

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5149

To provide that certain wilderness study areas in Montana have been adequately studied for wilderness designation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 1, 2018

Mr. GIANFORTE 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 “Unlocking Public
5 Lands Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. RELEASE OF CERTAIN WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS.**

7 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that, for the purposes
8 of section 603(e) of the Federal Land Policy and Manage-
9 ment Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782(e)), the study areas

1 described in subsection (c) have been adequately studied
2 for wilderness designation.

3 (b) RELEASE.—A study area described in subsection
4 (c)—

5 (1) is no longer subject to section 603(c) of the
6 Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976
7 (43 U.S.C. 1782(c)); and

8 (2) shall be managed in accordance with land
9 management plans adopted under section 202 of the
10 Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976
11 (43 U.S.C. 1712).

12 (c) DESCRIPTION OF STUDY AREAS.—The study
13 areas referred to in subsections (a) and (b) are—

14 (1) the Axolotl Lakes Wilderness Study Area;

15 (2) the Bell/Limekiln Canyons Wilderness
16 Study Area;

17 (3) the Henneberry Ridge Wilderness Study
18 Area;

19 (4) the Hidden Pasture Wilderness Study Area;

20 (5) the Twin Coulee Wilderness Study Area;

21 (6) the Black Sage Wilderness Study Area;

22 (7) the Blacktail Mountains Wilderness Study
23 Area;

24 (8) the Centennial Mountains Wilderness Study
25 Area;

- 1 (9) the East Fork Blacktail Deer Creek Wilder-
2 ness Study Area;
- 3 (10) the public land that is—
- 4 (A) included in the Farlin Creek Wilder-
5 ness Study Area; and
- 6 (B) not depicted on the map entitled “East
7 Pioneers Wilderness” and dated September 13,
8 2010;
- 9 (11) the Ruby Mountains Wilderness Study
10 Area;
- 11 (12) the Bitter Creek Wilderness Study Area;
- 12 (13) the Billy Creek Wilderness Study Area;
- 13 (14) the Bridge Coulee Wilderness Study Area;
- 14 (15) the Seven Blackfoot Wilderness Study
15 Area;
- 16 (16) the Terry Badlands Wilderness Study
17 Area;
- 18 (17) the Hoodoo Mountain Wilderness Study
19 Area;
- 20 (18) the Wales Creek Wilderness Study Area;
- 21 (19) the Antelope Creek Wilderness Study
22 Area;
- 23 (20) the Cow Creek Wilderness Study Area;
- 24 (21) the Dog Creek South Wilderness Study
25 Area;

- 1 (22) the Ervin Ridge Wilderness Study Area;
- 2 (23) the Stafford Wilderness Study Area; and
- 3 (24) the Woodhawk Wilderness Study Area.

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