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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Gosar introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on ____________________________

A BILL

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

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

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:
(1) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The term “management plan” means the management plan published under section 3(a).

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

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

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

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

(B) such other qualifications as the Secretary may require, after consultation with the Arizona Game and Fish Commission.

SEC. 3. BISON MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK.

(a) PUBLICATION OF PLAN.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall publish a management plan to reduce, through humane lethal culling by skilled public volunteers and by other nonlethal means, the population of bison in the Park that the Secretary determines are detrimental to the use of the Park.
(b) REMOVAL OF ANIMAL.—Notwithstanding section 4 of the Act of March 2, 1929 (16 U.S.C. 198e) or any other provision of law, a skilled public volunteer may remove a full bison harvested from the Park.

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

(d) NEPA COMPLIANCE.—In developing the management plan, the Secretary shall comply with all applicable Federal environmental laws (including regulations), including the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

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