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To ensure public access to the summit of Rattlesnake Mountain in the Hanford Reach National Monument for educational, recreational, historical, scientific, cultural, and other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 1, 2011

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington 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 “Rattlesnake Mountain
5 Public Access Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The Hanford Reach National Monument is
2 public land that belongs to the American people.

3 (2) The United States Fish and Wildlife Serv-
4 ice’s Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) for
5 the Monument restricts public access to large por-
6 tions of the Monument, including the summit of
7 Rattlesnake Mountain.

8 (3) Public access to Rattlesnake Mountain is
9 important for educational, recreational, historical,
10 scientific, and cultural purposes.

11 (4) Rattlesnake Mountain reaches an elevation
12 of 3,660 feet above sea level—the highest elevation
13 of the Monument, and provides unparalleled scenic
14 views over the Monument, the Hanford Site, and the
15 Columbia River.

16 (5) Public access to Rattlesnake Mountain will
17 increase tourism interest in the Monument and will
18 provide economic benefits to local governments.

19 **SEC. 3. ENSURING PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE SUMMIT OF**
20 **RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN IN THE HANFORD**
21 **REACH NATIONAL MONUMENT.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior shall
23 provide public access to the summit of Rattlesnake Moun-
24 tain in the Hanford Reach National Monument for edu-

1 cational, recreational, historical, scientific, cultural, and
2 other purposes, including—

3 (1) motor vehicle access; and

4 (2) pedestrian and other nonmotorized access.

5 (b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary of
6 the Interior may enter into cooperative agreements to fa-
7 cilitate access to the summit of Rattlesnake Mountain—

8 (1) with the Secretary of Energy, the State of
9 Washington, or any local government agency or
10 other interested persons, for guided tours, including
11 guided motorized tours to the summit of Rattlesnake
12 Mountain; and

13 (2) with the Secretary of Energy, and with the
14 State of Washington or any local government agency
15 or other interested persons, to maintain the access
16 road to the summit of Rattlesnake Mountain.

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