

Summary of National Park and Related Laws: Enacted in the 116th Congress (2019-2021)

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National Park and Related Laws

Note: All items, below, marked with an asterisk * were part of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act, with the applicable section of that act noted in parenthesis. The act was signed into law on March 12, 2019.

New park units

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2206(a)), to establish in statute the Pearl Harbor National Memorial in Hawaii and to remove it from the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument. This law reestablished the Pearl Harbor National Memorial as a unit of the National Park System, which the NPS previously managed under an agreement with the U.S. Navy, but which never had its own authorizing law. The memorial takes the place of the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument that no longer exists as a separate unit of the system since all of the monument's land areas were divided into separate units managed either by the NPS or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Other NPS units redesignated or renamed from the previous monument are noted below, and under Park Name Changes.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2206(b)), to redesignate the areas of the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument in California as the Tule Lake National Monument.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2301), to establish the Medgar and Myrlie Evers Home National Monument in the state of Mississippi upon the acquisition of sufficient lands to constitute a manageable unit. The park was officially established on November 9, 2020, upon the acquisition of the land.

P.L. 116-9, (*S. 2302), to establish the Mill Springs Battlefield National Monument in Kentucky as a unit of the National Park System upon the donation of sufficient lands to constitute a manageable unit. The park was officially established on September 22, 2020, upon the acquisition of the land.

Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial, Washington, D.C., which was previously authorized by P.L. 109-220 and P.L. 107-117, was formally dedicated and became a unit of the National Park System on September 18, 2020.

Park Name Changes

P.L. 116-6, to redesignate Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore as Indiana Dunes National Park and redesignate the Miller-Woods Trail in the park as the Paul H. Douglas Trail (included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019 as section 115 of Division E). Signed on February 15, 2019.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2102(b)(1)), to redesignate Ocmulgee National Monument in Georgia as Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park.

P.L. 116-9, (*S. 2201), to redesignate the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site in New Hampshire as the Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2203), to establish the Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie National Historical Park in the State of South Carolina, by placing Fort Moultrie and the Sullivan's Island Life-Saving Station Historic District, both of which NPS has managed for many years, within the boundary of the park in statute and by redesignating the park as a national historical park.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2204(b)(1)), to redesignate the Reconstruction Era National Monument in South Carolina as the Reconstruction Era National Historical Park.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2205(b)), to redesignate Golden Spike National Historic Site as Golden Spike National Historical Park.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2206(d)), to redesignate the Honouliuli National Monument in Hawaii, which was part of the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument, as the Honouliuli National Historic Site.

P.L. 116-9, (*S. 2303), to establish in statute the Camp Nelson Heritage National Monument in the Commonwealth of Kentucky as a unit of the National Park System, upon sufficient lands being acquired to constitute a manageable unit and upon donation of the land. The park had previously been designated as a national monument by Presidential Proclamation 9811 on October 26, 2018.

P.L. 116-92, to authorize the establishment of the White Sands National Park consisting of the White Sands National Monument and 8,592 acres transferred from secretary of the army from the White Sands Missile Range. The law also authorizes the transfer of 3,737 acres from the secretary of the interior to the secretary of the army (included in the FY 2020 Defense Authorization Act as section 2851 of Division B, Title XXVIII, Subtitle E). Signed on December 20, 2019.

P.L. 116-260, to designate New River Gorge National River in the State of West Virginia as the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve (included as section 202 of Division FF, Title II of the Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY 2021). Signed on December 27, 2020.

P.L. 116-305, to redesignate the Weir Farm National Historic Site in the State of Connecticut as the "Weir Farm National Historical Park". Signed on January 5, 2021.

P.L. 116-328, to rename the Homestead National Monument of America near Beatrice, Nebraska, as the Homestead National Historical Park. Signed on January 13, 2021.

P.L. 116-341, to redesignate the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site as the “Jimmy Carter National Historical Park”. Signed on January 13, 2021.

Park Boundary Revisions

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 1431), to transfer 35,292 acres from BLM to NPS to add to the boundary of Death Valley National Park in California.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 1432), to transfer 25 acres from BLM to NPS in the Mojave National Preserve in California where an NPS-owned maintenance facility exists.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 1433), to transfer 2,879 acres from BLM to NPS along the northern boundary of Joshua Tree National Park in California, and adjust the boundary of the park to include a donation of 1,639 acres from the Mojave Desert Land Trust.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 1433(e)), to authorize NPS to acquire the Joshua Tree Visitor Center outside the boundary of Joshua Tree National Park in California, now owned by the Joshua Tree National Park Association.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2101(b)), to expand the boundary of Shiloh National Military Park in Tennessee and Mississippi to add the Fallen Timbers Battlefield, the Russell House Battlefield, and the Davis Bridge Battlefield.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2102(b)(2)), to revise the boundaries of Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park to include an additional 2,100 acres of land.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2103), to revise the boundary of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park in Georgia to include the Wallis House and Hairston Hill.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2104), to expand the boundary of Ft. Frederica National Monument in Georgia to include a 20-acre property, known as the North Marsh, owned by the St. Simons Land Trust, and to increase the maximum acreage within the boundary from 250 acres to 305 acres to reflect the acreage already in the park boundary, along with the North Marsh acquisition.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2105), to modify the boundary of the Fort Scott National Historic Site, Kansas to allow the acquisition of the Lunette Blair blockhouse.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2106), to modify the maximum acreage available for inclusion in the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, Colorado, to allow NPS to accept a donation of land.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2107), to transfer administrative jurisdiction from BLM to NPS for several properties within the boundary of Voyageurs National Park in Minnesota and to authorize the exchange of lands between NPS and Minnesota for a couple of state-owned properties within the park’s boundaries.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2108(a) – (e) and (g)), to clarify the boundary of Acadia National Park in Maine by ratifying in statute the Schoodic Peninsula addition to the park and to set limitations on further boundary revisions to the park.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2109(a)), to modify the boundaries of the St. Genevieve National Historical Park in St. Genevieve, Missouri to allow land to be used as a visitor center for the park.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2109(b)), to modify the boundary of the Harry S Truman National Historic Site to authorize the acquisition of approximately one acre of land from the city of Independence, Missouri for use as a visitor center.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2110), to authorize the acquisition of the 89-acre Morgan property for addition to the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site in the State of New York.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2204(b)(2)), to revise the boundary of the Reconstruction Era National Historical Park in South Carolina to authorize the inclusion of lands within the Beaufort National Historic Landmark and on Saint Helena Island with a historic connection to the park, and federal lands adjacent to Camp Saxton.

P.L. 116-92, to provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over 16 acres encompassing Memorial Avenue – the road leading into Arlington National Cemetery – from the National Park Service to the Secretary of the Army, which runs the cemetery. The National Park Service would receive just over 1 acre adjacent to Arlington House -The Robert E. Lee Memorial, which includes wooded land and an historic building, from the Secretary of the Army (included in the FY 2020 Defense Authorization Act as section 2834 of Division B, Title XXVIII, Subtitle C).

P.L. 116-260, to authorize a boundary adjustment of Saguaro National Park in the State of Arizona, increasing the park by approximately 1,152 acres. (included as section 201 of Division FF, Title II of the Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY 2021). Signed on December 27, 2020.

P.L. 116-301, to authorize the Department of the Interior to acquire, by donation, approximately 40 acres of specified nonfederal land for inclusion in Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado. Signed on January 5, 2021.

P.L. 116-302, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to correct a land ownership error within the boundary of Rocky Mountain National Park. Signed on January 5, 2021.

P.L. 116-329, to authorize the inclusion of 160 acres of land by donation as part of the Yucca House National Monument in Colorado. Signed on January 13, 2021.

Specific Park Authorizations

P.L. 116-6, to require the Secretary of the Interior to designate the rest area bounded by Alexandria Avenue, West Boulevard Drive, and the George Washington Memorial Parkway in

Virginia on the Mount Vernon Trail within the George Washington Memorial Parkway as the 'Peter B. Webster III Memorial Area' and requires the installation of a plaque honoring Peter B. Webster III at the site (included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019 as section 118 of Division E). Signed on February 15, 2019.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 1433 (c)), to provide for the administration by the National Park Service of 25 acres of lands that were added to Joshua Tree National Park in California via a Federal Register Notice in 2003.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2108(f)), to allow traditional taking of marine species, marine worms, and shellfish on certain land in Acadia National Park in Maine.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2401), to amend the Denali National Park Improvement Act to clarify certain provisions relating to the natural gas pipeline authorized in Denali National Park and Preserve, Alaska.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2405), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to grant to States and local governments easements and rights-of-way over federal land within Gateway National Recreation Area for construction, operation, and maintenance of projects for control and prevention of flooding and shoreline erosion.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2408), to promote continued use of the James J. Howard Marine Sciences Laboratory at Gateway National Recreation Area by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2412), to designate the bridge located in Blount County, Tennessee, on the Foothills Parkway in Great Smoky Mountains National Park (commonly known as Bridge 2) as the "Dean Stone Bridge."

P.L. 116-92, to require the Secretary of Defense, in conjunction with the Director of the National Park Service and the Chief of the Forest Service, to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House a plan for real-time monitoring of noise relating to field carrier landing practice from flights associated with the Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Washington, and conducted above or adjacent to Olympic National Park, Olympic National Forest, and Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve (included in the FY 2020 Defense Authorization Act as section 325 of Division A, Title III, Subtitle B). Signed on December 20, 2019.

P.L. 116-92, to express the sense of Congress that the secretary of the Navy should, as appropriate, recommend executive action in favor of the 49 remaining Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial sailors with general court-martial convictions and the 207 remaining sailors with summary court-martial convictions following the deadliest home front disaster in World War II (included in the FY 2020 Defense Authorization Act as section 540N of Division A, Title V, Subtitle D). Signed on December 20, 2019.

P.L. 116-94, to provide certain limitations on oil and gas development near Chaco Culture National Historical Park (included in the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY 2020 as section 442). Signed on December 20, 2019. Signed on December 20, 2019.

P.L. 116-94, to designate the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, located in Ashland, Wisconsin just outside of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, and of which NPS is one of the operating partners, as the David R. Obey Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center (included in the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY 2020 as section 443). Signed on December 20, 2019.

P.L. 116-100, to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam, within Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area. Signed on December 20, 2019.

P.L. 116-260, to provide additional funds for the Central Everglades ecosystem restoration project. The bill has provisions related to dams, waterways, lakes, or rivers that could potentially impact national park sites adjacent or near these water resources (included as section 324 of Division AA, Title III of the Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY 2021). Signed on December 27, 2020.

National Heritage Areas

P.L. 116-6, to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Tennessee, the Augusta Canal in Georgia, and the South Carolina National Heritage Areas for an additional two years through September 30, 2019 (included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019 as section 117 of Division E). Signed on February 15, 2019.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 6001(a)(1)), to establish the Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area in the states of West Virginia and Maryland.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 6001(a)(2)), to establish the Maritime Washington National Heritage Area in the state of Washington.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 6001(a)(3)), to establish the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area in the state of Washington.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 6001(a)(4)), to establish the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area in the state of California.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 6001(a)(5)), to establish the Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area in the state of Arizona.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 6001(a)(6)), to establish the Susquehanna National Heritage Area in the state of Pennsylvania.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 6002), to include Livingston County, the city of Jonesboro in Union County, and the city of Freeport in Stephenson County, Illinois, to the Lincoln National Heritage Area.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 6003), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating certain land as the Finger Lakes National Heritage Area, New York.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 6004(a)), to increase the authorization of appropriations for the Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area in Pennsylvania from \$17 million to \$20 million.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 6004(b)), to increase the authorization of appropriations for the Essex National Heritage Area in Massachusetts from \$17 million to \$20 million.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 6004(c)), to increase the authorization of appropriations to \$20 million for the Ohio and Erie National Heritage Canalway in Ohio.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 6004(d)), to increase the authorization of appropriations for the Blue Ridge National Heritage Area in North Carolina from \$12 million to \$14 million, and to change the expiration date for this assistance to September 30, 2021.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 6004(e)), to increase the authorization of appropriations for the MotorCities National Heritage Area in Michigan from \$10 million to \$12 million.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 6004(f)), to increase the authorization of appropriations for the Wheeling National Heritage Area in West Virginia from \$13 million to \$15 million.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 6004(g)), to change the expiration date for financial assistance to the Tennessee National Heritage Area to September 30, 2021.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 6004(h)), to change the expiration date for financial assistance to the Augusta Canal National Heritage Area in Georgia to September 30, 2021.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 6004(i)), to change the expiration date for financial assistance to the South Carolina National Heritage Area to September 30, 2021.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 6004(j)), to change the name of the management entity for the Oil Region National Heritage Area in Pennsylvania to the Oil Region Alliance of Business, Tourism, and Industry.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 6004(k)), to change the name of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area in New York to the Maurice D. Hinchey Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area.

P.L. 116-94, to extend the authority for federal funding for the National Aviation Heritage Area and the Oil Region National Heritage Area through September 20, 2022; to increase the ceiling on appropriations for the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor and the South Carolina National Heritage Area from \$15 million to \$17 million; and to increase the

ceiling on appropriations for the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor from \$12 million to \$14 million (included in the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY 2020 as section 113). Signed on December 20, 2019.

P.L. 116-94, to require the secretary of the interior to conduct a study of the Kentucky Wildlands in several counties of the Appalachian Mountains in eastern Kentucky to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating the area as a National Heritage Area. (included in the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY 2020 as Title XVIII of Division P). Signed on December 20, 2019.

P.L. 116-260, to increase the ceiling for appropriations from \$15 million to \$17 million for the America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership (Silos and Smokestacks) and from \$10 million to \$12 million for the Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area (included as section 113 of Division G of the Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY 2021). Signed on December 27, 2020.

National Trails

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2501), to revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota and to extend the trail into Vermont to connect with the Appalachian National Scenic Trail.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2502), to amend the National Trails System Act to extend the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2503), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to place signage on Federal land along the trail known as the "American Discovery Trail".

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2504), to provide for the study of the Pike National Historic Trail as a potential additional to the National Trails System.

P.L. 116-111, to provide for the study of the Emancipation National Historic Trail, extending approximately 51 miles from Galveston, Texas, to Freedmen's Town and Emancipation Park in Houston, Texas. Signed on January 27, 2020.

Wild and Scenic Rivers

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 1301), to designate segments of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 1302), to designate certain river segments within the Wood-Pawcatuck watershed in Rhode Island and Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 1303), to designate segments of the Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers in Massachusetts and New Hampshire as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 1457 (a) and (b)), to designate as part of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System, 7.5 miles of Amargosa River and 7.1 miles of Surprise Canyon Creek, both near Death Valley National Park in California.

Wilderness Areas

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 1411(c)), to expand the Death Valley National Park Wilderness in California by 87,999 acres.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 1431(d)), to authorize the continued operation and maintenance of the Mormon Peak Microwave Facility on one acre of land within the Death Valley National Park wilderness in California.

National Memorials, Lands, and Museums in Washington, D.C.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2202), to redesignate the small triangular property located in Washington, DC, and designated by the National Park Service as reservation 302 as "Robert Emmet Park".

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2403), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a cooperative management agreement for park lands within the District of Columbia.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2406), to establish the Adams Memorial Commission, a federal commission, to carry out the provisions of Public Law 107-62, which had previously authorized the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a memorial on federal land in Washington, D.C. to honor the legacy of President John Adams and his family and their service to the nation.

P.L. 116-28, to request the Secretary of the Interior to authorize unique and one-time arrangements for displays on the National Mall and the Washington Monument during the period beginning on July 16, 2019 and ending on July 20, 2019 in commemoration of the first moon landing. Signed on July 5, 2019.

P.L. 116-94, to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to issue a commemorative coin in 2021 with the proceeds going to the National Law Enforcement Museum in Washington, D.C., to be used for educational and outreach programs and exhibits (included in the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY 2020 as Division K). Signed on December 20, 2019.

P.L. 116-217, to authorize Every Word We Utter Monument, a non-profit organization, to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia in commemoration of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which gave women the right to vote. Signed on December 17, 2020.

P.L. 116-248, to authorize the Daughters of the Republic of Texas to establish the Republic of Texas Legation Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia. Signed on December 22, 2020.

P.L. 116-253, to authorize the Fallen Journalists Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs. Signed on December 23, 2020.

P.L. 116-260, to establish, within the Smithsonian Institution, the Women's History Museum and the National Museum of the American Latino in the District of Columbia. The secretary of the Smithsonian is required to consult with a variety of individuals, including the director of the National Park Service, on the establishment of both museums. (included as Division T of the Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY 2021). Signed on December 27, 2020.

P.L. 116-283, to authorize modifications to the First Division Monument located on Federal land in President's Park in the District of Columbia in order to honor the members of the First Infantry Division who paid the ultimate sacrifice during United States operations, including Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn, and Operation Enduring Freedom. (included as section 1083 of Title X, Subtitle G, of the Defense Authorization Act for FY 2021). The bill became law on January 1, 2021, without the president's signature when the House and Senate overrode his veto of the bill.

P.L. 116-318, to extend the authority for the establishment by the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation of a commemorative work to commemorate the mission of the Peace Corps and the ideals on which the Peace Corps was founded. Signed on January 5, 2021.

Affiliated Areas

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2101(c)), to establish the Parker's Crossroads Battlefield in Tennessee as an affiliated area of the national park system.

P.L. 116-283, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide funds from the National Park Service's national recreation and preservation account to the Oklahoma City National Memorial endowment fund (included as section 9501 of Division H, Title XCV, of the Defense Authorization Act for FY 2021). The bill became law on January 1, 2021, without the president's signature when the House and Senate overrode his veto of the bill.

Other Designations

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 9008), to designate the Quindaro Townsite in Kansas City, Kansas, as a National Commemorative Site, which shall not be a unit of the national park system.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 9009), to officially designate the National Comedy Center in Jamestown, New York as the National Comedy Center, which shall not be a unit of the national park system.

Natural Resource Authorities

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 1114), to improve wildfire management operations and the safety of firefighters and communities with the best available technology.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2409), to authorize the transport of bows and crossbows not ready for immediate use in vehicles traveling across NPS lands.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2410), to authorize the use of qualified volunteers in wildlife management on NPS lands.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 4105), to require each federal land management agency, including NPS, to submit a list of areas where access is restricted for hunting, fishing, or recreational purposes, and options for providing access to the areas.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 5001), to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish within the U.S. Geological Survey a system, to be known as the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System'', to monitor, warn, and protect citizens of the United States from undue and avoidable harm from volcanic activity.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 7001), to plan and carry out activities on land managed by the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of the Army for land managed by the Corps of Engineers, and the Secretary of Agriculture to protect water and wildlife by controlling and managing invasive species.

P.L. 116-14, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to execute and carry out agreements concerning Colorado River Drought Contingency Management and Operations. The bill affects reservoirs within the Colorado River System. Signed on April 16, 2019.

P.L. 116-186, to amend the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003 to include California in the program. Signed on October 30, 2020.

P.L. 116-224, to improve efforts to combat marine debris. Signed on December 18, 2020.

P.L. 116-260, to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to improve interagency cooperation for solar, wind, and geothermal permits on federal land with the goal of permitting at least 25 gigawatts (GW) of electricity from wind, solar, and geothermal projects by 2025 (included as Subtitle B of Division Z, Title III of the Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY 2021). Signed on December 27, 2020.

P.L. 116-337, to reauthorize the National Estuary Program for FY 22- FY 26 and revise the program, which provides grants to protect or restore estuaries of national significance by expanding the types of projects that qualify for grants under the program, such as projects that address issues related to coastal resiliency, stormwater runoff, or accelerated land loss. Signed on January 13, 2021.

P.L. 116-340, to require individuals fishing for Gulf reef fish to use certain descending devices. Signed on January 13, 2021.

Cultural Resource Authorities

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2204(c)), to establish the Reconstruction Era National Historic Network within the National Park Service to produce and disseminate educational information on the Reconstruction Era and to enter into agreements to provide technical assistance.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2205(c)), to establish within the NPS a program to commemorate and interpret the Transcontinental Railroad.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2402), to reauthorize the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Historic Preservation grant program through fiscal year 2025.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2407), to redesignate the U.S. Civil Rights Network as the African American Civil Rights Network.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 9007), to direct the Secretary of the Interior to annually designate at least one city in the United States as an "American World War II Heritage City".

P.L. 116-92, to authorize the secretary of defense to contribute up to \$5 million from the sale of vessels sold for scrap to the National Maritime Heritage Grants program, which is administered by the National Park Service (included in the FY 2020 Defense Authorization Act as section 1750 of Division A, Title XVII, Subtitle B). Signed on December 20, 2019.

Fee Authorities

P.L. 116-6, to extend the recreation fee program for one year through October 1, 2020 (included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019 as section 427 of Division E). Signed on February 15, 2019.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2404), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish fees for medical services provided in about a dozen remote western park units of the National Park System, to deposit them into a fund within the U.S. Treasury, and to use the fees at the parks where they are collected, subject to annual appropriations by Congress.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 9001), to establish in statute a program, to be known as the "Every Kid Outdoors program", to provide free access to federal land and waters for fourth-grade students and up to three accompanying individuals or all accompanying adults in a car. This section codified the program for seven years, begun under the Obama administration.

P.L. 116-94, to extend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act authority to collect fees on public lands through October 1, 2021 (included in the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY 2020 as section 425). Signed on December 20, 2019.

P.L. 116-205, to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to provide for a lifetime National Recreational Pass for any veteran with a service-connected disability. Signed on December 3, 2020.

P.L. 116-260, to make permanent the authority for NPS to classify monies received into the Medical Service Fund as offsetting receipts for the ten national parks that provide medical services to employees and visitors in their parks. (included as section 118 of Division G of the Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY 2021). Signed on December 27, 2020.

P.L. 116-260, to extend the authority to collect fees under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act through October 1, 2022 (included as section 423 of Division G of the Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY 2021). Signed on December 27, 2020.

P.L. 116-283, to make the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass available at no cost to members of Gold Star Families (included as section 625 of Division A, Title VI, Subtitle C of the Defense Authorization Act for FY 2021). The bill became law on January 1, 2021, without the president's signature when the House and Senate overrode his veto of the bill.

Lands Authorities

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 1203), to withdraw specified National Forest System land in the Methow River watershed in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest near North Cascades National Park in Washington from location, entry, and patent under mining laws; and from disposition under all laws pertaining to mineral and geothermal leasing.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 1204), to withdraw specified National Forest System land in the Custer Gallatin National Forest in Park County, Montana, north of Yellowstone National Park from location, entry, and patent under mining laws; and from disposition under all laws pertaining to mineral and geothermal leasing.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2411), to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey the reversionary interest held by the United States in the Western Trails Interpretive Center in Council Bluffs, Iowa, if the secretary determines it is no longer in the public interest to operate and maintain the center.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 3001), to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). The section also would amend the LWCF by requiring that 40 percent of the receipts deposited into the fund would be available for grants to the states. Current law only requires that 40 percent of the fund be available for federal land acquisition purposes and is silent on the amount to be used for state grants.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 3002), to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a conservation incentives landowner education program to provide information on federal conservation programs available to landowners interested in undertaking conservation actions on their lands.

P.L. 116-94, to extend the authorization for the American Battlefield Protection Act through FY 2028; to increase the authorization of appropriations from \$10 million to \$18 million annually; to require the secretary of the interior to establish a battlefield interpretation modernization matching grant program; and to require the secretary to establish a battlefield restoration matching grant program ((included in the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY 2020 as Title VII of Division P). Signed on December 20, 2019.

P.L. 116-260, to authorize the National Park Service to convey lands to Virginia and the District of Columbia for purposes of transportation and recreation for the so-called Long Bridge project, which is a railroad, bicycle and pedestrian access project across the Potomac River (included as section 120 of Division G of the Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY 2021). Signed on December 27, 2020.

Miscellaneous Authorities

P.L. 116-9, (*S. 9002), to direct the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture to expedite access to certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of each Secretary for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 9003), to amend the Public Lands Corps Act of 1993 to establish the 21st Century Conservation Service Corps to place youth and veterans in national service positions to conserve, restore, and enhance the great outdoors of the United States.

P.L. 116-57, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to request nominations for and make determinations regarding roads to be designated under the national scenic byways program. Signed on September 22, 2019.

P.L. 116-67, to require that the POW/MIA flag be displayed on all days that the flag of the United States is displayed on certain Federal property. Signed on November 7, 2019.

P.L. 116-71, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, giving women in the United States the right to vote. Signed on November 25, 2019.

P.L. 116-94, to extend the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network for one year (included in the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY 2020 as section 434). Signed on December 20, 2019.

P.L. 116-103, to modernize Federal grant reporting. Signed into law on December 30, 2019.

P.L. 116-106, to ensure the Secretary of Veterans Affairs permits the display of Fallen Soldier Displays in national cemeteries. Signed on January 7, 2020.

P.L. 116-160, to require the Administrator of General Services to issue guidance to clarify that Federal agencies may pay by charge card for the charging of Federal electric motor vehicles. Signed on October 1, 2020.

P.L. 116-188, to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network through 2025 (included in America's Conservation Enhancement Act, which concerns a number of programs of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service). Signed on October 30, 2020.

P.L. 116-195, to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the women in the United States who joined the workforce during World War II, providing the aircraft, vehicles, weaponry, ammunition and other material to win the war, that were referred to as "Rosie the Riveter", in recognition of their contributions to the United States and the inspiration they have provided to ensuing generations. Signed on December 3, 2020.

P.L. 116-260, to repeal several criminal penalties for violations that do not involve serious wrongdoing, at least not serious enough to warrant criminal prosecution and the consequences of a criminal record. This includes the unauthorized use of the "Smokey Bear" character or name, the "Woodsy Owl" character, name, or slogan, or "The Golden Eagle Insignia." (included as section 1002 of Division O, Title X of the Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY 2021). Signed on December 27, 2020.

P.L. 116-330, to require the Department of the Treasury to mint and issue quarter-dollar coins in commemoration of the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment granting women the right to vote. The design on the reverse of each coin shall be emblematic of the accomplishments and contributions of a prominent woman who was a resident of a state, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. territory. Signed on January 13, 2021.

Special Resource Studies

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2001), to authorize a special resource study of the President James K. Polk Home in Columbia, Tennessee, as a potential unit of the national park system.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2002), to authorize a special resource study of Public School 103 in West Baltimore, Maryland, which former Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall attended as a youth, and any other resources in the surrounding neighborhood that relate to his early life.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2003), to authorize a special resource study of President Street Station, a railroad terminal in Baltimore, Maryland.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2004), to authorize a special resource study of the site known as "Amache", a Japanese American relocation site in World War II in the State of Colorado.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2005), to authorize a special resource study of the childhood home of former President George W. Bush, which is located at 1412 West Ohio Avenue in Midland, Texas.

P.L. 116-9, (*Sec. 2102(c)), to study a portion of the Ocmulgee river corridor in Georgia to determine if it should be protected as part of the national park system.

P.L. 116-260, to require the Secretary of Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the 1908 Springfield, Illinois Race Riot (included as section 432 of Division G of the Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY 2021). Signed on December 27, 2020.

P.L. 116-336, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the sites associated with the life and legacy of the noted American philanthropist and business executive Julius Rosenwald, with a special focus on the Rosenwald Schools. Signed on January 13, 2021.

Appropriations for the National Park Service

P.L. 116-1, to provide for the compensation of Federal and other government employees affected by lapses in appropriations. Signed on January 16, 2019.

P.L. 116-5, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2019. The joint resolution makes continuing appropriations for the remaining federal agencies that are affected by the federal government shutdown, including the Department of the Interior, through February 15, 2019. Signed on January 25, 2019.

P.L. 116-6, making further continuing appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2019. This joint resolution includes appropriations for the remainder of the fiscal year for a number of federal agencies whose appropriations bill had not yet been signed into law, including the Department of the Interior. Signed on February 15, 2019.

P.L. 116-20, to make supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019. Signed on June 6, 2019.

P.L. 116-37, to establish a congressional budget for fiscal years 2020 and 2021, and to temporarily suspend the debt limit. Signed on August 2, 2019.

P.L. 116-59, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2020. The bill makes continuing appropriations to all federal agencies, including the National Park Service, through November 21, 2019. Signed on September 27, 2019.

P.L. 116-69, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2020. The bill makes continuing appropriations for all federal agencies, including the National Park Service, through December 20, 2019. Signed on November 21, 2019.

P.L. 116-94, making further consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. The bill makes continuing appropriations for various federal agencies, including the National Park Service, for the remainder of FY 2020. Signed on December 20, 2019.

P.L. 116-127, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. Signed on March 18, 2020.

P.L. 116-139, to provide additional funding for small business loans, health care providers, and COVID-19 testing. Signed on April 24, 2020.

P.L. 116-152, to establish, fund, and provide for the use of amounts in a National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund to address the maintenance backlog of the National Park Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Forest Service, and the Bureau of Indian Education, and to provide permanent, dedicated funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Signed on August 4, 2020.

P.L. 116-159, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2021. The bill extends funding for all federal agencies through December 11, 2020. Signed on October 1, 2020.

P.L. 116-215, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2021. The bill extends funding for all federal agencies through December 18, 2020. Signed on December 11, 2020.

P.L. 116-225, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2021. The bill extends funding for all federal agencies through December 20, 2020. Signed on December 18, 2020.

P.L. 116-226, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2021. The bill extends funding for all federal agencies through December 21, 2020. Signed on December 20, 2020.

P.L. 116-246, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2021. The bill extends funding for all federal agencies through December 28, 2020. Signed on December 22, 2020.

P.L. 116-260, making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, providing coronavirus emergency response and relief. This law funds all federal agencies through the remainder of FY 2021, including the National Park Service. Signed on December 27, 2020.

Federal Commissions and Commemorations

P.L. 116-156, to establish the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys, and to study and make recommendations to address social problems affecting Black men and boys. Signed on August 14, 2020.

P.L. 116-256, to establish the Route 66 Centennial Commission. Signed on December 23, 2020.

P.L. 116-282, to modify certain membership and other requirements of the United States Semiquincentennial Commission. Signed on December 31, 2020.

Federal Employees

P.L. 116-92, to provide paid family leave of 12 weeks for every 12-month period for federal employees (included in the FY 2020 Defense Authorization Act as sections 7601-7606 of Division F, Title LXXVI, Subtitle A). Signed on December 20, 2019.

P.L. 116-127, to provide government employees two weeks of paid sick leave, paid at the employee's regular rate, to quarantine or seek a diagnosis or preventive care for coronavirus; or paid at two-thirds the employee's regular rate to care for a family member for such purposes or to care for a child whose school has closed, or child care provider is unavailable, due to the coronavirus and to ensure that individuals enrolled in TRICARE, covered veterans, and federal workers have coverage for COVID-19 diagnostic testing without cost-sharing (included in the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for FY 2020). Signed on March 18, 2020.

P.L. 116-260, to allow individuals whose Social Security payroll taxes were deferred in 2020 to have until December 31, 2021 to repay those taxes, and to require that interest and penalties not begin to be accrued until January 1, 2022. (included as section 274 of Division N, Subtitle B). Signed on December 27, 2020.