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S. 2392

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of East Rosebud Creek in Carbon County, Montana, as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 22, 2014

Mr. WALSH 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 “East Rosebud Wild
5 and Scenic Rivers Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS; PURPOSE.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

1 (1) East Rosebud Creek is cherished by the
2 people of Montana and visitors from across the
3 United States for the clean water, spectacular nat-
4 ural setting, and outstanding recreational opportuni-
5 ties of the Creek;

6 (2) recreational activities (including fishing,
7 hunting, camping, paddling, hiking, rock climbing,
8 and wildlife watching) on East Rosebud Creek and
9 the surrounding land generate millions of dollars an-
10 nually for the local economy;

11 (3) East Rosebud Creek—

12 (A) is a national treasure;

13 (B) possesses outstandingly remarkable
14 values; and

15 (C) merits the high level of protection af-
16 forded by the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16
17 U.S.C. 1271 et seq.) in order to maintain the
18 benefits provided by the Creek, as described in
19 paragraphs (1) and (2), for future generations
20 to enjoy; and

21 (4) designation of select public land segments of
22 East Rosebud Creek under the Wild and Scenic Riv-
23 ers Act (16 U.S.C. 1271 et seq.) would recognize the
24 importance of maintaining the values of the Creek
25 while preserving public access, respecting private

1 property rights, allowing appropriate maintenance of
 2 existing infrastructure, and allowing historical uses
 3 of the Creek to continue.

4 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to des-
 5 ignate East Rosebud Creek in the State of Montana as
 6 a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Sys-
 7 tem to preserve and protect for present and future genera-
 8 tions the outstandingly remarkable scenic, wildlife, fishery
 9 recreational, geologic, and historical values of the Creek.

10 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF WILD AND SCENIC RIVER SEG-**
 11 **MENTS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3(a) of the Wild and Sce-
 13 nic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by adding
 14 at the end the following:

15 “(208) EAST ROSEBUD CREEK, MONTANA.—
 16 The portions of East Rosebud Creek in the State of
 17 Montana, consisting of—

18 “(A) the 13-mile segment from the source
 19 in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness down-
 20 stream to the point at which the Creek enters
 21 East Rosebud Lake, including the stream reach
 22 between Twin Outlets Lake and Fossil Lake, to
 23 be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture
 24 as a wild river; and

1 “(B) the 7-mile segment on the Custer Na-
2 tional Forest from immediately below, but not
3 including, the outlet of East Rosebud Lake
4 downstream to the point at which the Creek en-
5 ters private property for the first time, to be
6 administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as
7 a recreational river.”.

8 (b) EXCLUSION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY.—No private
9 property shall be included within the boundaries of the
10 river segments designated by paragraph (208) of section
11 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C.
12 1274(a)).

13 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

14 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
15 as are necessary to carry out this Act (including the
16 amendments made by this Act).

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