

Union Calendar No. 845

115TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 6939

[Report No. 115–1092]

To protect and ensure multiple use and public access to public lands in Wyoming per the request of the respective counties, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

Ms. CHENEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

DECEMBER 20, 2018

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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 “Restoring Local Input
5 and Access to Public Lands Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. REMOVAL OF BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT AND**
7 **FOREST SERVICE WILDERNESS STUDY AREA**
8 **DESIGNATIONS.**

9 (a) **RELEASE.**—The public lands described in sub-
10 section (b) are deemed to have been adequately studied
11 for wilderness designation pursuant to section 603 of the
12 Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and
13 section 301 of the Wyoming Wilderness Act of 1984 and
14 are no longer subject to the requirements of subsection
15 (c) of each of those sections pertaining to the management
16 of Wilderness Study Areas.

17 (b) **COVERED PUBLIC LANDS.**—Subsection (a) shall
18 apply to the following Federal lands in Wyoming:

19 (1) Wilderness Study Areas, or portions there-
20 of, administered by the Bureau of Land Manage-
21 ment and the Forest Service in Lincoln County.

22 (2) Wilderness Study Areas, or portions there-
23 of, administered by the Bureau of Land Manage-
24 ment in Sweetwater County.

1 (3) Wilderness Study Areas, or portions there-
2 of, administered by the Bureau of Land Manage-
3 ment in Bighorn County.

4 (c) MANAGEMENT OF RELEASED LAND.—Federal
5 lands identified in subsection (b) shall be managed accord-
6 ing to the respective Federal land agency’s multiple use
7 and sustained yield mandate.

8 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION.**

9 No new Wilderness or Wilderness Study Area may
10 be designated in Wyoming except by a Federal statute
11 that—

12 (1) specifically designates such area; and

13 (2) is enacted after the date of the enactment
14 of this Act.

15 **SEC. 4. TREATMENT OF LAND WITH WILDERNESS CHARAC-**
16 **TERISTICS.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Any Federal land in Wyoming
18 inventoried, before the date of the enactment of this Act,
19 as a “Land with Wilderness Characteristics” or identified
20 as having wilderness characteristics under the planning
21 process of the Bureau of Land Management or the Forest
22 Service shall no longer be inventoried or identified as such.
23 Such lands shall be managed under the respective Federal
24 land agency’s multiple use and sustained yield mandate
25 and the respective Federal land agency is no longer bound

1 to manage the lands according to the non-impairment
2 standard.

3 (b) FUTURE INVENTORY.—After the date of the en-
4 actment of this Act, no Federal land in Wyoming shall
5 be inventoried as a “Land with Wilderness Characteris-
6 ties” or shall be identified as having wilderness character-
7 istics under the planning process of the Bureau of Land
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