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110TH CONGRESS
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S. 127

[Report No. 110–284]

To amend the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve Act of 2000 to explain the purpose and provide for the administration of the Baca National Wildlife Refuge.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 4, 2007

Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

APRIL 10, 2008

Reported by Mr. BINGAMAN, with an amendment

[Omit the part struck through and insert the part printed in *italic*]

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE BACA NA-**
 2 **TIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.**

3 Section 6 of the Great Sand Dunes National Park
 4 and Preserve Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 410hhh–4) is
 5 amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)—

7 (A) by striking “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

8 (1) When” and inserting the following:

9 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE.—

10 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—When”;

12 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “(2)
 13 Such establishment” and inserting the fol-
 14 lowing:

15 “(B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The establish-
 16 ment of the refuge under subparagraph (A)”;
 17 and

18 (C) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Baca Na-
 20 tional Wildlife Refuge shall be to restore, enhance,
 21 and maintain wetland, upland, riparian, and other
 22 habitats for native wildlife, plant, and fish species in
 23 the San Luis Valley.”;

24 (2) in subsection (c)—

25 (A) by striking “The Secretary” and in-
 26 serting the following:

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary”; and

2 (B) by adding at the end the following:

3 “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—In administering the
4 Baca National Wildlife Refuge, the Secretary shall,
5 to the maximum extent practicable—

6 “(A) emphasize migratory bird conserva-
7 tion; and

8 “(B) take into consideration the role of the
9 Refuge in broader landscape conservation ef-
10 forts.”; and

11 (3) in subsection (d)—

12 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “and” at
13 the end;

14 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking the pe-
15 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

16 (C) by adding at the end the following:

17 ~~“(3) use decreed water rights on the Refuge in~~
18 ~~approximately the same manner that the water~~
19 ~~rights have been used historically.”.~~

20 “(3) *subject to any agreement in existence as of*
21 *the date of enactment of this paragraph, and to the*
22 *extent consistent with the purposes of the Refuge, use*
23 *decreed water rights on the Refuge in approximately*
24 *the same manner that the water rights have been used*
25 *historically.”.*

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