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To provide for the use of hand-propelled vessels in Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park, and the National Elk Refuge, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 12, 2014

Mr. BARRASSO 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “River Paddling Protec-
5 tion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REGULATIONS SUPERSEDED.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The rivers and streams of Yellow-
8 stone National Park and Grand Teton National Park shall
9 be open to hand-propelled vessels as determined by the

1 Director of the National Park Service within 3 years of
 2 the date of enactment of this Act. Beginning on the date
 3 that is 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act,
 4 the following regulations shall have no force or effect re-
 5 garding closing rivers and streams of Yellowstone National
 6 Park and Grand Teton National Park to hand-propelled
 7 vessels:

8 (1) Section 7.13(d)(4)(ii) of title 36, Code of
 9 Federal Regulations, regarding vessels on streams
 10 and rivers in Yellowstone National Park.

11 (2) Section 7.22(e)(3) of title 36, Code of Fed-
 12 eral Regulations, regarding vessels on lakes and riv-
 13 ers in Grand Teton National Park.

14 (b) COORDINATION OF RECREATIONAL USE.—The
 15 Fish and Wildlife Service shall coordinate any recreational
 16 use of hand-propelled vessels on the Gros Ventre River
 17 within the National Elk Refuge with Grand Teton Na-
 18 tional Park to ensure such use is consistent with the re-
 19 quirements of the National Wildlife Refuge System Ad-
 20 ministration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd et seq.).

