

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Sharon A. Shaffer

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 8069:

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Robert J. Marks

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Ronald G. Allen, Jr.  
Col. Mark R. August  
Col. Charles E. Brown, Jr.  
Col. Joel L. Carey  
Col. Brenda P. Cartier  
Col. Darren R. Cole  
Col. Heath A. Collins  
Col. Douglas S. Coppinger  
Col. Matthew W. Davidson  
Col. Todd A. Dozier  
Col. Peter M. Fesler  
Col. Eric H. Froehlich  
Col. Michael A. Greiner  
Col. Andrew P. Hansen  
Col. Michelle L. Hayworth  
Col. Thomas K. Hensley  
Col. Stephen F. Jost  
Col. Jeffrey R. King  
Col. Leonard J. Kosinski  
Col. Thomas E. Kunkel  
Col. Laura L. Lenderman  
Col. Rodney D. Lewis  
Col. Robert K. Lyman  
Col. David B. Lyons  
Col. Michael E. Martin  
Col. Joseph D. McFall  
Col. David N. Miller, Jr.  
Col. Christopher J. Niemi  
Col. Clark J. Quinn  
Col. George M. Reynolds  
Col. Douglas A. Schiess  
Col. David W. Snoddy  
Col. Adrian L. Spain  
Col. Ernest J. Teichert, III  
Col. Alice W. Trevino

IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. Christopher G. Cavoli

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be general*

Lt. Gen. Stephen J. Townsend

IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be vice admiral*

Rear Adm. Nancy A. Norton

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be vice admiral*

Rear Adm. Richard A. Brown

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Mitchel Neurock

The following named officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

*To be major general*

Brig. Gen. Hubert C. Hegtveldt  
Brig. Gen. Timothy P. Kelly  
Brig. Gen. Albert V. Lupenski  
Brig. Gen. Samuel C. Mahaney  
Brig. Gen. John B. Williams

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN1296 AIR FORCE nomination of Arianne R. Morrison, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 1, 2017.

PN1297 AIR FORCE nomination of Richard A. Hanrahan, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 1, 2017.

PN1298 AIR FORCE nominations (2) beginning ALECK A. BROWN, and ending JOHN D. RITTER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 1, 2017.

IN THE ARMY

PN1142 ARMY nomination of Jennifer A. Mahoney, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 16, 2017.

PN1143 ARMY nominations (2) beginning YON T. CHUNG, and ending MICHAEL B. PAYNE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 16, 2017.

PN1265 ARMY nominations (2) beginning NATHELE J. ANDERSON, and ending BRIAN R. HORTON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 27, 2017.

PN1266 ARMY nominations (2) beginning THOMAS W. GREEN, and ending KENNETH M. KOOP, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 27, 2017.

PN1267 ARMY nomination of Adam R. Liberman, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 27, 2017.

PN1268 ARMY nomination of Michael E. Steelman, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 27, 2017.

PN1269 ARMY nomination of Gerald D. Gangaram, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 27, 2017.

PN1270 ARMY nomination of Brian R. Johnson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 27, 2017.

PN1271–1 ARMY nominations (18) beginning SCOTT T. AYERS, and ending TYESHA L. SMITH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 27, 2017.

PN1272 ARMY nomination of Peter J. Armstrong, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 27, 2017.

PN1273 ARMY nomination of Ali S. Zaza, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 27, 2017.

PN1274 ARMY nomination of Phillip T. Buckler, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 27, 2017.

PN1275 ARMY nomination of Vernice K. Favor-Williams, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 27, 2017.

PN1300 ARMY nomination of Heather M. Lee, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 1, 2017.

IN THE NAVY

PN1245 NAVY nominations (50) beginning WILLIAM L. ARNEST, and ending KAREN J. WOOD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 14, 2017.

PN1301 NAVY nomination of Sharif H. Calfee, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 1, 2017.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now resume legislative session.

THE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of the following bills en bloc: Calendar No. 124, S. 117 and Calendar No. 56, S. 501. I further ask unanimous consent that, where applicable, the committee-reported amendment be agreed to, the bills, as amended, if amended, be considered read a third time and passed, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ALEX DIEKMANN PEAK DESIGNATION ACT OF 2017

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 117) to designate a mountain peak in the State of Montana as “Alex Diekmann Peak,” which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment, as follows:

(The part of the bill intended to be stricken is shown in boldface brackets and the part of the bill intended to be inserted is shown in *italics*.)

S. 117

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Alex Diekmann Peak Designation Act of 2017”.

**[SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

**[Congress finds that Alex Diekmann—**

**[(1)]** was a loving father of two and an adoring husband who lived in Bozeman, Montana, where he was a renowned conservationist who dedicated his career to protecting some of the most outstanding natural and scenic resource areas of the Northern Rockies;

**[(2)]** was responsible during his unique conservation career for the protection of more than 50 distinct areas in the States of Montana, Wyoming, and Idaho, conserving for the public over 100,000 acres of iconic mountains and valleys, rivers and creeks, ranches and farms, and historic sites and open spaces;

**[(3)]** played a central role in securing the future of an array of special landscapes, including—

[(A) the spectacular Devil's Canyon in the Craig Thomas Special Management Area in the State of Wyoming;

[(B) crucial fish and wildlife habitat and recreation access land in the Sawtooth Mountains of Idaho, along the Salmon River, and near the Canadian border; and

[(C) diverse and vitally important land all across the Crown of the Continent in the State of Montana, from the world-famous Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem to Glacier National Park to the Cabinet-Yaak Ecosystem, to the recreational trails, working forests and ranches, and critical drinking water supply for Whitefish, and beyond;

[(4) made a particularly profound mark on the preservation of the natural wonders in and near the Madison Valley and the Madison Range, Montana, where more than 12 miles of the Madison River and much of the world-class scenery, fish and wildlife, and recreation opportunities of the area have become and shall remain conserved and available to the public because of his efforts;

[(5) inspired others with his skill, passion, and spirit of partnership that brought together communities, landowners, sportsmen, and the public at large;

[(6) lost a heroic battle with cancer on February 1, 2016, at the age of 52;

[(7) is survived by his wife, Lisa, and their 2 sons, Logan and Liam; and

[(8) leaves a lasting legacy across Montana and the Northern Rockies that will benefit all people of the United States in our time and in the generations to follow.

### SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF ALEX DIEKMANN PEAK, MONTANA.]

#### SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF ALEX DIEKMANN PEAK, MONTANA.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The unnamed 9,765-foot peak located 2.2 miles west-northwest of Finger Mountain on the western boundary of the Lee Metcalf Wilderness, Montana (UTM coordinates Zone 12, 457966 E., 4982589 N.), shall be known and designated as “Alex Diekmann Peak”.

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, record, or other paper of the United States to the peak described in subsection (a) shall be considered to be a reference to “Alex Diekmann Peak”.

The committee-reported amendment was agreed to.

The bill (S. 117), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

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### EAST ROSEBUD WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT

The bill (S. 501) to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate cer-

tain segments of East Rosebud Creek in Carbon County, Montana, as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System, was considered, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 501

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “East Rosebud Wild and Scenic Rivers Act”.

#### SEC. 2. FINDINGS; PURPOSE.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) East Rosebud Creek is cherished by the people of Montana and visitors from across the United States for its clean water, spectacular natural setting, and outstanding recreational opportunities;

(2) recreational activities, including fishing, hunting, camping, paddling, hiking, rock climbing, and wildlife watching, on East Rosebud Creek and the surrounding land generate millions of dollars annually for the local economy;

(3) East Rosebud Creek—

(A) is a national treasure;

(B) possesses outstandingly remarkable values; and

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

(4) designation of select public land segments of East Rosebud Creek under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1271 et seq.) would recognize the importance of maintaining the values of the Creek while preserving public access, respecting private property rights, allowing appropriate maintenance of existing infrastructure, and allowing historical uses of the Creek to continue.

(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to designate East Rosebud Creek in the State of Montana as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System to preserve and protect for present and future generations the outstandingly remarkable scenic, recreational, and geologic values of the Creek.

#### SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF WILD AND SCENIC RIVER SEGMENTS.

(a) DESIGNATION.—Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

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

“(A) the 13-mile segment exclusively on public land within the Custer National Forest from the source in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness downstream to the point at which the Creek enters East Rosebud Lake, including the stream reach between Twin Outlets Lake and Fossil Lake, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as a wild river; and

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

(b) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in paragraph (213) of section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) (as added by subsection (a)) creates a protective perimeter or buffer zone outside the designated boundary of the river segment designated by that paragraph.

(2) OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES.—The fact that an otherwise authorized activity or use can be seen or heard within the boundary of the river segment designated by paragraph (213) of section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) (as added by subsection (a)) shall not preclude the activity or use outside the boundary of the river segment.

### ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2017

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m., Thursday, December 21; further, that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; finally, that following leader remarks, the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:04 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, December 21, 2017, at 10 a.m.

### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

#### THE JUDICIARY

SUSAN PARADISE BAXTER, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, VICE SEAN J. MCLAUGHLIN, RESIGNED.

JOEL M. CARSON III, OF NEW MEXICO, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE TENTH CIRCUIT, VICE PAUL J. KELLY, JR., RETIRED.

COLM F. CONNOLLY, OF DELAWARE, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE, VICE SUE L. ROBINSON, RETIRED.

KARI A. DOOLEY, OF CONNECTICUT, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT, VICE ROBERT N. CHATIGNY, RETIRED.

GORDON P. GIAMPETRO, OF WISCONSIN, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN, VICE RUDOLPH T. RANDA, RETIRED.

MARILYN JEAN HORAN, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, VICE GARY L. LANCASTER, DECEASED.

CHAD F. KENNEY, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, VICE LUIS FELIPE RESTREPO, ELEVATED.

MARYELLEN NOREIKA, OF DELAWARE, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE, VICE GREGORY MONETA SLEET, RETIRED.

### CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate December 20, 2017:

#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

BRUCE D. JETTE, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY.

JAMES E. MCPHERSON, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY.

RANDALL C. SCHRIVER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

THOMAS HARKER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.

JOHN P. ROTH, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE.