

116TH CONGRESS
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S. 248

To ensure that the Secretary of the Interior collaborates fully with State and local authorities and certain nonprofit entities in managing the Corolla Wild Horse population on Federal land.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 28, 2019

Mr. TILLIS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. WILD HORSES IN AND AROUND THE CURRI-**
4 **TUCK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.**

5 (a) GENETIC DIVERSITY.—The Secretary of the Inte-
6 rior (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”), in con-
7 sultation with the North Carolina Department of Environ-
8 ment and Natural Resources, Currituck County, North

1 Carolina, and the Corolla Wild Horse Fund, shall allow
2 for the introduction of a small number of free-roaming
3 wild horses from the Cape Lookout National Seashore as
4 necessary to ensure the genetic diversity of the wild horse
5 population in and around the Currituck National Wildlife
6 Refuge, consistent with—

7 (1) the laws (including regulations) applicable
8 to the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge and the
9 Cape Lookout National Seashore; and

10 (2) the December 2014 Wild Horse Manage-
11 ment Agreement approved by the United States Fish
12 and Wildlife Service, the North Carolina Depart-
13 ment of Environment and Natural Resources,
14 Currituck County, North Carolina, and the Corolla
15 Wild Horse Fund.

16 (b) AGREEMENT.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may enter
18 into an agreement with the Corolla Wild Horse
19 Fund to provide for the cost-effective management
20 of the horses in and around the Currituck National
21 Wildlife Refuge while ensuring that natural re-
22 sources within the Currituck National Wildlife Ref-
23 uge are not adversely impacted.

24 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—The agreement entered
25 into under paragraph (1) shall specify that the Co-

1 rolla Wild Horse Fund shall pay the costs associated
2 with, with respect to the horses in and around the
3 Currituck National Wildlife Refuge—

4 (A) coordinating and conducting a periodic
5 census, and inspecting the health, of the horses;

6 (B) maintaining records of the horses liv-
7 ing in the wild and in confinement;

8 (C) coordinating and conducting the re-
9 moval and placement of horses and monitoring
10 of any horses removed from the Currituck
11 County Outer Banks; and

12 (D) administering a viable population con-
13 trol plan for the horses, including auctions,
14 adoptions, contraceptive fertility methods, and
15 other viable options.

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