24 2022, the Secretary shall conduct a meaningful consulta-
25 tion with the Indian tribe that administers the Tribal

1 Wildlife Corridor to determine whether, through the revi-
2 sion of one or more existing land use plans, the Tribal
3 Wildlife Corridor can—

4 “(1) be expanded into public lands; or

5 “(2) otherwise benefit connectivity (as defined
6 in section 11102 of that Act) between public lands
7 and the Tribal Wildlife Corridor.”.

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

15 (d) AVAILABILITY OF ASSISTANCE.—An Indian Tribe
16 that has a Tribal Wildlife Corridor established on the In-
17 dian land of the Indian Tribe shall be eligible for a grant
18 under the wildlife movements grant program under section
19 11305, subject to other applicable requirements of that
20 grant program.

21 (e) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section au-
22 thorizes or affects the use of private property or Indian
23 land.

1 **SEC. 11304. PROTECTION OF INDIAN TRIBES.**

2 (a) FEDERAL TRUST RESPONSIBILITY.—Nothing in
3 this title amends, alters, or waives the Federal trust re-
4 sponsibility to Indian Tribes.

5 (b) FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.—

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

14 (A) cause a significant invasion of privacy;

15 (B) risk harm to human remains or re-
16 sources, cultural items, uses, or activities; or

17 (C) impede the use of a traditional reli-
18 gious site by practitioners.

19 (2) INFORMATION DESCRIBED.—Information
20 referred to in paragraph (1) is information received
21 by a Federal agency—

22 (A) pursuant to this title relating to—

23 (i) the location, character, or owner-
24 ship of human remains of a person of In-
25 dian ancestry; or

1 (ii) resources, cultural items, uses, or
2 activities identified by an Indian Tribe as
3 traditional or cultural because of the long-
4 established significance or ceremonial na-
5 ture to the Indian Tribe; or

6 (B) pursuant to the Native American
7 Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (25
8 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.).

9 **SEC. 11305. WILDLIFE MOVEMENTS GRANT PROGRAM.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a
11 wildlife movements grant program (referred to in this sec-
12 tion as the “grant program”) to encourage wildlife move-
13 ment in accordance with this subsection.

14 (b) GRANTS.—Beginning not later than 2 years after
15 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, based
16 on recommendations from the National Coordination
17 Committee under section 11306(e)(2)(C), shall make
18 grants to one or more projects that—

19 (1) are a regional priority project identified by
20 a regional wildlife movement council;

21 (2) satisfy the purposes described in section
22 11201(b); and

23 (3) increase connectivity for native species.

24 (c) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS.—A person that is eligible
25 to receive a grant under the grant program is—

1 (1) a voluntary private landowner or group of
2 landowners;

3 (2) a State fish and wildlife agency or other
4 State agency responsible for managing natural re-
5 sources and wildlife;

6 (3) an Indian Tribe;

7 (4) a unit of local government;

8 (5) an agricultural cooperative;

9 (6) water, irrigation, or rural water districts or
10 associations, or other organizations with water deliv-
11 ery authority (including acequias and land grant
12 communities in the State of New Mexico);

13 (7) institutions of higher education;

14 (8) an entity approved for a grant by a regional
15 wildlife movement council; and

16 (9) any group of entities described in para-
17 graphs (1) through (8).

18 (d) **REQUIREMENTS.**—In administering the grant
19 program, the Secretary shall use the criteria, guidelines,
20 contracts, reporting requirements, and evaluation metrics
21 developed by the National Coordination Committee under
22 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of section 11306(e)(2).

23 **SEC. 11306. NATIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE.**

24 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—Not later than 18 months
25 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall

1 establish a committee, to be known as the “National Co-
2 ordination Committee”.

3 (b) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.—The Secretary shall
4 provide administrative support for the National Coordina-
5 tion Committee.

6 (c) MEMBERSHIP.—The National Coordination Com-
7 mittee shall be composed of—

8 (1) the Secretary (or a designee);

9 (2) the Secretary of Transportation (or a des-
10 ignee);

11 (3) the Secretary of Agriculture (or a designee);

12 (4) the Secretary of Commerce (or a designee);

13 (5) the Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs
14 (or a designee);

15 (6) the Executive Director of the Association of
16 Fish and Wildlife Agencies (or a designee);

17 (7) two representatives of intertribal organiza-
18 tions, to be appointed by the Secretary;

19 (8) the chairperson of each regional wildlife
20 movement council (or a designee); and

21 (9) not more than three representatives of non-
22 governmental, science, or academic organizations
23 with expertise in wildlife conservation and habitat
24 connectivity, to be appointed by the Secretary in a
25 manner that ensures that the membership of the

1 National Coordination Committee is fair and bal-
2 anced.

3 (d) CHAIRPERSON.—The National Coordination
4 Committee shall select a Chairperson and Vice Chair-
5 person from among the members of the National Coordi-
6 nation Committee.

7 (e) DUTIES.—The National Coordination Com-
8 mittee—

9 (1) shall establish standards for regional wild-
10 life movement plans to allow for better cross-regional
11 collaboration; and

12 (2) shall, with respect to the wildlife movements
13 grant program under section 11305—

14 (A) establish criteria and develop guide-
15 lines for the solicitation of applications for
16 grants by regional wildlife movement councils;

17 (B) develop standardized contracts, report-
18 ing requirements, and evaluation metrics for
19 grant recipients; and

20 (C) make recommendations annually to the
21 Secretary for the selection of grant recipients
22 on the basis of the ranked lists of regional pri-
23 ority projects received from the regional wildlife
24 movement councils under section 11307(c)(4)

1 that are consistent with the purposes described
2 in section 11201(b).

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

7 **SEC. 11307. REGIONAL WILDLIFE MOVEMENT COUNCILS.**

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

13 (b) **MEMBERSHIP.**—

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

16 (A) the director of each State fish and
17 wildlife agency within the jurisdiction of the re-
18 gional wildlife movement council (or a des-
19 ignee);

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

23 (C) to serve as a Federal agency liaison
24 and nonvoting, ex officio member—

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

3 or

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

7 (D) not more than three representatives of
8 nongovernmental, science, or academic organi-
9 zations with expertise in native species con-
10 servation and the habitat connectivity needs of
11 the region covered by the regional wildlife move-
12 ment council; and

13 (E) not more than three voluntary rep-
14 resentatives of private landowners with property
15 in the applicable region, not less than one of
16 whom shall be a farmer or rancher.

17 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—

18 (A) MEMBERSHIP.—The Secretary shall
19 ensure that the membership of each regional
20 wildlife movement council is fair and balanced
21 in terms of expertise and perspectives rep-
22 resented.

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 (3) CHAIRPERSON.—Each regional wildlife
4 movement council shall select a Chairperson from
5 among the members of the regional wildlife move-
6 ment council.

7 (c) DUTIES.—Each regional wildlife movement coun-
8 cil shall—

9 (1) not later than 2 years after the date of es-
10 tablishment of the regional wildlife movement coun-
11 cil and in accordance with any standards established
12 by the National Coordination Committee, prepare
13 and submit to the Secretary and the National Co-
14 ordination Committee a regional wildlife movement
15 plan that maintains natural wildlife movement by
16 identifying research priorities and data needs for the
17 Database that is revised, amended, or updated not
18 less frequently than once every 5 years;

19 (2) provide for public engagement, including en-
20 gagement of Indian Tribes, at appropriate times and
21 in appropriate locations in the region covered by the
22 regional wildlife movement council, to allow all inter-
23 ested persons an opportunity to be heard in the de-
24 velopment and implementation of a regional wildlife
25 movement plan under paragraph (1);

1 (3) solicit applications for wildlife movement
2 grants under section 11305 in accordance with the
3 criteria and guidelines established by the National
4 Coordination Council under section 11306(e)(2)(A);

5 (4) in accordance with the criteria and guide-
6 lines established under section 11306(e)(2)(A), sub-
7 mit to the National Coordination Committee an an-
8 nual list of regional priority projects, in ranked
9 order, for wildlife movements grants under section
10 11305 to maintain wildlife movements in the area
11 under the jurisdiction of the regional wildlife move-
12 ment council; and

13 (5) submit to the Secretary and the National
14 Coordination Committee, and make publicly avail-
15 able, an annual report describing the activities of the
16 regional wildlife movement council.

17 (d) COORDINATION.—If applicable, to increase habi-
18 tat connectivity between designated Federal land and
19 water and non-Federal land and water, a regional wildlife
20 movement council shall coordinate with—

21 (1) Federal agencies;

22 (2) Indian Tribes;

23 (3) regional fishery management councils estab-
24 lished under section 302(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens

1 Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16
2 U.S.C. 1852(a));

3 (4) migratory bird joint ventures partnerships
4 recognized by the United States Fish and Wildlife
5 Service with respect to migratory bird species;

6 (5) State fish and wildlife agencies;

7 (6) regional associations of fish and wildlife
8 agencies;

9 (7) nongovernmental organizations;

10 (8) applicable voluntary private landowners;

11 (9) the National Coordination Committee;

12 (10) fish habitat partnerships;

13 (11) other regional wildlife movement councils
14 with respect to crossregional projects;

15 (12) international wildlife management entities
16 with respect to transboundary species in accordance
17 with trade policies of the United States; and

18 (13) Federal and State transportation agencies.

19 (e) APPLICABILITY OF FACA.—Except as otherwise
20 provided in this section, the Federal Advisory Committee
21 Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall apply to the regional wildlife
22 movement councils.

23 **SEC. 11308. NATIONAL WILDLIFE CORRIDORS DATABASE.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after
25 the date of enactment of this Act, the Director of the

1 United States Geological Survey (referred to in this sec-
2 tion as the “Director”), in consultation with the National
3 Coordination Committee and the regional wildlife move-
4 ment councils, shall establish a database, to be known as
5 the “National Wildlife Corridors Database”.

6 (b) CONTENTS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Database shall—

8 (A) include maps, data, models, surveys,
9 and descriptions of native species habitats, wild-
10 life movements, and corridors that have been
11 developed by Federal agencies that pertain to
12 Federal land and water;

13 (B) include maps, models, analyses, and
14 descriptions of projected shifts in habitats, wild-
15 life movements, and corridors of native species
16 in response to climate change or other environ-
17 mental factors;

18 (C) reflect the best scientific data and in-
19 formation available; and

20 (D) in accordance with the requirements of
21 the Geospatial Data Act of 2018 (Public Law
22 115–254), have the data, models, and analyses
23 included in the Database available at scales
24 useful to State, Tribal, local, and Federal agen-
25 cy decisionmakers and the public.

1 (c) REQUIREMENTS.—Subject to subsection (d), the
2 Director, in collaboration with the National Coordination
3 Committee, the regional wildlife movement councils, and
4 the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmos-
5 pheric Administration, shall—

6 (1) design the Database to support State, Trib-
7 al, local, voluntary private landowner, and Federal
8 agency decisionmakers and the public with data that
9 will allow those entities—

10 (A) to prioritize and target natural re-
11 source adaptation strategies and enhance exist-
12 ing State and Tribal corridor protections;

13 (B) to assess the impacts of proposed en-
14 ergy, water, transportation, and transmission
15 projects, and other development activities, and
16 to avoid, minimize, and mitigate the impacts of
17 those projects and activities on National Wild-
18 life Corridors;

19 (C) to assess the impact of new and exist-
20 ing development on native species habitats and
21 National Wildlife Corridors; and

22 (D) to develop strategies that promote
23 habitat connectivity to allow native species to
24 move—

1 (i) to meet biological and ecological
2 needs;

3 (ii) to adjust to shifts in habitat; and

4 (iii) to adapt to climate change;

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

12 (3) not later than 5 years after the date of en-
13 actment of this Act, and not less frequently than
14 once every 5 years thereafter, develop, submit a re-
15 port to the Secretary and the appropriate commit-
16 tees of Congress, and make publicly available a re-
17 port, that, with respect to the Database—

18 (A) outlines the categories for data that
19 may be included in the Database;

20 (B) outlines the data protocols and stand-
21 ards for each category of data in the Database;

22 (C) identifies gaps in native species habitat
23 and National Wildlife Corridor information;

1 (D) prioritizes research and future data
2 collection activities for use in updating the
3 Database; and

4 (E) evaluates and quantifies the efficacy of
5 the Database to meet the needs of the entities
6 described in paragraph (1).

7 (d) PROPRIETARY INTERESTS AND PROTECTED IN-
8 FORMATION.—In developing the Database, the Director
9 shall—

10 (1) as applicable, protect proprietary interests
11 with respect to any licensed information, licensed
12 data, and other items contained in the Database;
13 and

14 (2) protect information in the Database with
15 respect to the habitats and ranges of specific native
16 species to prevent poaching, illegal taking and trap-
17 ping, and other related threats to native species.

18 **TITLE III—FUNDING**

19 **SEC. 11401. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

20 (a) NATIONAL WILDLIFE CORRIDOR SYSTEM.—
21 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out title
22 I for fiscal year 2020 and each fiscal year thereafter—

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

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

1 (3) to the Secretary of Commerce, \$3,000,000;

2 and

3 (4) to the Secretary of Transportation,

4 \$3,000,000.

5 (b) TRIBAL WILDLIFE CORRIDORS.—There is au-
6 thorized to be appropriated to carry out title II
7 \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2020 and each fiscal year there-
8 after.

9 (c) WILDLIFE MOVEMENTS GRANT PROGRAM AND
10 REGIONAL WILDLIFE MOVEMENT COUNCILS.—

11 (1) WILDLIFE MOVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to
13 be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out
14 the wildlife movements grant program under
15 section 11305 \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2022
16 and each fiscal year thereafter.

17 (B) REQUIREMENTS.—Amounts appro-
18 priated under subparagraph (A) may be used to
19 complement or match other Federal or non-
20 Federal funding received by the projects funded
21 by those grants.

22 (C) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.—Not
23 more than 5 percent of amounts appropriated
24 under subparagraph (A) may be used for ad-
25 ministrative support.

1 (2) REGIONAL WILDLIFE MOVEMENT COUN-
2 CILS.—

3 (A) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to
4 be appropriated to the Secretary to provide sup-
5 port for the regional wildlife movement councils
6 to carry out section 11307 \$1,000,000 for fiscal
7 year 2020 and each fiscal year thereafter.

8 (B) EQUAL DIVISION.—Amounts appro-
9 priated under subparagraph (A) shall be pro-
10 portionally divided between each regional wild-
11 life movement council.

12 (d) NATIONAL WILDLIFE CORRIDORS DATABASE.—
13 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary
14 to carry out section 11308—

15 (1) \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2022; and

16 (2) \$1,500,000 for fiscal year 2023 and each
17 fiscal year thereafter.

