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1ST SESSION**S. 360****[Report No. 105-78]**

To require adoption of a management plan for the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area that allows appropriate use of motorized and non-motorized river craft in the recreation area, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 26, 1997

Mr. CRAIG (for himself, Mr. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. KEMPTHORNE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

SEPTEMBER 11, 1997

Reported by Mr. MURKOWSKI, without amendment

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. MOTORIZED AND NONMOTORIZED RIVER**
2 **CRAFT, HELLS CANYON NATIONAL RECRE-**
3 **ATION AREA.**

4 Section 10 of Public Law 94–199 (16 U.S.C. 460gg–
5 7) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (a), (b), (c),
7 (d), and (e) as paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), and (5),
8 respectively;

9 (2) by striking “The Secretary” in the matter
10 preceding the paragraphs and inserting “(a) RULES
11 AND REGULATIONS.—The Secretary”;

12 (3) by striking paragraph (4) (as so redesign-
13 dated) and inserting the following new paragraph:

14 “(4) subject to subsection (b), provision for
15 control of the use and number of motorized and non-
16 motorized river craft as necessary, but only to the
17 extent necessary to ensure that such uses are com-
18 patible with this Act; and”;

19 (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-
20 section:

21 “(b) USE OF MOTORIZED AND NONMOTORIZED
22 RIVER CRAFT.—For the purposes of subsection (a)(4)—

23 “(1) the use of motorized and nonmotorized
24 river craft is recognized as a valid and appropriate
25 use of the Snake River within the recreation area;

1 “(2) motorized and nonmotorized river craft
2 shall be permitted access to, and use of, the entire
3 river within the recreation area at all times during
4 the year;

5 “(3) concurrent use of the river within the
6 recreation area by motorized and nonmotorized river
7 craft shall not be considered to be a conflict;

8 “(4) use of commercial and private motorized
9 and nonmotorized river craft shall be allowed to con-
10 tinue on the entire Snake River within the recreation
11 area throughout each year at levels that optimize the
12 opportunity of the American people to utilize the
13 recreation area within the reasonable capacity of the
14 resources to sustain that use, recognizing as accept-
15 able established daily and seasonal use patterns and
16 considering the economic well-being of surrounding
17 communities; and

18 “(5) use of motorized or nonmotorized river
19 craft on the Snake River within the recreation area
20 by owners of private property for the purpose of
21 traveling to or from their property in their usual and
22 accustomed manner shall not be restricted.”.

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