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S. 2555

To designate the New River Gorge National River in the State of West Virginia as the “New River Gorge National Park and Preserve”, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

Mrs. CAPITO (for herself and Mr. MANCHIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and 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 “New River Gorge Na-
5 tional Park and Preserve Designation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF NEW RIVER GORGE NATIONAL**
2 **PARK AND NEW RIVER GORGE NATIONAL**
3 **PRESERVE, WEST VIRGINIA.**

4 (a) REDESIGNATION.—The New River Gorge Na-
5 tional River established under section 1101 of the Na-
6 tional Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C.
7 460m–15) shall be known and designated as the “New
8 River Gorge National Park and Preserve”, consisting of—

9 (1) the New River Gorge National Park; and

10 (2) the New River Gorge National Preserve.

11 (b) NEW RIVER GORGE NATIONAL PARK.—The
12 boundaries of the New River Gorge National Park referred
13 to in subsection (a)(1) shall be the boundaries depicted
14 as “Proposed National Park Area” on the map entitled
15 “New River Gorge National Park and Preserve Proposed
16 Boundary”, numbered 637/163,199, and dated September
17 2019.

18 (c) NEW RIVER GORGE NATIONAL PRESERVE;
19 BOUNDARY.—The boundaries of the New River Gorge Na-
20 tional Preserve referred to in subsection (a)(2) shall be
21 the boundaries depicted as “Proposed National Preserve
22 Area” on the map entitled “New River Gorge National
23 Park and Preserve Proposed Boundary”, numbered 637/
24 163,199, and dated September 2019.

1 **SEC. 3. ADMINISTRATION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The New River Gorge National
3 Park and Preserve shall be administered by the Secretary
4 of the Interior (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”)
5 in accordance with—

6 (1) this Act;

7 (2) the laws generally applicable to units of the
8 National Park System, including—

9 (A) section 100101(a), chapter 1003, and
10 sections 100751(a), 100752, 100753, and
11 102101 of title 54, United States Code; and

12 (B) chapter 3201 of title 54, United States
13 Code; and

14 (3) title XI of the National Parks and Recre-
15 ation Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 460m–15 et seq.).

16 (b) HUNTING AND FISHING.—

17 (1) HUNTING.—Hunting within the New River
18 Gorge National Preserve shall be administered by
19 the Secretary—

20 (A) in the same manner as hunting was
21 administered on the day before the date of en-
22 actment of this Act in those portions of the
23 New River Gorge National River designated as
24 the New River Gorge National Preserve by sec-
25 tion 2(c); and

26 (B) in accordance with—

1 (i) section 1106 of the National Parks
2 and Recreation Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C.
3 460m–20); and

4 (ii) other applicable laws.

5 (2) FISHING.—Fishing within the New River
6 Gorge National Park and Preserve shall be adminis-
7 tered by the Secretary—

8 (A) in the same manner as fishing was ad-
9 ministered within the New River Gorge Na-
10 tional River on the day before the date of enact-
11 ment of this Act; and

12 (B) in accordance with—

13 (i) section 1106 of the National Parks
14 and Recreation Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C.
15 460m–20); and

16 (ii) other applicable laws.

17 (3) PRIVATE LAND.—Nothing in this Act pro-
18 hibits hunting, fishing, or trapping on private land
19 in accordance with applicable State and Federal
20 laws.

21 (c) COMMERCIAL RECREATIONAL WATERCRAFT
22 SERVICES.—Commercial recreational watercraft services
23 within the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve
24 shall be administered by the Secretary in accordance with
25 section 402 of the West Virginia National Interest River

1 Conservation Act of 1987 (16 U.S.C. 460m–15 note; Pub-
2 lic Law 100–534).

3 (d) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
4 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United
5 States to the New River Gorge National River shall be
6 considered to be a reference to the “New River Gorge Na-
7 tional Park” or the “New River Gorge National Preserve”,
8 as appropriate.

9 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

10 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
11 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

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