

Calendar No. 314

113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION**H. R. 2259**

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 5, 2014

Received; read twice and placed on the calendar

AN ACT

To withdraw certain Federal land and interests in that land from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and disposition under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws and to preserve existing uses.

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 “North Fork Watershed
5 Protection Act of 2014”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) **ELIGIBLE FEDERAL LAND.**—The term “eli-
9 gible Federal land” means—

1 (A) any federally owned land or interest in
2 land depicted on the Map as within the North
3 Fork Federal Lands Withdrawal Area; or

4 (B) any land or interest in land located
5 within the North Fork Federal Lands With-
6 drawal Area that is acquired by the Federal
7 Government after the date of enactment of this
8 Act.

9 (2) MAP.—The term “Map” means the Bureau
10 of Land Management map entitled “North Fork
11 Federal Lands Withdrawal Area” and dated June 9,
12 2010.

13 **SEC. 3. WITHDRAWAL.**

14 (a) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
15 the eligible Federal land is withdrawn from—

16 (1) all forms of location, entry, and patent
17 under the mining laws; and

18 (2) disposition under all laws relating to min-
19 eral leasing and geothermal leasing.

20 (b) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—Not later than 30 days
21 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Map shall be
22 made available to the public at each appropriate office of
23 the Bureau of Land Management.

24 (c) EFFECT OF SECTION.—Nothing in this section
25 violates the rights of existing leaseholders or prohibits the

1 Secretary of the Interior from taking any action necessary
2 to complete any requirement under the National Environ-
3 mental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) or
4 the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et
5 seq.) required for permitting surface-disturbing activity to
6 occur on any lease issued before the date of enactment
7 of this Act.

8 **SEC. 4. EXISTING USES NOT AFFECTED.**

9 Except with respect to the withdrawal under section
10 3, nothing in this Act restricts recreational uses, livestock
11 management activities, or forest management activities al-
12 lowed on the date of the enactment of this Act on the eligi-
13 ble Federal land in accordance with applicable law.

Passed the House of Representatives March 4,
2014.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.

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