

Calendar No. 688

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 941

To withdraw certain National Forest System land in the Emigrant Crevice area located in the Custer Gallatin National Forest, Park County, Montana, from the mining and mineral leasing laws of the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 25, 2017

Mr. TESTER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

NOVEMBER 29, 2018

Reported by Ms. MURKOWSKI, without amendment

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Yellowstone Gateway
3 Protection Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. WITHDRAWAL.**

5 (a) DEFINITION OF MAP.—In this section, the term
6 “map” means the map entitled “Emigrant Crevice Pro-
7 posed Withdrawal Area” and dated November 10, 2016.

8 (b) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights
9 in existence on the date of enactment of this Act, the Na-
10 tional Forest System land and interests in the National
11 Forest System land, as depicted on the map, is withdrawn
12 from—

13 (1) location, entry, and patent under the mining
14 laws; and

15 (2) disposition under all laws pertaining to min-
16 eral and geothermal leasing.

17 (c) ACQUIRED LAND.—Any land or interest in land
18 within the area depicted on the map that is acquired by
19 the United States after the date of enactment of this Act
20 shall, on acquisition, be immediately withdrawn in accord-
21 ance with this section.

22 (d) MAP.—

23 (1) SUBMISSION OF MAP.—As soon as prac-
24 ticable after the date of enactment of this Act, the
25 Secretary of Agriculture shall file the map with—

1 (A) the Committee on Energy and Natural
2 Resources of the Senate; and

3 (B) the Committee on Natural Resources
4 of the House of Representatives.

5 (2) FORCE OF LAW.—The map filed under
6 paragraph (1) shall have the same force and effect
7 as if included in this Act, except that the Secretary
8 of Agriculture may correct clerical and typographical
9 errors in the map.

10 (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The map filed
11 under paragraph (1) shall be on file and available
12 for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the
13 Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Manage-
14 ment.

15 (e) EFFECT.—Nothing in this section affects any rec-
16 reational use, including hunting or fishing, that is author-
17 ized on land within the area depicted on the map under
18 applicable law as of the date of enactment of this Act.

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