

113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 2259

AN ACT

To withdraw certain Federal land and interests in that land from location, entry, and patent under the mining laws and disposition under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws and to preserve existing uses.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “North Fork Watershed
3 Protection Act of 2014”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

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

8 (A) any federally owned land or interest in
9 land depicted on the Map as within the North
10 Fork Federal Lands Withdrawal Area; or

11 (B) any land or interest in land located
12 within the North Fork Federal Lands With-
13 drawal Area that is acquired by the Federal
14 Government after the date of enactment of this
15 Act.

16 (2) **MAP.**—The term “Map” means the Bureau
17 of Land Management map entitled “North Fork
18 Federal Lands Withdrawal Area” and dated June 9,
19 2010.

20 **SEC. 3. WITHDRAWAL.**

21 (a) **WITHDRAWAL.**—Subject to valid existing rights,
22 the eligible Federal land is withdrawn from—

23 (1) all forms of location, entry, and patent
24 under the mining laws; and

25 (2) disposition under all laws relating to min-
26 eral leasing and geothermal leasing.

1 (b) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—Not later than 30 days
2 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Map shall be
3 made available to the public at each appropriate office of
4 the Bureau of Land Management.

5 (c) EFFECT OF SECTION.—Nothing in this section
6 violates the rights of existing leaseholders or prohibits the
7 Secretary of the Interior from taking any action necessary
8 to complete any requirement under the National Environ-
9 mental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) or
10 the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et
11 seq.) required for permitting surface-disturbing activity to
12 occur on any lease issued before the date of enactment
13 of this Act.

14 **SEC. 4. EXISTING USES NOT AFFECTED.**

15 Except with respect to the withdrawal under section
16 3, nothing in this Act restricts recreational uses, livestock
17 management activities, or forest management activities al-
18 lowed on the date of the enactment of this Act on the eligi-
19 ble Federal land in accordance with applicable law.

Passed the House of Representatives March 4,
2014.

Attest:

Clerk.

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