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# S. 1262

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MAY 1, 2019

Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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Reported by Ms. MURKOWSKI, with amendments

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## A BILL

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ation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws, and for other purposes.

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 “Oregon Recreation En-  
 5       hancement Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7       In this Act:

8               (1)   SECRETARY.—The     term     “Secretary”  
 9       means—

10               (A) the Secretary of the Interior, with re-  
 11               spect to public land administered by the Sec-  
 12               retary of the Interior; or

13               (B) the Secretary of Agriculture, with re-  
 14               spect to National Forest System land.

15               (2) STATE.—The term “State” means the State  
 16       of Oregon.

17       **SEC. 3. ROGUE CANYON AND MOLALLA RECREATION**  
 18       **AREAS, OREGON.**

19       (a) DESIGNATION OF ROGUE CANYON AND MOLALLA  
 20       RECREATION AREAS.—For the purposes of protecting,  
 21       conserving, and enhancing the unique and nationally im-  
 22       portant recreational, ecological, scenic, cultural, water-  
 23       shed, and fish and wildlife values of the areas, the fol-  
 24       lowing areas in the State are designated as recreation

1 areas for management by the Secretary in accordance with  
 2 subsection (c):

3 (1) ROGUE CANYON RECREATION AREA.—The  
 4 approximately 98,150 acres of Bureau of Land Man-  
 5 agement land within the boundary generally depicted  
 6 as the “Rogue Canyon Recreation Area” on the map  
 7 entitled “Rogue Canyon Recreation Area Wild  
 8 Rogue Wilderness Additions” and ~~dated October 10,~~  
 9 ~~2018~~ *dated November 19, 2019*, which is designated  
 10 as the “Rogue Canyon Recreation Area”.

11 (2) MOLALLA RECREATION AREA.—The ap-  
 12 proximately 29,884 acres of Bureau of Land Man-  
 13 agement land within the boundary generally depicted  
 14 on the map entitled “Molalla Recreation Area” and  
 15 dated September 26, 2018, which is designated as  
 16 the “Molalla Recreation Area”.

17 (b) MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after  
 19 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
 20 shall prepare a map and legal description of each  
 21 recreation area designated by subsection (a).

22 (2) EFFECT.—The maps and legal descriptions  
 23 prepared under paragraph (1) shall have the same  
 24 force and effect as if included in this Act, except

1 that the Secretary may correct any minor errors in  
 2 the maps and legal descriptions.

3 (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The maps and  
 4 legal descriptions prepared under paragraph (1)  
 5 shall be available for public inspection in the appro-  
 6 priate offices of the Bureau of Land Management.

7 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—

8 (1) APPLICABLE LAW.—The Secretary shall ad-  
 9 minister each recreation area designated by sub-  
 10 section (a)—

11 (A) in a manner that conserves, protects,  
 12 and enhances the purposes for which the recre-  
 13 ation area is established; and

14 (B) in accordance with—

15 (i) this section;

16 (ii) the Federal Land Policy and Man-  
 17 agement Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et  
 18 seq.); and

19 (iii) other applicable laws.

20 (2) USES.—The Secretary shall only allow those  
 21 uses of a recreation area designated by subsection  
 22 (a) that are consistent with the purposes for which  
 23 the recreation area is established.

24 ~~(3) ROAD CONSTRUCTION.—~~

1           (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as the Sec-  
2           retary determines necessary for public safety,  
3           no new permanent or temporary roads shall be  
4           constructed (other than the repair and mainte-  
5           nance of existing roads) within a recreation  
6           area designated by subsection (a).

7           (B) EFFECT.—Nothing in this paragraph  
8           affects the administration by the Secretary of  
9           the Molalla Forest Road in accordance with ap-  
10          plicable resource management plans.

11          (4) VEGETATION MANAGEMENT.—Nothing in  
12          this section prohibits the Secretary from conducting  
13          vegetation management projects (including wildfire  
14          resiliency and forest health projects) within a recre-  
15          ation area designated by subsection (a) to the extent  
16          consistent with the purposes of the recreation area.

17          (5) WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT.—Nothing in this  
18          section alters the authority of the Secretary (in co-  
19          operation with other Federal, State, and local agen-  
20          cies, as appropriate) to conduct wildland fire oper-  
21          ations within a recreation area designated by sub-  
22          section (a), consistent with the purposes of this Act.

23          (6) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing  
24          rights, all Federal surface and subsurface land with-

in a recreation area designated by subsection (a) is  
withdrawn from all forms of—

(A) entry, appropriation, or disposal under  
the public land laws;

(B) location, entry, and patent under the  
mining laws; and

(C) disposition under all laws pertaining to  
mineral leasing, geothermal leasing, or mineral  
materials.

(3) *WILDFIRE RISK ASSESSMENT.*—Not later  
than 280 days after the date of enactment of this Act,  
the Secretary, in consultation with the Oregon Gov-  
ernor’s Council on Wildfire Response, shall conduct a  
wildfire risk assessment that covers—

(A) the recreation areas designated by sub-  
section (a);

(B) the Wild Rogue Wilderness; and

(C) any Federal land adjacent to an area  
described in subparagraph (A) or (B).

(4) *WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLAN.*—

(A) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 1 year  
after the date on which the wildfire risk assess-  
ment is conducted under paragraph (3), the Sec-  
retary shall develop a wildfire mitigation plan,  
based on the wildfire risk assessment, that iden-

1        *tifies, evaluates, and prioritizes treatments and*  
 2        *other management activities that can be imple-*  
 3        *mented on the Federal land covered by the wild-*  
 4        *fire risk assessment (other than Federal land des-*  
 5        *ignated as a unit of the National Wilderness*  
 6        *Preservation System) to mitigate wildfire risk to*  
 7        *communities located near the applicable Federal*  
 8        *land.*

9                *(B) PLAN COMPONENTS.—The wildfire miti-*  
 10        *gation plan developed under subparagraph (A)*  
 11        *shall include—*

12                *(i) vegetation management projects*  
 13                *(including mechanical treatments to reduce*  
 14                *hazardous fuels and improve forest health*  
 15                *and resiliency);*

16                *(ii) evacuation routes for communities*  
 17                *located near the applicable Federal land,*  
 18                *which shall be developed in consultation*  
 19                *with State and local fire agencies; and*

20                *(iii) strategies for public dissemination*  
 21                *of emergency evacuation plans and routes.*

22                *(C) APPLICABLE LAW.—The wildfire miti-*  
 23        *gation plan under subparagraph (A) shall be de-*  
 24        *veloped in accordance with—*

25                *(i) this section; and*

1                   (ii) any other applicable law.

2           (5) ROAD CONSTRUCTION.—

3                   (A) IN GENERAL.—*Except as provided in*  
 4                   *subparagraph (B) or as the Secretary determines*  
 5                   *necessary for public safety, no new permanent or*  
 6                   *temporary roads shall be constructed (other than*  
 7                   *the repair and maintenance of existing roads)*  
 8                   *within a recreation area designated by sub-*  
 9                   *section (a).*

10                   (B) TEMPORARY ROADS.—*Consistent with*  
 11                   *the purposes of this Act, the Secretary may con-*  
 12                   *struct temporary roads within a recreation area*  
 13                   *designated by subsection (a) to implement the*  
 14                   *wildfire mitigation plan developed under para-*  
 15                   *graph (4), unless the temporary road would be*  
 16                   *within an area designated as a unit of the Na-*  
 17                   *tional Wilderness Preservation System.*

18                   (C) EFFECT.—*Nothing in this paragraph*  
 19                   *affects the administration by the Secretary of the*  
 20                   *Molalla Forest Road in accordance with applica-*  
 21                   *ble resource management plans.*

22           (6) EFFECT ON WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT.—*Noth-*  
 23                   *ing in this section alters the authority of the Sec-*  
 24                   *retary (in cooperation with other Federal, State, and*  
 25                   *local agencies, as appropriate) to conduct wildland*

1     *fire operations within a recreation area designated by*  
 2     *subsection (a), consistent with the purposes of this*  
 3     *Act.*

4           (7) *WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing*  
 5     *rights, all Federal surface and subsurface land within*  
 6     *a recreation area designated by subsection (a) is*  
 7     *withdrawn from all forms of—*

8                 (A) *entry, appropriation, or disposal under*  
 9     *the public land laws;*

10                (B) *location, entry, and patent under the*  
 11     *mining laws; and*

12                (C) *disposition under all laws pertaining to*  
 13     *mineral leasing, geothermal leasing, or mineral*  
 14     *materials.*

15           (8) *NO EFFECT ON WILDERNESS AREAS.—Any*  
 16     *wilderness area located within a recreation area des-*  
 17     *ignated by subsection (a) shall be administered in ac-*  
 18     *cordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et*  
 19     *seq.).*

20           (d) *ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—Nothing in this sec-*  
 21     *tion creates any protective perimeter or buffer zone*  
 22     *around a recreation area designated by subsection (a).*

23     **SEC. 4. EXPANSION OF WILD ROGUE WILDERNESS AREA.**

24           (a) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

1           (1) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-  
 2           titled “Rogue Canyon Recreation Area Wild Rogue  
 3           Wilderness Additions” and ~~dated October 10, 2018~~  
 4           *dated November 19, 2019*.

5           (2) WILDERNESS ADDITIONS.—The term “Wil-  
 6           derness additions” means the land added to the Wild  
 7           Rogue Wilderness under subsection (b)(1).

8           (b) EXPANSION OF WILD ROGUE WILDERNESS  
 9           AREA.—

10           (1) EXPANSION.—The approximately 59,512  
 11           acres of Federal land in the State generally depicted  
 12           on the map as “Proposed Wilderness” shall be  
 13           added to and administered as part of the Wild  
 14           Rogue Wilderness in accordance with the Endan-  
 15           gered American Wilderness Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C.  
 16           1132 note; Public Law 95–237), except that—

17                   (A) the Secretary of the Interior and the  
 18                   Secretary of Agriculture shall administer the  
 19                   Federal land under their respective jurisdiction;  
 20                   and

21                   (B) any reference in that Act to the Sec-  
 22                   retary of Agriculture shall be considered to be  
 23                   a reference to the Secretary of Agriculture or  
 24                   the Secretary of the Interior, as applicable.

25           (2) MAP; LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable  
 2 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
 3 retary shall prepare a map and legal description  
 4 of the wilderness area designated by paragraph  
 5 (1).

6 (B) FORCE OF LAW.—The map and legal  
 7 description filed under subparagraph (A) shall  
 8 have the same force and effect as if included in  
 9 this section, except that the Secretary may cor-  
 10 rect typographical errors in the map and legal  
 11 description.

12 (C) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The map and  
 13 legal description filed under subparagraph (A)  
 14 shall be on file and available for public inspec-  
 15 tion in the appropriate offices of the Bureau of  
 16 Land Management and Forest Service.

17 (3) FIRE, INSECTS, AND DISEASE.—The Sec-  
 18 retary may take such measures within the Wilder-  
 19 ness additions as the Secretary determines to be  
 20 necessary for the control of fire, insects, and disease,  
 21 in accordance with section 4(d)(1) of the Wilderness  
 22 Act (~~16 U.S.C. 1131(d)(1)~~ *16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(1)*).

23 (4) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing  
 24 rights, the Wilderness additions are withdrawn from  
 25 all forms of—

1 (A) entry, appropriation, or disposal under  
2 the public land laws;

3 (B) location, entry, and patent under the  
4 mining laws; and

5 (C) disposition under all laws pertaining to  
6 mineral leasing, geothermal leasing, or mineral  
7 materials.

8 (5) TRIBAL RIGHTS.—Nothing in this sub-  
9 section alters, modifies, enlarges, diminishes, or ab-  
10 rogates the treaty rights of any Indian Tribe.

11 **SEC. 5. WITHDRAWAL OF FEDERAL LAND, CURRY COUNTY**  
12 **AND JOSEPHINE COUNTY, OREGON.**

13 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) ELIGIBLE FEDERAL LAND.—The term “eli-  
15 gible Federal land” means—

16 (A) any federally owned land or interest in  
17 land depicted on the Maps as within the Hunter  
18 Creek and Pistol River Headwaters Withdrawal  
19 Proposal or the Rough and Ready and Baldface  
20 Creeks Mineral Withdrawal Proposal; or

21 (B) any land or interest in land located  
22 within such withdrawal proposals that is ac-  
23 quired by the Federal Government after the  
24 date of enactment of this Act.

25 (2) MAPS.—The term “Maps” means—

1 (A) the Bureau of Land Management map  
2 entitled “Hunter Creek and Pistol River Head-  
3 waters Withdrawal Proposal” and dated Janu-  
4 ary 12, 2015; and

5 (B) the Bureau of Land Management map  
6 entitled “Rough and Ready and Baldface  
7 Creeks Mineral Withdrawal Proposal” and  
8 dated January 12, 2015.

9 (b) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,  
10 the eligible Federal land is withdrawn from all forms of—

11 (1) entry, appropriation, or disposal under the  
12 public land laws;

13 (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining  
14 laws; and

15 (3) operation under the mineral leasing and  
16 geothermal leasing laws.

17 (c) AVAILABILITY OF MAPS.—Not later than 30 days  
18 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Maps shall  
19 be made available to the public at each appropriate office  
20 of the Bureau of Land Management.

21 (d) EXISTING USES NOT AFFECTED.—Except with  
22 respect to the withdrawal under subsection (b), nothing  
23 in this section restricts recreational uses, hunting, fishing,  
24 forest management activities, or other authorized uses al-

- 1 lowed on the date of enactment of this Act on the eligible
- 2 Federal land in accordance with applicable law.



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