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# H. R. 2273

To amend the Colorado River Storage Project Act to authorize the use  
of the active capacity of the Fontenelle Reservoir.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. LUMMIS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Natural Resources

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## 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. AMENDMENTS TO THE COLORADO RIVER STOR-**  
4       **AGE PROJECT ACT.**

5       The Act of April 11, 1956 (commonly known as the  
6       “Colorado River Storage Project Act”), is amended—

7               (1) by redesignating section 17 (43 U.S.C.  
8       620o) as section 18; and

9               (2) by inserting after section 16 (43 U.S.C.  
10       620n–1) the following:

1 **“SEC. 17. AUTHORITY TO MAKE ENTIRE ACTIVE CAPACITY**  
2 **OF FONTENELLE RESERVOIR AVAILABLE**  
3 **FOR USE.**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior, in  
5 cooperation with the State of Wyoming, may amend the  
6 Definite Plan Report for the Seedskadee Project author-  
7 ized under the first section to provide for the study, de-  
8 sign, planning, and construction activities that will enable  
9 the use of all active storage capacity (as may be defined  
10 or limited by legal, hydrologic, structural, engineering,  
11 economic, and environmental considerations) of Fontenelle  
12 Dam and Reservoir, including the placement of sufficient  
13 riprap on the upstream face of Fontenelle Dam to allow  
14 the active storage capacity of Fontenelle Reservoir to be  
15 used for those purposes for which the Seedskadee Project  
16 was authorized.

17 “(b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Inte-  
19 rior may enter into any contract, grant, cooperative  
20 agreement, or other agreement that is necessary to  
21 carry out subsection (a).

22 “(2) STATE OF WYOMING.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the  
24 Interior shall enter into a cooperative agree-  
25 ment with the State of Wyoming to work in co-  
26 operation and collaboratively with the State of

Wyoming for planning, design, related preconstruction activities, and construction of any modification of the Fontenelle Dam under subsection (a).

“(B) REQUIREMENTS.—The cooperative agreement under subparagraph (A) shall, at a minimum, specify the responsibilities of the Secretary of the Interior and the State of Wyoming with respect to—

“(i) completing the planning and final design of the modification of the Fontenelle Dam under subsection (a);

“(ii) any environmental and cultural resource compliance activities required for the modification of the Fontenelle Dam under subsection (a) including compliance with—

“(I) the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.);

“(II) the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.); and

“(III) subdivision 2 of division A of subtitle III of title 54, United States Code; and

1 “(iii) the construction of the modifica-  
2 tion of the Fontenelle Dam under sub-  
3 section (a).

4 “(c) FUNDING BY STATE OF WYOMING.—Pursuant  
5 to the Act of March 4, 1921 (41 Stat. 1404, chapter 161;  
6 43 U.S.C. 395), and as a condition of providing any addi-  
7 tional storage under subsection (a), the State of Wyoming  
8 shall provide to the Secretary of the Interior funds for any  
9 work carried out under subsection (a).

10 “(d) OTHER CONTRACTING AUTHORITY.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Inte-  
12 rior may enter into contracts with the State of Wyo-  
13 ming, on such terms and conditions as the Secretary  
14 of the Interior and the State of Wyoming may agree,  
15 for division of any additional active capacity made  
16 available under subsection (a).

17 “(2) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—Unless other-  
18 wise agreed to by the Secretary of the Interior and  
19 the State of Wyoming, a contract entered into under  
20 paragraph (1) shall be subject to the terms and con-  
21 ditions of Bureau of Reclamation Contract No. 14–  
22 06–400–2474 and Bureau of Reclamation Contract  
23 No. 14–06–400–6193.”.

1 **SEC. 2. SAVINGS PROVISIONS.**

2 Unless expressly provided in this Act, nothing in this  
3 Act or an amendment made by this Act modifies, conflicts  
4 with, preempts, or otherwise affects—

5 (1) the Act of December 31, 1928 (43 U.S.C.  
6 617 et seq.) (commonly known as the “Boulder Can-  
7 yon Project Act”);

8 (2) the Colorado River Compact of 1922, as ap-  
9 proved by the Presidential Proclamation of June 25,  
10 1929 (46 Stat. 3000);

11 (3) the Act of July 19, 1940 (43 U.S.C. 618  
12 et seq.) (commonly known as the “Boulder Canyon  
13 Project Adjustment Act”);

14 (4) the Treaty between the United States of  
15 America and Mexico relating to the utilization of  
16 waters of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of  
17 the Rio Grande, and supplementary protocol signed  
18 November 14, 1944, signed at Washington February  
19 3, 1944 (59 Stat. 1219);

20 (5) the Upper Colorado River Basin Compact  
21 as consented to by the Act of April 6, 1949 (63  
22 Stat. 31);

23 (6) the Act of April 11, 1956 (commonly known  
24 as the “Colorado River Storage Project Act”) (43  
25 U.S.C. 620 et seq.);

- 1           (7) the Colorado River Basin Project Act (Pub-  
2       lic Law 90–537; 82 Stat. 885); or  
3           (8) any State of Wyoming or other State water  
4       law.

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