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S. 362

To allow certain Federal minerals to be mined consistent with the Bull Mountains Mining Plan Modification, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 3, 2025

Mr. DAINES (for himself and Mr. SHEEHY) 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. AUTHORIZATION TO MINE FEDERAL MINERALS.**

4 (a) DEFINITION OF BULL MOUNTAINS MINING PLAN
5 MODIFICATION.—In this Act, the term “Bull Mountains
6 Mining Plan Modification” means Amendment 3, Bull
7 Mountains Mine No. 1, Mining Plan Modification for Fed-
8 eral Coal Lease MTM 97988, that was approved by De-
9 partment of the Interior Principal Deputy Assistant Sec-

1 retary for Land and Minerals Management in a concur-
 2 rence memorandum, dated November 18, 2020.

3 (b) MINING OF FEDERAL MINERALS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—All Federal coal reserves
 5 leased under Federal Coal Lease MTM 97988 lo-
 6 cated in the Federal land described in subsection (c)
 7 are authorized to be mined in accordance with the
 8 Bull Mountains Mining Plan Modification.

9 (2) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 30 days
 10 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
 11 retary of the Interior shall, without modification or
 12 delay, approve the Bull Mountains Mining Plan
 13 Modification to the extent necessary to mine the
 14 Federal land described in subsection (c).

15 (c) DESCRIPTION OF FEDERAL LAND.—The Federal
 16 land referred to in subsection (b) is the following land,
 17 comprising 800 acres, more or less, located in T. 6 N.,
 18 R. 27 E., Montana Principal Meridian, Musselshell Coun-
 19 ty, Montana:

20 (1) The NE¹/₄ of section 8.

21 (2) The SW¹/₄ of section 10.

22 (3) The W¹/₂, SE¹/₄ of section 22.

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