

## Union Calendar No. 845

115TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 6939

**[Report No. 115–1092]**

To protect and ensure multiple use and public access to public lands in Wyoming per the request of the respective counties, and for other purposes.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

Ms. CHENEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Natural Resources

DECEMBER 20, 2018

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union  
and ordered to be printed

# **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 “Restoring Local Input  
5       and Access to Public Lands Act of 2018”.

6       **SEC. 2. REMOVAL OF BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT AND**  
7               **FOREST SERVICE WILDERNESS STUDY AREA**  
8               **DESIGNATIONS.**

9       (a) RELEASE.—The public lands described in sub-  
10       section (b) are deemed to have been adequately studied  
11       for wilderness designation pursuant to section 603 of the  
12       Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and  
13       section 301 of the Wyoming Wilderness Act of 1984 and  
14       are no longer subject to the requirements of subsection  
15       (c) of each of those sections pertaining to the management  
16       of Wilderness Study Areas.

17       (b) COVERED PUBLIC LANDS.—Subsection (a) shall  
18       apply to the following Federal lands in Wyoming:

19               (1) Wilderness Study Areas, or portions there-  
20       of, administered by the Bureau of Land Manage-  
21       ment and the Forest Service in Lincoln County.

22               (2) Wilderness Study Areas, or portions there-  
23       of, administered by the Bureau of Land Manage-  
24       ment in Sweetwater County.

1           (3) Wilderness Study Areas, or portions there-  
2       of, administered by the Bureau of Land Manage-  
3       ment in Bighorn County.

4       (c) MANAGEMENT OF RELEASED LAND.—Federal  
5       lands identified in subsection (b) shall be managed accord-  
6       ing to the respective Federal land agency’s multiple use  
7       and sustained yield mandate.

8       **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION.**

9       No new Wilderness or Wilderness Study Area may  
10      be designated in Wyoming except by a Federal statute  
11      that—

12           (1) specifically designates such area; and

13           (2) is enacted after the date of the enactment  
14      of this Act.

15      **SEC. 4. TREATMENT OF LAND WITH WILDERNESS CHARAC-**  
16                           **TERISTICS.**

17      (a) IN GENERAL.—Any Federal land in Wyoming  
18      inventoried, before the date of the enactment of this Act,  
19      as a “Land with Wilderness Characteristics” or identified  
20      as having wilderness characteristics under the planning  
21      process of the Bureau of Land Management or the Forest  
22      Service shall no longer be inventoried or identified as such.  
23      Such lands shall be managed under the respective Federal  
24      land agency’s multiple use and sustained yield mandate  
25      and the respective Federal land agency is no longer bound

1 to manage the lands according to the non-impairment  
2 standard.

3 (b) FUTURE INVENTORY.—After the date of the en-  
4 actment of this Act, no Federal land in Wyoming shall  
5 be inventoried as a “Land with Wilderness Characteris-  
6 ties” or shall be identified as having wilderness character-  
7 istics under the planning process of the Bureau of Land  
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