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S. 4238

To amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to designate as a component of the National Heritage Area System the Endless Mountains National Heritage Area in the State of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 26, 2026

Mr. McCORMICK (for himself and Mr. FETTERMAN) 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 “Endless Mountains
5 National Heritage Area Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF ENDLESS MOUNTAINS NATIONAL**
2 **HERITAGE AREA.**

3 (a) DESIGNATION.—Section 6001(a) of the John D.
4 Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation
5 Act (Public Law 116–9; 133 Stat. 768; 136 Stat. 6163)
6 is amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(14) ENDLESS MOUNTAINS NATIONAL HERIT-
8 AGE AREA.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—There is established
10 as a component of the National Heritage Area
11 System the Endless Mountains National Herit-
12 age Area in the State of Pennsylvania, to con-
13 sist of Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna, and
14 Wyoming Counties, Pennsylvania, and any por-
15 tions of other counties in the State of Pennsyl-
16 vania identified in the feasibility study for the
17 Endless Mountains National Heritage Area, the
18 specific boundaries of which shall be established
19 by the Secretary based on that feasibility study.

20 “(B) LOCAL COORDINATING ENTITY.—The
21 Endless Mountains Heritage Region, Inc., shall
22 be the local coordinating entity for the National
23 Heritage Area designated by subparagraph
24 (A).”.

25 (b) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—For the purposes of sec-
26 tion 6001(c) of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation,

1 Management, and Recreation Act (Public Law 116–9; 133
2 Stat. 772; 136 Stat. 6173), the local coordinating entity
3 for the Endless Mountains National Heritage Area des-
4 ignated under the amendment made by subsection (a)
5 shall submit to the Secretary of the Interior for approval
6 a proposed management plan for the Endless Mountains
7 National Heritage Area not later than 3 years after the
8 date of enactment of this Act.

9 (c) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—For the purposes
10 of subsection (g)(4) of section 6001 of the John D. Din-
11 gell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act
12 (Public Law 116–9; 133 Stat. 776), the authority of the
13 Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance under that
14 section for the Endless Mountains National Heritage Area
15 designated under the amendment made by subsection (a)
16 shall terminate on the date that is 15 years after the date
17 of enactment of this Act.

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