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S. 191

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 8, 2009

Mr. SALAZAR (for himself and Mr. UDALL of Colorado) 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. PURPOSE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE BACA NA-**
4 **TIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.**

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

8 (1) in subsection (a)—

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

2 (1) When” and inserting the following:

3 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE.—

4 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—When”;

6 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “(2)

7 Such establishment” and inserting the fol-

8 lowing:

9 “(B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The establish-
10 ment of the refuge under subparagraph (A)”;

11 and

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

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

18 (2) in subsection (c)—

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

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

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

23 “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—In administering the
24 Baca National Wildlife Refuge, the Secretary shall,
25 to the maximum extent practicable—

1 “(A) emphasize migratory bird conserva-
2 tion; and

3 “(B) take into consideration the role of the
4 Refuge in broader landscape conservation ef-
5 forts.”; and

6 (3) in subsection (d)—

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

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

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

12 “(3) subject to any agreement in existence as of
13 the date of enactment of this paragraph, and to the
14 extent consistent with the purposes of the Refuge,
15 use decreed water rights on the Refuge in approxi-
16 mately the same manner that the water rights have
17 been used historically.”.

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