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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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AN ACT

To establish the National Landscape Conservation System,
and for other purposes.

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 “National Landscape
5 Conservation System Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
9 the Secretary of the Interior.

1 (2) SYSTEM.—The term “system” means the
2 National Landscape Conservation System estab-
3 lished by section 3(a).

4 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL LANDSCAPE**
5 **CONSERVATION SYSTEM.**

6 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—In order to conserve, protect,
7 and restore nationally significant landscapes that have
8 outstanding cultural, ecological, and scientific values for
9 the benefit of current and future generations, there is es-
10 tablished in the Bureau of Land Management the Na-
11 tional Landscape Conservation System.

12 (b) COMPONENTS.—The system shall include each of
13 the following areas administered by the Bureau of Land
14 Management:

15 (1) Each area that is designated as—

16 (A) a national monument;

17 (B) a national conservation area;

18 (C) a wilderness study area;

19 (D) a National Scenic Trail or National
20 Historic Trail designated as a component of the
21 National Trails System;

22 (E) a component of the National Wild and
23 Scenic Rivers System; or

24 (F) a component of the National Wilder-
25 ness Preservation System.

1 (2) Any area designated by Congress to be ad-
2 ministered for conservation purposes, including—

3 (A) the Steens Mountain Cooperative Man-
4 agement and Protection Area, as designated
5 under section 101(a) of the Steens Mountain
6 Cooperative Management and Protection Act of
7 2000 (16 U.S.C. 460nnn–11(a));

8 (B) the Headwaters Forest Reserve;

9 (C) the Yaquina Head Outstanding Nat-
10 ural Area; and

11 (D) any additional area designated by Con-
12 gress for inclusion in the system.

13 (c) MANAGEMENT.—The Secretary shall manage the
14 system—

15 (1) in accordance with each applicable law (in-
16 cluding regulations) relating to each component of
17 the system included under subsection (b); and

18 (2) in a manner that protects the values for
19 which the components of the system were des-
20 igned.

21 **SEC. 4. STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.**

22 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to enhance,
23 diminish, or modify any law or proclamation (or regula-
24 tions related to such law or proclamation) under which
25 the components of the system identified in section 3(b)

1 were established, or are managed, including, but not lim-
2 ited to, the Alaska National Interest Land Conservation
3 Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.), the Wilderness Act (16
4 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16
5 U.S.C. 1271 et seq.), the National Trails System Act (16
6 U.S.C. 1241 et seq.), and the Federal Land Policy and
7 Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.). In
8 addition, nothing in this Act creates a Federal cause of
9 action based on inclusion within the National Landscape
10 Conservation System. Moreover, nothing in this Act is in-
11 tended to additionally restrict or hinder energy develop-
12 ment within the system. Nothing in this Act shall be con-
13 strued as affecting the authority, jurisdiction, or responsi-
14 bility of the several States to manage, control, or regulate
15 fish and resident wildlife under State law or regulations,
16 including the regulation of hunting, fishing, trapping, and
17 recreational shooting on public land managed by the Bu-
18 reau of Land Management. Nothing in this Act shall be
19 construed as limiting access for hunting, fishing, trapping,
20 or recreational shooting. Specifically, inclusion in the Na-
21 tional Landscape Conservation System shall not affect
22 current grazing rights or operations.

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