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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 5, 2013

Mr. DAINES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on 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 “North Fork Watershed
5 Protection Act of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

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

3 (A) any federally owned land or interest in
4 land depicted on the Map as within the North
5 Fork Federal Lands Withdrawal Area; or

6 (B) any land or interest in land located
7 within the North Fork Federal Lands With-
8 drawal Area that is acquired by the Federal
9 Government after the date of enactment of this
10 Act.

11 (2) MAP.—The term “Map” means the Bureau
12 of Land Management map entitled “North Fork
13 Federal Lands Withdrawal Area” and dated June 9,
14 2010.

15 **SEC. 3. WITHDRAWAL.**

16 (a) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
17 the eligible Federal land is withdrawn from—

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

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

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

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

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

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