

Summary of National Park Service laws in 114th Congress

New units of the park system:

Pullman National Monument – Proclamation 9233

Honouliuli National Monument – Proclamation 9234

Waco Mammoth Site National Monument – Proclamation 9299

Castle Mountains National Monument – Proclamation 9394

Belmont-Paul Women's Rights National Monument – Proclamation 9423

Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument – Proclamation 9476

New affiliated areas:

Natural Bridge State Park in VA – Secretarial Decision Memo of 8-29-16.

National Park Service Centennial:

Prepares the National Park Service for its Centennial in 2016 and for a second century of promoting and protecting the natural, historic, and cultural resources of our National Parks for the enjoyment of present and future generations – P.L. 114-289 as follows:

Establishes a National Park Centennial Challenge Fund

Establishes a Second Century Endowment within the National Park Foundation

Increases the cost of the lifetime senior pass and creates a new annual senior pass for entrance to federal lands with the NPS collections from these sales going to the National Park Centennial Challenge Fund and the Second Century Endowment

Requires park units and related areas to be managed with the use of a program of the highest quality interpretation and education

Authorizes participation in the Public Land Corps up to age 30 and extends the non-competitive hiring period to two years following completion of the program

Increases the ceiling on spending for the Volunteers in the Parks Program to \$9 million annually

Changes the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of the Park Service to ex officio, non-voting members of the National Park Foundation Board while assuring foundation activities are consistent with NPS programs and policies

Includes the General Chairman of the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers as a member of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

Requires the chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to be presidentially appointed and confirmed by the Senate and to serve full-time

Authorizes new services to be added to existing concessions contracts as long as they do not represent a material change to the services required in the contract

Makes a number of technical corrections to various park and program laws

Establishes a Visitor Services Improvement Authority as a new tool to provide visitor services in national parks

Reauthorizes the Historic Preservation Fund through FY 2023

Requires federal agency nominations to the National Register of Historic Places to be sent to the State Historic Preservation Officer for review

National Park Service Authorities:

Provides authority to hire seasonal land management agency employees non-competitively into permanent federal jobs - P.L. 114-47.
Increases the authorization for the Volunteers in Parks program (included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016) – P.L. 114-113.
Provides clarification of the authority to hire seasonal land management agency employees non-competitively into permanent federal jobs (included in the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2017) – P.L. 114-~~322~~.

Boundary modifications:

Revises the boundary of Petersburg National Battlefield, VA (included in the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2017) – P.L. 114-~~328~~.
Transfers administrative jurisdiction over land from the Army Corps of Engineers to NPS for inclusion in Mammoth Cave National Park (included in the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the National Act) – P.L. 114-322.

Heritage areas:

Increases the ceiling on appropriations for the Wheeling, Rivers of Steel, Essex, and Erie Canalway NHAs, and extends the authority for federal funding until September 30, 2017 for the Tennessee, Augusta Canal, and South Caroling NHAs (included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016) – P.L. 114-113.
Extends authority for federal funding through October 12, 2021 for the Gullah Geechee National Heritage Corridor Commission - P.L. 114-233.

Wilderness:

Redesignates the Olympic Wilderness in Olympic National Park as the Daniel J. Evans Wilderness – P.L. 114-272.

Natural resource authorities:

Extends the authority for the Chesapeake Bay Gateway Watertrails Network through FY 17 (included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016) – P.L. 114-113.
Approves the Blackfeet Water Rights Settlement, which affects Glacier National Park (included in the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the National Act) – P.L. 114-322.

Cultural resource authorities:

Revises authorities for the National Maritime Heritage Program within the Department of Commerce (included in the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2017) – P.L. 114-~~328~~.

Fee authorities:

Provides an extension of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act through September 30, 2017 – (included in Continuing Appropriations, 2016) - P.L. 114-53.

Provides an extension of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act through September 30, 2018 – (included in Continuing Appropriations, 2017) - P.L. 114-223.

Transportation authorities:

Provides an extension of Federal-aid highway and other programs funded through the Highway Trust Fund – P.L. 114-21.

Provides an extension of Federal-aid highway and other programs funded through the Highway Trust Fund – P.L. 114-41.

Provides an extension of Federal-aid highway and other programs funded through the Highway Trust Fund – P.L. 114-73.

Provides an extension of Federal-aid highway and other programs funded through the Highway Trust Fund – P.L. 114-87.

Authorizes funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs (Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act) – P.L. 114-94.

Miscellaneous other authorities:

Promotes energy efficiency in the country – P.L. 114-11.

Adopts the bison as the national mammal of the U.S. – P.L. 114-152.

Enhances and integrates Native American tourism and expands heritage and cultural tourism opportunities in the U.S. – P.L. 114-221.

Renames a building within Dayton Aviation National Historical Park (included in the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2017) – P.L. 114-~~318~~.

Codifies authorities for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center within the Department of Homeland Security – P.L. 114-285.

Authorizes funds from the Department of Defense for the exhibits and programs at women's military service memorials and museums (included in the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2017) – P.L. 114-~~318~~.

Establishes new processes for consolidating and selling federal property (potentially affecting the Federal Lands to Parks program) – P.L. 114-287.

DC Memorials:

Extends the authority to build the Francis Marion Memorial through May 8, 2018 (included in the FY 16 Defense Authorization Act) – P.L. 114-92.

Extends the authority for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission to September 30, 2016 (included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016) – P.L. 114-113.

Authorizes Wall of Remembrance at Korean War Veterans Memorial – P.L. 114-230.

Extends the authority for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission to April 30, 2017 (included in the Further Continuing and Security Assistance Appropriations Act, 2017) – P.L. 114-254

Boards and Commissions:

Establishes the United States Semiquincentennial Commission – P.L. 114-196.

Establishes the John F. Kennedy Centennial Commission – P.L. 114-215.

Appropriations:

Continuing Appropriations, FY 2016 – P.L. 114-53.
Further Continuing Appropriations FY 2016 – P.L. 114-96.
Further Continuing Appropriations FY 2016 – P.L. 114-100.
Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 – P.L. 114-113.
Continuing Appropriations, 2017 – P.L. 114-223.
Further Continuing and Security Assistance Appropriations Act, 2017 – P.L. 114-254.

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Executive Orders:

Planning for Federal Sustainability in the Next Decade – Order 13693
Continuance or Reestablishment of Certain Federal Advisory Committees – Order 13708
Adjustments of Certain Rates of Pay – Order 13715
Wildland-Urban Interface Federal Risk Mitigation - Order 13728
Amendment to Executive Order 13673 (Fair Pay and Safe Workplaces - Order 13738
Safeguarding the Nation From the Impacts of Invasive Species - Order 13751