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S. 4755

To amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to ensure that ranchers who have grazing agreements on national grasslands are treated the same as permittees on other Federal land.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. THUNE 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. ELIGIBILITY OF NATIONAL GRASSLANDS FOR**
4 **GRAZING LEASES AND PERMITS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 402(a) of the Federal
6 Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.
7 1752(a)) is amended by striking “lands within National
8 Forests” and inserting “National Forest System (as de-

1 fined in section 11(a) of the Forest and Rangeland Renew-
2 able Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C.
3 1609(a))) land”.

4 (b) EFFECT.—Nothing in the amendment made by
5 subsection (a) modifies or affects—

6 (1) the applicability to national grasslands of
7 any provision of the Federal Land Policy and Man-
8 agement Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) other
9 than section 402 of that Act (43 U.S.C. 1752);

10 (2) title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Ten-
11 ant Act (7 U.S.C. 1010 et seq.); or

12 (3) section 11 of the Public Rangelands Im-
13 provement Act of 1978 (43 U.S.C. 1907).

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