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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 SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 3, 2015

Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and 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 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

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

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

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

14 (2) **MAPS.**—The term “Maps” means—

15 (A) the Bureau of Land Management map
16 entitled “Hunter Creek and Pistol River Head-
17 waters Withdrawal Proposal” dated June 25,
18 2014; and

19 (B) the Bureau of Land Management map
20 entitled “Rough and Ready and Baldface
21 Creeks Mineral Withdrawal Proposal” dated
22 June 12, 2014.

23 **SEC. 3. WITHDRAWAL OF FEDERAL LAND, CURRY COUNTY**
24 **AND JOSEPHINE COUNTY, OREGON.**

25 (a) **WITHDRAWAL.**—Subject to valid existing rights,
26 the eligible Federal land is withdrawn from all forms of—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 (b) 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 **SEC. 4. EXISTING USES NOT AFFECTED.**

12 Except with respect to the withdrawal under section
13 3, nothing in this Act restricts recreational uses, hunting,
14 fishing, forest management activities, or other authorized
15 uses allowed on the date of enactment of this Act on the
16 eligible Federal land in accordance with applicable law.

17 **SEC. 5. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO WILD AND SCENIC**

18 **RIVERS ACT RELATING TO THE CHETCO**

19 **RIVER, OREGON.**

20 Paragraph (69) of section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic
21 Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended to read as fol-
22 lows:

23 “(69) CHETCO, OREGON.—

24 “(A) DESIGNATIONS.—The 44.5-mile segment from
25 its headwaters to the Siskiyou National Forest boundary;

1 to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture in the
2 following classes:

3 “(i) The 27.5-mile segment from its
4 headwaters to Mislatah Creek as a wild
5 river.

6 “(ii) The 7.5-mile segment from
7 Mislatah Creek to Eagle Creek as a sce-
8 nic river.

9 “(iii) The 9.5-mile segment from
10 Eagle Creek to the Siskiyou National For-
11 est boundary, one mile below Wilson
12 Creek, as a recreational river.

13 “(B) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid rights, the
14 Federal land within the boundaries of the river segments
15 designated by subparagraph (A), is withdrawn from all
16 forms of—

17 “(i) entry, appropriation, or disposal
18 under the public land laws;

19 “(ii) location, entry, and patent under
20 the mining laws; and

21 “(iii) operation under the mineral
22 leasing and geothermal leasing laws.”.

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