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H. R. 3492

To provide for the use of hand-propelled vessels in Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park, and the National Elk Refuge, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 14, 2013

Mrs. LUMMIS (for herself and Mr. BISHOP of Utah) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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 “River Paddling Protec-
5 tion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REGULATIONS SUPERSEDED.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The following regulations shall
8 have no force or effect with regard to hand-propelled ves-
9 sels and the Secretary of the Interior may not issue sub-

1 stantially similar regulations that apply to hand-propelled
2 vessels:

3 (1) Section 7.13(d)(4)(ii) of title 36, Code of
4 Federal Regulations, regarding vessels on streams
5 and rivers in Yellowstone National Park.

6 (2) Section 7.22(e)(3) of title 36, Code of Fed-
7 eral Regulations, regarding vessels on lakes and riv-
8 ers in Grand Teton National Park.

9 (b) WILDLIFE-DEPENDENT RECREATIONAL USE.—
10 Notwithstanding section 25.21(a) of title 50, Code of Fed-
11 eral Regulations, regarding National Elk Refuge, the use
12 of hand-propelled vessels on rivers and streams in the Na-
13 tional Elk Refuge shall be considered a “wildlife-depend-
14 ent recreational use” as that term is defined in section
15 5(2) of Public Law 89–669 (16 U.S.C. 668ee(2)).

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