

114TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 1196

To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to grant rights-of-way on Federal land.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 5, 2015

Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, and Mrs. CAPITO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## 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 “Federal Land Access  
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. RIGHTS-OF-WAY THROUGH NATIONAL PARK SYS-**  
7 **TEM LAND AUTHORIZED.**

8 Section 28(b)(1) of the Mineral Leasing Act (30  
9 U.S.C. 185(b)(1)) is amended—

1           (1) in the first sentence, by striking “(b)” and  
2 all that follows through “the purposes of this sec-  
3 tion” and inserting the following:

4           “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5                 “(1) FEDERAL LANDS.—

6                         “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term”; and

7                 (2) by adding at the end the following:

8                 “(2) INCLUSION.—For purposes of granting an  
9 application for a natural gas pipeline right-of-way,  
10 the term ‘Federal lands’ means all lands owned by  
11 the United States, except those lands held in trust  
12 for an Indian or Indian tribe and lands on the outer  
13 Continental Shelf.”.

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