

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 501

AN ACT

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of East Rosebud Creek in Carbon County, Montana, as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

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 “East Rosebud Wild
3 and Scenic Rivers Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS; PURPOSE.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

6 (1) East Rosebud Creek is cherished by the
7 people of Montana and visitors from across the
8 United States for its clean water, spectacular nat-
9 ural setting, and outstanding recreational opportuni-
10 ties;

11 (2) recreational activities, including fishing,
12 hunting, camping, paddling, hiking, rock climbing,
13 and wildlife watching, on East Rosebud Creek and
14 the surrounding land generate millions of dollars an-
15 nually for the local economy;

16 (3) East Rosebud Creek—

17 (A) is a national treasure;

18 (B) possesses outstandingly remarkable
19 values; and

20 (C) merits the high level of protection af-
21 farded by the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16
22 U.S.C. 1271 et seq.) in order to maintain the
23 benefits provided by the Creek, as described in
24 paragraphs (1) and (2), for future generations
25 to enjoy; and

1 derness downstream to the point at which the
2 Creek enters East Rosebud Lake, including the
3 stream reach between Twin Outlets Lake and
4 Fossil Lake, to be administered by the Sec-
5 retary of Agriculture as a wild river; and

6 “(B) the 7-mile segment exclusively on
7 public land within the Custer National Forest
8 from immediately below, but not including, the
9 outlet of East Rosebud Lake downstream to the
10 point at which the Creek enters private prop-
11 erty for the first time, to be administered by
12 the Secretary of Agriculture as a recreational
13 river.”.

14 (b) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in paragraph (213)
16 of section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act
17 (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) (as added by subsection (a))
18 creates a protective perimeter or buffer zone outside
19 the designated boundary of the river segment des-
20 ignated by that paragraph.

21 (2) OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES.—The fact that an
22 otherwise authorized activity or use can be seen or
23 heard within the boundary of the river segment des-
24 ignated by paragraph (213) of section 3(a) of the
25 Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) (as

1 added by subsection (a)) shall not preclude the activ-
2 ity or use outside the boundary of the river segment.

Passed the Senate December 20, 2017.

Attest:

Secretary.

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