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Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1998

Sec. 344. It is the sense of the Senate that--

- (1) preserving Civil War battlefields should be an integral part of preserving our Nation's history; and
- (2) Congress should give special priority to the preservation of Civil War battlefields by making funds available for the purchase of threatened and endangered Civil War battlefield sites.

TITLE V—PRIORITY LAND ACQUISITIONS, LAND EXCHANGES, AND MAINTENANCE

For priority land acquisitions, land exchange agreements, other activities consistent with the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, as amended, and critical maintenance to be conducted by the Bureau of Land Management, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service and the Forest Service, \$699,000,000, to be derived from the Land and Water Conservation Fund notwithstanding any other provision of law, to remain available until September 30, 2001, of which \$167,000,000 is available to the Secretary of Agriculture and \$532,000,000 is available to the Secretary of the Interior: *Provided*, That of the funds made available to the Secretary of Agriculture, not to exceed \$65,000,000 may be used to acquire interests to protect and preserve Yellowstone National Park, pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in sections 502 and 504 of this title, and \$12,000,000 may be used for the rehabilitation and maintenance of the Beartooth Highway pursuant to section 502 of this title: *Provided further*, That of the funds made available to the Secretary of the Interior, not to exceed \$250,000,000 may be used to acquire interests to protect and preserve the Headwaters Forest, pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in sections 501 and 504 of this title, and \$10,000,000 may be used for a direct payment to Humboldt County, California pursuant to section 501 of this title: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, after consultation with the heads of the Bureau of Land Management, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service and the Forest Service, shall, in fiscal year 1998 and each of the succeeding three fiscal years, jointly submit to Congress a report listing the lands and interests in land that the Secretaries propose to acquire or exchange and the maintenance requirements they propose to address using funds provided under

this heading for purposes other than the purposes of sections 501 and 502 of this title: *Provided further*, That none of the funds appropriated under this title for purposes other than the purposes of sections 501 and 502 of this title shall be available until the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Appropriations approve, in writing, a list of projects to be undertaken with such funds: *Provided further*, That moneys provided in this title, when combined with moneys provided by other titles in this Act, shall, for the purposes of section 205(a) of H. Con. Res. 84 (105th Congress), be considered to provide \$700,000,000 in budget authority for fiscal year 1998 for Federal land acquisitions and to finalize priority land exchanges.

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