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Public Law 105–391  
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An Act

To provide for improved management and increased accountability for certain National Park Service programs, and for other purposes.

Nov. 13, 1998  
[S. 1693]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the “National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998”.

(b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

National Parks  
Omnibus  
Management Act  
of 1998.  
16 USC 5901  
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#### TITLE VII—NATIONAL PARK FOUNDATION SUPPORT

- Sec. 701. Promotion of local fundraising support.

#### TITLE VIII—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- Sec. 801. United States Park Police.
- Sec. 802. Leases and cooperative management agreements.

16 USC 5901.

#### **SEC. 2. DEFINITION.**

As used in this Act, the term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior, except as otherwise specifically provided.

## **TITLE I—NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CAREER DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING, AND MANAGEMENT**

16 USC 5911.

#### **SEC. 101. PROTECTION, INTERPRETATION, AND RESEARCH IN THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM.**

Recognizing the ever increasing societal pressures being placed upon America’s unique natural and cultural resources contained in the National Park System, the Secretary shall continually improve the ability of the National Park Service to provide state-of-the-art management, protection, and interpretation of and research on the resources of the National Park System.

16 USC 5912.

#### **SEC. 102. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE EMPLOYEE TRAINING.**

The Secretary shall develop a comprehensive training program for employees in all professional careers in the work force of the National Park Service for the purpose of assuring that the work force has available the best, up-to-date knowledge, skills and abilities with which to manage, interpret and protect the resources of the National Park System.

16 USC 5913.

#### **SEC. 103. MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING.**

Within 2 years after the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall develop a clear plan for management training and development, whereby career, professional National Park Service employees from any appropriate academic field may obtain sufficient training, experience, and advancement opportunity to enable those qualified to move into park management positions, including explicitly the position of superintendent of a unit of the National Park System.