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# H. R. 6939

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

Ms. CHENEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## 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 “Restoring Local Input  
5 and Access to Public Lands Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. REMOVAL OF BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT AND**  
7 **FOREST SERVICE WILDERNESS STUDY AREA**  
8 **DESIGNATIONS.**

9 (a) RELEASE.—The public lands described in sub-  
10 section (b) are deemed to have been adequately studied

1 for wilderness designation pursuant to section 603 of the  
2 Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and  
3 section 301 of the Wyoming Wilderness Act of 1984 and  
4 are no longer subject to the requirements of subsection  
5 (c) of each of those sections pertaining to the management  
6 of Wilderness Study Areas.

7 (b) COVERED PUBLIC LANDS.—Subsection (a) shall  
8 apply to the following Federal lands in Wyoming:

9 (1) Wilderness Study Areas, or portions there-  
10 of, administered by the Bureau of Land Manage-  
11 ment and the Forest Service in Lincoln County.

12 (2) Wilderness Study Areas, or portions there-  
13 of, administered by the Bureau of Land Manage-  
14 ment in Sweetwater County.

15 (3) Wilderness Study Areas, or portions there-  
16 of, administered by the Bureau of Land Manage-  
17 ment in Bighorn County.

18 (c) MANAGEMENT OF RELEASED LAND.—Federal  
19 lands identified in subsection (b) shall be managed accord-  
20 ing to the respective Federal land agency’s multiple use  
21 and sustained yield mandate.

22 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION.**

23 No new Wilderness or Wilderness Study Area may  
24 be designated in Wyoming except by a Federal statute  
25 that—

1 (1) specifically designates such area; and

2 (2) is enacted after the date of the enactment  
3 of this Act.

4 **SEC. 4. TREATMENT OF LAND WITH WILDERNESS CHARAC-**  
5 **TERISTICS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Any Federal land in Wyoming  
7 inventoried, before the date of the enactment of this Act,  
8 as a “Land with Wilderness Characteristics” or identified  
9 as having wilderness characteristics under the planning  
10 process of the Bureau of Land Management or the Forest  
11 Service shall no longer be inventoried or identified as such.  
12 Such lands shall be managed under the respective Federal  
13 land agency’s multiple use and sustained yield mandate  
14 and the respective Federal land agency is no longer bound  
15 to manage the lands according to the non-impairment  
16 standard.

17 (b) FUTURE INVENTORY.—After the date of the en-  
18 actment of this Act, no Federal land in Wyoming shall  
19 be inventoried as a “Land with Wilderness Characteris-  
20 ties” or shall be identified as having wilderness character-  
21 istics under the planning process of the Bureau of Land  
22 Management or the Forest Service.

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