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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 31, 2013

Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. LEE, Mr. HELLER, Mr. HATCH, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. FLAKE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Water Rights Protec-
5 tion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF WATER RIGHTS.**

2 The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of
3 Agriculture—

4 (1) shall not condition the issuance, renewal,
5 amendment, or extension of any permit, approval, li-
6 cense, lease, allotment, easement, right-of-way, or
7 other land use or occupancy agreement on the trans-
8 fer or relinquishment of any water right directly to
9 the United States, in whole or in part, granted
10 under State law, by Federal or State adjudication,
11 decree, or other judgment, or pursuant to any inter-
12 state water compact and the Secretary of the Inte-
13 rior and the Secretary of Agriculture; and

14 (2) shall not require any water user to apply for
15 a water right in the name of the United States
16 under State law as a condition of the issuance, re-
17 newal, amendment, or extension of any permit, ap-
18 proval, license, lease, allotment, easement, right-of-
19 way, or other land use or occupancy agreement.

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