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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 10, 2025

Mr. CRANE (for himself, Mr. GOSAR, Ms. MALOY, Mr. BIGGS of Arizona, Mr. LAMALFA, and Mr. TIFFANY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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Additional sponsors: Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona and Mr. CISCOMANI

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on October 10, 2025]

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “North Rim Restoration*
5 *Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 *In this Act:*

8 (1) *COVERED AREA.*—*The term “covered area”*
9 *means the areas within Grand Canyon National Park*
10 *impacted by the Dragon Bravo Fire.*

11 (2) *SECRETARY.*—*The term “Secretary” means*
12 *the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Di-*
13 *rector of the National Park Service.*

14 **SEC. 3. EMERGENCY CONTRACTING AUTHORITY.**

15 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Notwithstanding any requirement*
16 *for a Presidential emergency or disaster declaration, the*
17 *Secretary is authorized to use the emergency acquisition*
18 *flexibilities under part 18 of title 48, Code of Federal Regu-*
19 *lations (and any successor regulations), including the in-*
20 *creased micro-purchase thresholds, simplified acquisition*
21 *thresholds, and other higher-level emergency flexibilities, in*
22 *contracting for the following services within the covered*
23 *area:*

24 (1) *Forest management or restoration activities*
25 *carried out in response to the Dragon Bravo Fire.*

1 (2) *Rebuilding, planning, development, and de-*
2 *sign of structures affected by the Dragon Bravo Fire.*

3 (3) *Improvements to the grounds and structures.*

4 (4) *Recovery efforts.*

5 (5) *Any activity listed in section 4(a).*

6 (b) *PROCESS FOR OTHER SERVICES.—Unless other-*
7 *wise provided by law or regulation, the authority granted*
8 *under subsection (a) does not apply to contracts for services*
9 *other than those described in paragraphs (1) through (4)*
10 *of subsection (a).*

11 (c) *REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the Sec-*
12 *retary begins to use the authorization under subsection (a),*
13 *and every 180 days thereafter until the date that is 180*
14 *days after the date described in subsection (e), the Secretary*
15 *shall submit to the Committees on Natural Resources and*
16 *Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Rep-*
17 *resentatives and the Committees on Energy and Natural*
18 *Resources and Homeland Security and Governmental Af-*
19 *airs of the Senate a report on all expenditures related to*
20 *the recovery efforts for the Dragon Bravo Fire, including*
21 *the following:*

22 (1) *The expected cost of recovery efforts.*

23 (2) *Cost expenditures.*

24 (3) *Cost overruns.*

1 (4) *Identification of contractors performing the*
2 *work associated with the recovery from the Dragon*
3 *Bravo Fire.*

4 (5) *Any affiliations or conflicts of interest be-*
5 *tween the contractor and the contracting office at the*
6 *Grand Canyon National Park or the National Park*
7 *Service.*

8 (6) *Any waste, fraud, or abuse detected during*
9 *the recovery efforts.*

10 (7) *Any contracts that came in under expected*
11 *expenses.*

12 (8) *An estimated time of completion for all*
13 *projects and full recovery efforts related to the Dragon*
14 *Bravo Fire.*

15 (9) *If an extension is needed for this authority*
16 *to complete projects associated with the Dragon Bravo*
17 *Fire.*

18 (d) *EXTENSION.—If, after the date of the enactment*
19 *of this Act, a new wildfire ignites within the covered area*
20 *and impacts recovery efforts related to the Dragon Bravo*
21 *Fire, the Secretary may request a 12-month extension of*
22 *the authority granted under subsection (a), subject to con-*
23 *gressional approval.*

1 (e) *EXPIRATION.*—*The authority granted under sub-*
2 *section (a) shall expire on the date that is the earlier of*
3 *the following:*

4 (1) *7 years after the date of the enactment of this*
5 *Act.*

6 (2) *The date on which projects and recovery ef-*
7 *forts within the covered area are completed, as deter-*
8 *mined by the Secretary.*

9 **SEC. 4. LIMITED SOLE-SOURCE PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY.**

10 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Notwithstanding chapter 33 of title*
11 *41, United States Code, or any other provision of law relat-*
12 *ing to the use of competitive procedures for the procurement*
13 *of services, supplies, or construction materials and services,*
14 *subject to a determination made by the Secretary under*
15 *subsection (b), the Secretary may enter into one or more*
16 *contracts, on a noncompetitive basis, for the planning, de-*
17 *sign, repair, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation,*
18 *stabilization, replacement, or operation of assets supporting*
19 *the recovery and reopening of the Grand Canyon National*
20 *Park North Rim, including—*

21 (1) *employee housing and related facilities;*

22 (2) *water, wastewater, power, communications,*
23 *and other utility systems;*

1 (3) *visitor-facing facilities and infrastructure,*
2 *including lodging, food service, retail, transportation,*
3 *and associated public-use facilities; and*

4 (4) *maintenance, administration, and other*
5 *back-of-house assets necessary for safe and continuous*
6 *operation of North Rim services.*

7 (b) *DETERMINATION REQUIRED.—The Secretary may*
8 *utilize the authority provided in subsection (a) if the Sec-*
9 *retary determines, in writing, that—*

10 (1) *the concessioner currently holding a valid*
11 *concession contract for operations at the North Rim*
12 *of Grand Canyon National Park on the date of enact-*
13 *ment of this Act is uniquely positioned to execute one*
14 *or more procurement contracts identified under sub-*
15 *section (a) due to the concessioner’s current oper-*
16 *ational responsibilities, site access, integration with*
17 *existing concession infrastructure, or continuity needs*
18 *essential to expedited North Rim recovery; and*

19 (2) *use of noncompetitive procedures under sub-*
20 *section (a) with this concessioner is necessary to en-*
21 *sure public health and safety, protection of park re-*
22 *sources, or continuity of essential services.*

23 (c) *EXPIRATION.—The authority granted under sub-*
24 *section (a) shall expire on the date that is 7 years after*
25 *the date of enactment of this Act.*

1 (d) *RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING CONCESSION CON-*
2 *TRACT.*—*Any procurement action conducted or contract*
3 *awarded under this section shall be considered separate*
4 *from, and shall not modify, amend, or extend the duration*
5 *of, or provide any leasehold surrender interest or other ben-*
6 *efit, under a concession contract issued under section*
7 *101913 of title 54, United States Code, or related authori-*
8 *ties.*

9 (e) *RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.*—*Nothing in this section*
10 *shall be construed to—*

11 (1) *authorize the award of any concession con-*
12 *tract or lease without full compliance with applicable*
13 *concession contracting law; or*

14 (2) *prevent the Secretary from using competitive*
15 *procedures if the Secretary determines such proce-*
16 *dures to be in the best interest of the United States.*

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