

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5004

To withdraw certain land located in Curry County and Josephine County, Oregon, from all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws, location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and operation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 27, 2023

Ms. HOYLE of Oregon (for herself and Mr. HUFFMAN) 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 “Southwestern Oregon
5 Watershed and Salmon Protection Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. WITHDRAWAL OF FEDERAL LAND, CURRY COUNTY**
2 **AND JOSEPHINE COUNTY, OREGON.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) ELIGIBLE FEDERAL LAND.—The term “eli-
5 gible Federal land” means—

6 (A) any federally owned land or interest in
7 land depicted on the Maps as within the Hunter
8 Creek and Pistol River Headwaters Withdrawal
9 Proposal or the Rough and Ready and Baldface
10 Creeks Mineral Withdrawal Proposal; or

11 (B) any land or interest in land located
12 within such withdrawal proposals that is ac-
13 quired by the Federal Government after the
14 date of enactment of this Act.

15 (2) MAPS.—The term “Maps” means—

16 (A) the Bureau of Land Management map
17 entitled “Hunter Creek and Pistol River Head-
18 waters Withdrawal Proposal” and dated Janu-
19 ary 12, 2015; and

20 (B) the Bureau of Land Management map
21 entitled “Rough and Ready and Baldface
22 Creeks Mineral Withdrawal Proposal” and
23 dated January 12, 2015.

24 (b) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
25 the eligible Federal land is withdrawn from all forms of—

1 (1) entry, appropriation, or disposal under the
2 public land laws;

3 (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining
4 laws; and

5 (3) operation under the mineral leasing and
6 geothermal leasing laws.

7 (c) AVAILABILITY OF MAPS.—Not later than 30 days
8 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Maps shall
9 be made available to the public at each appropriate office
10 of the Bureau of Land Management.

11 (d) EXISTING USES NOT AFFECTED.—Except with
12 respect to the withdrawal under subsection (b), nothing
13 in this section restricts recreational uses, hunting, fishing,
14 forest management activities, or other authorized uses al-
15 lowed on the date of enactment of this Act on the eligible
16 Federal land in accordance with applicable law.

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