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114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**S. 782****[Report No. 114-_____]**

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a bison management plan for Grand Canyon National Park.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 18, 2015

Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. FLAKE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

APRIL 22, 2015

Committee discharged; referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

_____ (legislative day, _____), _____

Reported by Ms. MURKOWSKI, without amendment

A BILL

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Grand Canyon Bison
3 Management Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) **MANAGEMENT PLAN.**—The term “manage-
7 ment plan” means the management plan published
8 under section 3(a).

9 (2) **PARK.**—The term “Park” means the Grand
10 Canyon National Park.

11 (3) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means
12 the Secretary of the Interior.

13 (4) **SKILLED PUBLIC VOLUNTEER.**—The term
14 “skilled public volunteer” means an individual who
15 possesses—

16 (A) a valid hunting license issued by the
17 State of Arizona; and

18 (B) such other qualifications as the Sec-
19 retary may require, after consultation with the
20 Arizona Game and Fish Commission.

21 **SEC. 3. BISON MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR GRAND CANYON**
22 **NATIONAL PARK.**

23 (a) **PUBLICATION OF PLAN.**—Not later than 180
24 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
25 shall publish a management plan to reduce, through hu-
26 mane lethal culling by skilled public volunteers and by

1 other nonlethal means, the population of bison in the Park
2 that the Secretary determines are detrimental to the use
3 of the Park.

4 (b) REMOVAL OF ANIMAL.—Notwithstanding section
5 4 of the Act of March 2, 1929 (16 U.S.C. 198c), or any
6 other provision of law, a skilled public volunteer may re-
7 move a full bison harvested from the Park.

8 (c) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall coordinate
9 with the Arizona Game and Fish Commission regarding
10 the development and implementation of the management
11 plan.

12 (d) NEPA COMPLIANCE.—In developing the manage-
13 ment plan, the Secretary shall comply with all applicable
14 Federal environmental laws (including regulations), in-
15 cluding the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969
16 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

17 (e) LIMITATION.—Nothing in this Act applies to the
18 taking of wildlife in the Park for any purpose other than
19 the implementation of the management plan.