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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. LUMMIS (for herself and Mr. BARRASSO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and 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 “Combating Obstruction
5 Against Leasing Act of 2025” or the “COAL Act of
6 2025”.

7 **SEC. 2. LEASING FOR CERTAIN QUALIFIED COAL APPLICA-**
8 **TIONS.**

9 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) COAL LEASE.—The term “coal lease”
2 means a lease entered into by the United States as
3 lessor, through the Bureau of Land Management,
4 and an applicant, as lessee, on Bureau of Land
5 Management Form 3400–012 (or a successor form).

6 (2) QUALIFIED APPLICATION.—The term
7 “qualified application” means any application for a
8 coal lease pending as of the date of enactment of
9 this Act submitted under the lease by application
10 program administered by the Bureau of Land Man-
11 agement pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act (30
12 U.S.C. 181 et seq.) and subpart 3425 of part 3420
13 of title 43, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect
14 on the date of enactment of this Act), for which the
15 environmental review process under the National
16 Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321
17 et seq.) has commenced as of that date of enact-
18 ment.

19 (b) MANDATORY LEASING AND OTHER REQUIRED
20 APPROVALS.—As soon as practicable after the date of en-
21 actment of this Act, the Secretary shall—

22 (1) with respect to each qualified application—
23 (A) if not previously published for public
24 comment, publish—

1 (i) a draft environmental assessment,
 2 as required under the National Environ-
 3 mental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.
 4 4321 et seq.); and

5 (ii) any applicable implementing regu-
 6 lations;

7 (B) finalize the fair market value of the
 8 coal tract for which the qualified application is
 9 pending;

10 (C) take all intermediate actions necessary
 11 to grant the qualified application; and

12 (D) grant the qualified application; and

13 (2) with respect to previously awarded coal
 14 leases, grant any additional approvals of the Depart-
 15 ment of the Interior or any bureau, agency, or divi-
 16 sion of the Department of the Interior required for
 17 mining activities to commence.

18 **SEC. 3. FUTURE COAL LEASING.**

19 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, Secre-
 20 tarial Order 3338, issued by the Secretary of the Interior
 21 on January 15, 2016 (relating to the Federal coal morato-
 22 rium), shall have no force or effect.

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