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H. R. 1303

To amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to establish the Cerro de la Olla Wilderness in the Río Grande del Norte National Monument and to modify the boundary of the Río Grande del Norte National Monument.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 1, 2023

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ (for herself and Ms. STANSBURY) 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 “Cerro de la Olla Wil-
5 derness Establishment Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF CERRO DE LA OLLA WILDERNESS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1202 of the John D.
2 Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recre-
3 ation Act (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; Public Law 116-
4 9; 133 Stat. 651) is amended—

5 (A) in the section heading, by striking
6 **“CERRO DEL YUTA AND RÍO SAN ANTO-**
7 **NIO”** and inserting **“RÍO GRANDE DEL**
8 **NORTE NATIONAL MONUMENT”**;

9 (B) in subsection (a), by striking para-
10 graph (1) and inserting the following:

11 “(1) MAP.—The term ‘map’ means—

12 “(A) for purposes of subparagraphs (A)
13 and (B) of subsection (b)(1), the map entitled
14 ‘Río Grande del Norte National Monument Pro-
15 posed Wilderness Areas’ and dated July 28,
16 2015; and

17 “(B) for purposes of subsection (b)(1)(C),
18 the map entitled ‘Proposed Cerro de la Olla
19 Wilderness and Río Grande del Norte National
20 Monument Boundary’ and dated June 30th,
21 2022.’; and

22 (C) in subsection (b)—

23 (i) in paragraph (1), by adding at the
24 end the following:

1 “(C) CERRO DE LA OLLA WILDERNESS.—
2 Certain Federal land administered by the Bu-
3 reau of Land Management in Taos County,
4 New Mexico, comprising approximately 12,898
5 acres as generally depicted on the map, which
6 shall be known as the ‘Cerro de la Olla Wilder-
7 ness’.”;

8 (ii) in paragraph (4), in the matter
9 preceding subparagraph (A), by striking
10 “this Act” and inserting “this Act (includ-
11 ing a reserve common grazing allotment)”;

12 (iii) in paragraph (7)—

13 (I) by striking “map and” each
14 place it appears and inserting “maps
15 and”;

16 (II) in subparagraph (B), by
17 striking “the legal description and
18 map” and inserting “the maps or
19 legal descriptions”;

20 (iv) by adding at the end the fol-
21 lowing:

22 “(12) WILDLIFE WATER DEVELOPMENT
23 PROJECTS IN CERRO DE LA OLLA WILDERNESS.—

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
25 graph (B) and in accordance with section 4(c)

1 of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(c)), the
2 Secretary may authorize the maintenance of
3 any structure or facility in existence on the date
4 of enactment of this paragraph for wildlife
5 water development projects (including guzzlers)
6 in the Cerro de la Olla Wilderness if, as deter-
7 mined by the Secretary—

8 “(i) the structure or facility would en-
9 hance wilderness values by promoting
10 healthy, viable, and more naturally distrib-
11 uted wildlife populations; and

12 “(ii) the visual impacts of the struc-
13 ture or facility on the Cerro de la Olla Wil-
14 derness can reasonably be minimized.

15 “(B) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.—Not
16 later than 1 year after the date of enactment of
17 this paragraph, the Secretary shall enter into a
18 cooperative agreement with the State of New
19 Mexico that specifies, subject to section 4(c) of
20 the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(c)), the
21 terms and conditions under which wildlife man-
22 agement activities in the Cerro de la Olla Wil-
23 derness may be carried out.”.

24 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
25 tents for the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation,

1 Management, and Recreation Act (Public Law 116–
2 9; 133 Stat. 581) is amended by striking the item
3 relating to section 1202 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 1202. Río Grande del Norte National Monument Wilderness Areas.”.

4 (b) RÍO GRANDE DEL NORTE NATIONAL MONUMENT
5 BOUNDARY MODIFICATION.—The boundary of the Río
6 Grande del Norte National Monument in the State of New
7 Mexico is modified, as depicted on the map entitled “Pro-
8 posed Cerro de la Olla Wilderness and Río Grande del
9 Norte National Monument Boundary” and dated June
10 30th, 2022.

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