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# H. R. 2259

[Report No. 113-]

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 5, 2013

Mr. DAINES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Natural Resources

FEBRUARY --, 2014

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole  
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on June 5, 2013]

# **A BILL**

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 “eligi-*  
9 *ble Federal land” means—*

10            (A) *any federally owned land or interest in*  
11 *land depicted on the Map as within the North*  
12 *Fork Federal Lands Withdrawal Area; or*

13            (B) *any land or interest in land located*  
14 *within the North Fork Federal Lands With-*  
15 *drawal Area that is acquired by the Federal*  
16 *Government after the date of enactment of this*  
17 *Act.*

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

21 **SEC. 3. WITHDRAWAL.**

22            (a) *WITHDRAWAL.*—*Subject to valid existing rights,*  
23 *the eligible Federal land is withdrawn from—*

24            (1) *all forms of location, entry, and patent under*  
25 *the mining laws; and*

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

3           (b) *AVAILABILITY OF MAP.*—*Not later than 30 days*  
4 *after the date of enactment of this Act, the Map shall be*  
5 *made available to the public at each appropriate office of*  
6 *the Bureau of Land Management.*

7           (c) *EFFECT OF SECTION.*—*Nothing in this section vio-*  
8 *lates the rights of existing leaseholders or prohibits the Sec-*  
9 *retary of the Interior from taking any action necessary to*  
10 *complete any requirement under the National Environ-*  
11 *mental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) or the*  
12 *Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.)*  
13 *required for permitting surface-disturbing activity to occur*  
14 *on any lease issued before the date of enactment of this Act.*

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

16           *Except with respect to the withdrawal under section*  
17 *3, nothing in this Act restricts recreational uses, livestock*  
18 *management activities, or forest management activities al-*  
19 *lowed on the date of the enactment of this Act on the eligible*  
20 *Federal land in accordance with applicable law.*