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H. R. 1183

[Report No. 109-320]

To require the Secretary of the Interior to provide public access to Navassa National Wildlife Refuge and Desecheo National Wildlife Refuge.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 9, 2005

Mr. RAHALL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

DECEMBER 6, 2005

Additional sponsors: Mr. TIBERI, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. LEACH, and Mr. BURGESS

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. ACCESS TO NAVASSA AND DESECHEO NA-**
2 **TIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES.**

3 (a) ACCESS, GENERALLY.—The Secretary of the In-
4 terior, acting through the Director of the United States
5 Fish and Wildlife Service (in this section referred to as
6 the “Secretary”), shall provide public access to, use of,
7 and recreational opportunities at Navassa National Wild-
8 life Refuge and Desecheo National Wildlife Refuge under
9 special use permits issued under the first section of Public
10 Law 87–714 (16 U.S.C. 460k), popularly known as the
11 Refuge Recreation Act, section 4 of the National Wildlife
12 Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C.
13 668dd), and regulations issued under this section.

14 (b) TIME LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary—

15 (1) subject to paragraph (2), may limit access
16 to such refuges to specific time periods in any year;
17 and

18 (2) shall provide access to each refuge during at
19 least one period each year.

20 (c) PRIORITY.—In issuing special use permits under
21 this section, the Secretary shall give priority to consider-
22 ation of permit applications that do not negatively impact
23 opportunities for wildlife-dependent recreation.

24 (d) CONDITIONS.—The Secretary may include in any
25 permit issued under this section conditions that the Sec-

- 1 retary determines are necessary to protect fish and wildlife
- 2 populations and their habitat or public health and safety.

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