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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HEINRICH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Hunt Unrestricted on
5 National Treasures Act” or the “HUNT Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) **FEDERAL PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT**
4 **AGENCY.**—The term “Federal public land manage-
5 ment agency” means any of the National Park Serv-
6 ice, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the
7 Forest Service, and the Bureau of Land Manage-
8 ment.

9 (2) **TRAVEL MANAGEMENT PLAN.**—The term
10 “travel management plan” means a plan for the
11 management of travel—

12 (A) with respect to land under the jurisdic-
13 tion of the National Park Service, on park
14 roads and designated routes under section 4.10
15 of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations (or suc-
16 cessor regulations);

17 (B) with respect to land under the jurisdic-
18 tion of the United States Fish and Wildlife
19 Service, on the land under a comprehensive con-
20 servation plan prepared under section 4(e) of
21 the National Wildlife Refuge System Adminis-
22 tration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd(e));

23 (C) with respect to land under the jurisdic-
24 tion of the Forest Service, on National Forest
25 System land under part 212 of title 36, Code

1 of Federal Regulations (or successor regula-
 2 tions); and

3 (D) with respect to land under the jurisdic-
 4 tion of the Bureau of Land Management, under
 5 a resource management plan developed under
 6 the Federal Land Policy and Management Act
 7 of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.).

8 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON PUBLIC ACCESS AND EGRESS TO FED-**
 9 **ERAL PUBLIC LAND.**

10 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
 11 of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, each
 12 head of a Federal public land management agency shall
 13 make available to the public on the website of the Federal
 14 public land management agency a report that includes—

15 (1) a list of the location and acreage of land
 16 more than 640 acres in size under the jurisdiction
 17 of the Federal public land management agency on
 18 which the public is allowed, under Federal or State
 19 law, to hunt, fish, or use the land for other rec-
 20 reational purposes—

21 (A) to which there is no public access or
 22 egress; or

23 (B) to which public access or egress to the
 24 legal boundaries of the land is significantly re-

1 stricted (as determined by the head of the Fed-
2 eral public land management agency);

3 (2) with respect to land described in paragraph
4 (1), a list of the locations and acreage on the land
5 that the head of the Federal public land manage-
6 ment agency determines have significant potential
7 for use for hunting, fishing, and other recreational
8 purposes; and

9 (3) with respect to land described in paragraph
10 (2), a plan developed by the Federal public land
11 management agency that—

12 (A) identifies how public access and egress
13 could reasonably be provided to the legal bound-
14 aries of the land in a manner that minimizes
15 the impact on wildlife habitat and water qual-
16 ity;

17 (B) specifies the actions recommended to
18 secure the access and egress, including acquir-
19 ing an easement, right-of-way, or fee title from
20 a willing owner of any land that abuts the land
21 or the need to coordinate with State land man-
22 agement agencies or other Federal or State gov-
23 ernmental entities to allow for such access and
24 egress; and

1 (C) is consistent with the travel manage-
2 ment plan in effect on the land.

3 (b) LIST OF PUBLIC ACCESS ROUTES FOR CERTAIN
4 LAND.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
5 of this Act, each head of a Federal public land manage-
6 ment agency shall make available to the public on the
7 website of the Federal public land management agency,
8 and thereafter revise as the head of the Federal public
9 land management agency determines appropriate, a list of
10 roads or trails that provide the primary public access and
11 egress to the legal boundaries of contiguous parcels of land
12 equal to more than 640 acres in size under the jurisdiction
13 of the Federal public land management agency on which
14 the public is allowed, under Federal or State law, to hunt,
15 fish, or use the land for other recreational purposes.

16 (c) MEANS OF PUBLIC ACCESS AND EGRESS IN-
17 CLUDED.—In considering public access and egress under
18 subsections (a) and (b), the head of the applicable Federal
19 public land management agency shall consider public ac-
20 cess and egress to the legal boundaries of the land de-
21 scribed in those subsections, including access and egress—

22 (1) by motorized or non-motorized vehicles; and

23 (2) on foot or horseback.

24 (d) EFFECT.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—This Act shall have no effect
 2 on whether a particular recreational use shall be al-
 3 lowed on the land described in paragraphs (1) and
 4 (2) of subsection (a).

5 (2) EFFECT OF ALLOWABLE USES ON AGENCY
 6 CONSIDERATION.—In preparing the plan under sub-
 7 section (a)(3), the head of the applicable Federal
 8 public land management agency shall only consider
 9 recreational uses that are allowed on the land at the
 10 time that the plan is prepared.

11 **SEC. 4. FUNDS FOR PUBLIC ACCESS TO FEDERAL LAND**
 12 **FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES.**

13 Section 7(a)(1) of the Land and Water Conservation
 14 Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 460l–9) is amended by add-
 15 ing at the end the following:

16 “RECREATIONAL PUBLIC ACCESS TO FEDERAL
 17 LAND.—In an amount not less than 1.5 percent of
 18 such moneys, for projects that secure public access
 19 to Federal land for hunting, fishing, and other rec-
 20 reational purposes through easements, rights-of-way,
 21 or fee title acquisitions from willing sellers.”.

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