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To clarify the authority of the Secretary of the Interior with regard to management of elk in Rocky Mountain National Park.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ALLARD 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. MANAGEMENT OF ELK IN ROCKY MOUNTAIN**
4 **NATIONAL PARK.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The term “manage-
7 ment plan” means the elk and vegetation manage-
8 ment plan for the Park described in the draft envi-
9 ronmental impact statement dated April 2006.

1 (2) PARK.—The term “Park” means Rocky
2 Mountain National Park.

3 (3) QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL.—The term “quali-
4 fied individual” means any individual who pos-
5 sesses—

6 (A) a valid resident big-game hunting li-
7 cense issued by the State of Colorado; and

8 (B) such other qualifications as the Sec-
9 retary, in consultation with the Colorado Divi-
10 sion of Wildlife, may establish.

11 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
12 the Secretary of the Interior.

13 (b) USE OF SERVICES.—Nothing in section 4 of the
14 Act of March 2, 1929 (16 U.S.C. 198c), or any other ap-
15 plicable law, prohibits the Secretary from using the serv-
16 ices of qualified individuals, as volunteers or pursuant to
17 a contract with the Secretary, to assist in carrying out
18 the management plan by using lethal means to reduce the
19 population of elk within the Park.

20 (c) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall consult
21 with the Colorado Division of Wildlife regarding potential
22 participation by the Division of Wildlife in carrying out
23 the management plan.

24 (d) LIMITATION.—Nothing in this section applies to
25 a taking of wildlife (within the meaning of section 3 of

- 1 the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1532))
- 2 within the Park for any purpose other than the implemen-
- 3 tation of the management plan.

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