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H. R. 1179

To clarify the authority of the Secretary of the Interior with regard to
management of elk in Rocky Mountain National Park.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. UDALL of Colorado introduced the following bill; which was referred to
the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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with regard to management of elk in Rocky Mountain
National Park.

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. DEFINITIONS.**

4 As used in this Act—

5 (1) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary
6 of the Interior;

7 (2) the term “Park” means Rocky Mountain
8 National Park;

9 (3) the term “qualified individuals” means indi-
10 viduals who possess a valid resident big-game hunt-

1 ing license issued by the State of Colorado and who
2 possess such other qualifications as the Secretary
3 may establish after consultation with the Colorado
4 Division of Wildlife; and

5 (4) the term “Elk and Vegetation Management
6 Plan” means the Elk and Vegetation Management
7 Plan for Rocky Mountain National Park described in
8 the draft environmental impact statement dated
9 April 2006 with respect to such plan.

10 **SEC. 2. USE OF SERVICES.**

11 Nothing in the Act of March 2, 1929 (45 Stat. 1537;
12 16 U.S.C. 198c), or other applicable law, shall be con-
13 strued as prohibiting the Secretary from using the services
14 of qualified individuals, as volunteers or under contract
15 with the Secretary, to assist in implementation of the Elk
16 and Vegetation Management Plan by using lethal means
17 to reduce the population of elk within the Park.

18 **SEC. 3. CONSULTATION.**

19 The Secretary shall consult with the Colorado Divi-
20 sion of Wildlife regarding possible participation by such
21 Division in implementation of the Elk and Vegetation
22 Management Plan.

23 **SEC. 4. LIMITATION.**

24 Nothing in this Act shall be construed as applicable
25 to the taking of wildlife within the Park for any purpose

- 1 other than the implementation of the Elk and Vegetation
- 2 Management Plan.

