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[Report No. 111-134]

To designate additional segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, in the States of Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 22, 2009

Mr. KAUFMAN (for himself, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. CASEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

MARCH 2, 2010

Reported by Mr. BINGAMAN, with amendments

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A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “White Clay Creek Wild
3 and Scenic River Expansion Act of 2009”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds that—

6 (1) the White Clay Creek watershed is 1 of only
7 a few relatively intact and unspoiled functioning
8 river systems remaining in the highly congested and
9 developed corridor between Philadelphia, Pennsyl-
10 vania and Newark, Delaware;

11 (2) Public Law 102-215 (16 U.S.C. 1271 note;
12 105 Stat. 1664) directed the Secretary of the Interior,
13 in cooperation and consultation with appro-
14 priate State and local governments and affected
15 landowners, to conduct a study of the eligibility and
16 suitability of White Clay Creek, in the States of
17 Delaware and Pennsylvania, and the tributaries of
18 the creek for inclusion in the National Wild and See-
19 nie Rivers System;

20 (3) as a part of the study described in para-
21 graph (2), all segments listed in the amendments
22 made by section 3 were found eligible for inclusion
23 in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System;

24 (4) local communities and governments along
25 the proposed river segments have passed resolutions
26 in support of the designation of the segments listed

1 in the amendments made by section 3 as components
2 of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System;
3 and

4 (5) Public Law 106-357 (16 U.S.C. 1271 note;
5 114 Stat. 1393) designated 190 miles of river segments
6 of White Clay Creek (including tributaries of
7 White Clay Creek and all second order tributaries of
8 the designated segments) in the States of Delaware
9 and Pennsylvania, to be administered by the Secretary
10 of the Interior.

11 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF SEGMENTS OF WHITE CLAY**
12 **CREEK, AS SCENIC AND RECREATIONAL RIVERS.**
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14 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF SEGMENTS OF WHITE CLAY**
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17 Section 3(a)(163) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act
18 (16 U.S. C. 1274(a)(163)) is amended—

19 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)—
20 (A) by striking “190 miles” and inserting
21 “199 miles”; and

22 (B) by striking “(dated June 2000)” and
23 inserting “(dated February 2009)”,

24 (B) by striking “the recommended designation
25 and classification maps (dated June 2000)”

1 and inserting “the map entitled ‘White Clay
2 Creek Wild and Scenic River Designated Area
3 Map’ and dated July 2008, the map entitled
4 ‘White Clay Creek Wild and Scenic River Classi-
5 fication Map’ and dated July 2008, and the map
6 entitled ‘White Clay Creek National Wild and
7 Scenic River Proposed Additional Designated
8 Segments-July 2008’”;

9 (2) by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting
10 the following:

11 “(B) 22.4 miles of the east branch begin-
12 ning at the southern boundary line of the Bor-
13 ough of Avondale, including Walnut Run,
14 Broad Run, and Egypt Run, outside the bound-
15 aries of the White Clay Creek Preserve, as a
16 recreational river.”; and

17 (3) by striking subparagraph (H) and inserting
18 the following:

19 “(H) 14.3 miles of the main stem, includ-
20 ing Lamborn Run, that flow through the
21 boundaries of the White Clay Creek Preserve,
22 Pennsylvania and Delaware, and White Clay
23 Creek State Park, Delaware beginning at the
24 confluence of the east and middle branches in
25 London Britain Township, Pennsylvania, down-

1 stream to the northern boundary line of the
2 City of Newark, Delaware, as a scenic river.”.

3 **SEC. 3. ADMINISTRATION OF WHITE CLAY CREEK.**

4 **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATION OF WHITE CLAY CREEK.**

5 Sections 4 through 8 of Public Law 106-357 (16
6 U.S.C. 1274 note; 114 Stat. 1393), shall be applicable to
7 the additional segments of the White Clay Creek des-
8 ignated by the amendments made by *section 3 section 2.*

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