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# H. R. 2787

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ZINKE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## 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 its clean water, spectacular nat-  
4 ural setting, and outstanding recreational opportuni-  
5 ties;

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 farded 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, such as recreational uses, livestock  
4 management activities, motorized uses, or forest  
5 management activities, to continue.

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

12 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF WILD AND SCENIC RIVER SEG-**  
13 **MENTS.**

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

17 “(213) EAST ROSEBUD CREEK, MONTANA.—

18 The portions of East Rosebud Creek in the State of  
19 Montana, consisting of—

20 “(A) the 13-mile segment exclusively on  
21 public lands within the Custer National Forest  
22 from the source in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wil-  
23 derness downstream to the point at which the  
24 Creek enters East Rosebud Lake, including the  
25 stream reach between Twin Outlets Lake and

1 Fossil Lake, to be administered by the Sec-  
2 retary of Agriculture as a wild river; and

3 “(B) the 7-mile segment exclusively on  
4 public lands within the Custer National Forest  
5 from immediately below, but not including, the  
6 outlet of East Rosebud Lake downstream to the  
7 point at which the Creek enters private prop-  
8 erty for the first time, to be administered by  
9 the Secretary of Agriculture as a recreational  
10 river.”.

11 (b) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in the paragraph  
13 added to section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers  
14 Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) by subsection (a) of the Act  
15 creates a protective perimeter or buffer zone outside  
16 the designated boundary of the river segment des-  
17 ignated by that paragraph.

18 (2) OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES.—The fact that an ac-  
19 tivity or use can be seen or heard within the bound-  
20 ary of the river segment designated by the para-  
21 graph added to section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic  
22 Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) by subsection (a) of  
23 this Act shall not preclude the activity or use outside  
24 the boundary of the river segment.

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