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S. 1642

To open certain withdrawn land in Big Horn County, Wyoming, to locatable mineral development for bentonite mining.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 6, 2001

Mr. ENZI 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. OPENING OF CERTAIN WITHDRAWN LAND IN**
4 **WYOMING TO LOCATABLE MINERAL DEVEL-**
5 **OPMENT FOR BENTONITE MINING.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
7 sion of law and subject to subsection (c), the land de-
8 scribed in subsection (b) shall be open to locatable mineral
9 development for bentonite mining.

1 (b) COVERED LAND.—The land referred to in sub-
2 section (a) is approximately 40 acres of previously with-
3 drawn land located in Big Horn County, Wyoming, at the
4 sixth principal meridian, T. 56 N., R. 95 W., Sec. 32.
5 E¹/₂E¹/₂SE¹/₄, adjacent to Pit No. 144L covered by State
6 of Wyoming Mining Permit No. 321C.

7 (c) CLOSURE.—The Secretary of the Army may close
8 the land opened by subsection (a) at any time if the Sec-
9 retary determines that the closure of the land is required
10 by reason of a national emergency or for purposes of na-
11 tional defense or security.

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