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# H. R. 10016

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 18, 2024

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky 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 “Kentucky Wildlands  
5 National Heritage Area Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF KENTUCKY WILDLANDS NA-**  
2 **TIONAL HERITAGE AREA.**

3 (a) DESIGNATION.—Section 6001(a) of the John D.  
4 Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation  
5 Act (Public Law 116–9; 133 Stat. 768; 136 Stat. 6163)  
6 is amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(14) KENTUCKY WILDLANDS NATIONAL HER-  
8 ITAGE AREA.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—There is established  
10 as a component of the National Heritage Area  
11 System the Kentucky Wildlands National Herit-  
12 age Area in the State of Kentucky, consisting  
13 of Bath, Bell, Boyd, Breathitt, Carter, Clay, El-  
14 liott, Estill, Floyd, Harlan, Jackson, Johnson,  
15 Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie,  
16 Letcher, Madison, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary,  
17 Menifee, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Powell,  
18 Pulaski, Rockcastle, Rowan, Wayne, Whitley,  
19 and Wolfe Counties, Kentucky.

20 “(B) LOCAL COORDINATING ENTITY.—  
21 Eastern Kentucky PRIDE, a nonprofit organi-  
22 zation established under the laws of the State  
23 of Kentucky, shall be the local coordinating en-  
24 tity for the National Heritage Area designated  
25 by subparagraph (A).”.

1       (b) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—For the purposes of sec-  
2 tion 6001(c) of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation,  
3 Management, and Recreation Act (Public Law 116–9; 133  
4 Stat. 772; 136 Stat. 6173), the local coordinating entity  
5 for the Kentucky Wildlands National Heritage Area des-  
6 ignated under the amendment made by subsection (a)  
7 shall submit to the Secretary of the Interior for approval  
8 a proposed management plan for the Kentucky Wildlands  
9 National Heritage Area not later than 3 years after the  
10 date of enactment of this Act.

11       (c) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—For the purposes  
12 of subsection (g)(4) of section 6001 of the John D. Din-  
13 gell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act  
14 (Public Law 116–9; 133 Stat. 776), the authority of the  
15 Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance under that  
16 section for the Kentucky Wildlands National Heritage  
17 Area designated under the amendment made by subsection  
18 (a) shall terminate on the date that is 15 years after the  
19 date of enactment of this Act.

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