

Trap Farm Park” shall be considered to be a reference to “Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts”, was executed by substituting “Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts” for “Wolf Trap Farm Park for the Performing Arts” in concluding provisions to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

§ 1f. Challenge cost-share agreement authority

(1) Definitions

For purposes of this subsection:

(A) The term “challenge cost-share agreement” means any agreement entered into between the Secretary and any cooperator for the purpose of sharing costs or services in carrying out authorized functions and responsibilities of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to any unit or program of the National Park System (as defined in section 1c(a) of this title), any affiliated area, or any designated National Scenic or Historic Trail.

(B) The term “cooperator” means any State or local government, public or private agency, organization, institution, corporation, individual, or other entity.

(2) Challenge cost-share agreements

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to negotiate and enter into challenge cost-share agreements with cooperators.

(3) Use of Federal funds

In carrying out challenge cost-share agreements, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to provide the Federal funding share from any funds available to the National Park Service.

(Pub. L. 104-333, div. I, title VIII, §814(g), Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4199.)

§ 1g. Cooperative agreements

The National Park Service may in fiscal year 1997 and thereafter enter into cooperative agreements that involve the transfer of National Park Service appropriated funds to State, local and tribal governments, other public entities, educational institutions, and private nonprofit organizations for the public purpose of carrying out National Park Service programs pursuant to section 6305 of title 31 to carry out public purposes of National Park Service programs.

(Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, §101(d) [title I], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-181, 3009-189.)

§ 1h. Sums provided by private entities for utility services

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in fiscal year 2003 and thereafter, sums provided to the National Park Service by private entities for utility services shall be credited to the appropriate account and remain available until expended.

(Pub. L. 108-7, div. F, title I, Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 227.)

§ 1i. Reimbursable agreements

Heretofore and hereafter, in carrying out the work under reimbursable agreements with any State, local or tribal government, the National Park Service may, without regard to section

1341 of title 31 or any other provision of law or regulation, record obligations against accounts receivable from such entities, and shall credit amounts received from such entities to the appropriate account, such credit to occur within 90 days of the date of the original request by the National Park Service for payment.

(Pub. L. 108-7, div. F, title I, Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 227.)

§ 1j. Cooperative agreements for national park natural resource protection

(a) In general

The Secretary of the Interior (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”) may enter into cooperative agreements with State, local, or tribal governments, other Federal agencies, other public entities, educational institutions, private nonprofit organizations, or participating private landowners for the purpose of protecting natural resources of units of the National Park System through collaborative efforts on land inside and outside of National Park System units.

(b) Terms and conditions

A cooperative agreement entered into under subsection (a) shall provide clear and direct benefits to park natural resources and—

(1) provide for—

(A) the preservation, conservation, and restoration of coastal and riparian systems, watersheds, and wetlands;

(B) preventing, controlling, or eradicating invasive exotic species that are within a unit of the National Park System or adjacent to a unit of the National Park System; or

(C) restoration of natural resources, including native wildlife habitat or ecosystems;

(2) include a statement of purpose demonstrating how the agreement will—

(A) enhance science-based natural resource stewardship at the unit of the National Park System; and

(B) benefit the parties to the agreement;

(3) specify any staff required and technical assistance to be provided by the Secretary or other parties to the agreement in support of activities inside and outside the unit of the National Park System that will—

(A) protect natural resources of the unit of the National Park System; and

(B) benefit the parties to the agreement;

(4) identify any materials, supplies, or equipment and any other resources that will be contributed by the parties to the agreement or by other Federal agencies;

(5) describe any financial assistance to be provided by the Secretary or the partners to implement the agreement;

(6) ensure that any expenditure by the Secretary pursuant to the agreement is determined by the Secretary to support the purposes of natural resource stewardship at a unit of the National Park System; and

(7) include such other terms and conditions as are agreed to by the Secretary and the other parties to the agreement.