

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1793

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 14, 2015

Mr. STEWART introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Sage–Grouse and Mule
3 Deer Habitat Conservation and Restoration Act of 2015”.

4 **SEC. 2. CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FOR PINYON–JUNIPER**
5 **TREE REMOVAL.**

6 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a vegeta-
7 tion management project by the Director of the Bureau
8 of Land Management or the Chief of the Forest Service
9 involving removal or treatment of any Pinyon or Juniper
10 tree for the purpose of conserving or restoring the habitat
11 of the greater sage–grouse or mule deer shall be eligible
12 to be a categorical exclusion (as defined in section 1508.4
13 of title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (or a successor
14 regulation)) for purposes of the National Environmental
15 Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

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