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113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To provide for the use of hand-propelled vessels in Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park, and the National Elk Refuge, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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 “River Paddling Protec-
5 tion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REGULATIONS SUPERSEDED.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The following regulations shall
8 have no force or effect with regard to hand-propelled ves-

1 sels and the Secretary of the Interior may not issue sub-
2 stantially similar regulations that apply to hand-propelled
3 vessels:

4 (1) Section 7.13(d)(4)(ii) of title 36, Code of
5 Federal Regulations, regarding vessels on streams
6 and rivers in Yellowstone National Park.

7 (2) Section 7.22(e)(3) of title 36, Code of Fed-
8 eral Regulations, regarding vessels on lakes and riv-
9 ers in Grand Teton National Park.

10 (b) WILDLIFE-DEPENDANT RECREATIONAL USE.—
11 Notwithstanding section 25.21(a) of title 50, Code of Fed-
12 eral Regulations, regarding National Elk Refuge, the use
13 of hand-propelled vessels on rivers and streams in the Na-
14 tional Elk Refuge shall be considered a “wildlife-depend-
15 ent recreational use” as that term is defined in section
16 5(2) of Public Law 89–669 (16 U.S.C. 668ee(2)).