

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To withdraw certain National Forest System land in the Emigrant Crevice area located in the Custer Gallatin National Forest, Park County, Montana, from the mining and mineral leasing laws of the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. TESTER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Yellowstone Gateway
5 Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. WITHDRAWAL.**

2 (a) DEFINITION OF MAP.—In this section, the term
3 “map” means the map entitled “Emigrant Crevice Pro-
4 posed Withdrawal Area” and dated November 10, 2016.

5 (b) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights
6 in existence on the date of enactment of this Act, the Na-
7 tional Forest System land and interests in the National
8 Forest System land, as depicted on the map, is withdrawn
9 from—

10 (1) location, entry, and patent under the mining
11 laws; and

12 (2) disposition under all laws pertaining to min-
13 eral and geothermal leasing.

14 (c) ACQUIRED LAND.—Any land or interest in land
15 within the area depicted on the map that is acquired by
16 the United States after the date of enactment of this Act
17 shall, on acquisition, be immediately withdrawn in accord-
18 ance with this section.

19 (d) MAP.—

20 (1) SUBMISSION OF MAP.—As soon as prac-
21 ticable after the date of enactment of this Act, the
22 Secretary of Agriculture shall file the map with—

23 (A) the Committee on Energy and Natural
24 Resources of the Senate; and

25 (B) the Committee on Natural Resources
26 of the House of Representatives.

1 (2) FORCE OF LAW.—The map filed under
2 paragraph (1) shall have the same force and effect
3 as if included in this Act, except that the Secretary
4 of Agriculture may correct clerical and typographical
5 errors in the map.

6 (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The map filed
7 under paragraph (1) shall be on file and available
8 for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the
9 Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Manage-
10 ment.

11 (e) EFFECT.—Nothing in this section affects any rec-
12 reational use, including hunting or fishing, that is author-
13 ized on land within the area depicted on the map under
14 applicable law as of the date of enactment of this Act.