

105TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 838

To require adoption of a management plan for the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area that allows appropriate use of motorized and non-motorized river craft in the recreation area, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 26, 1997

Mrs. CHENOWETH (for herself, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. SMITH of Oregon) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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. MOTORIZED AND NONMOTORIZED RIVER**
4 **CRAFT, HELLS CANYON NATIONAL RECRE-**
5 **ATION AREA.**

6 Section 10 of Public Law 94–199 (16 U.S.C. 460gg–
7 7) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (a), (b), (c),
2 (d), and (e) as paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), and (5),
3 respectively;

4 (2) by striking “The Secretary” in the matter
5 preceding the paragraphs and inserting “(a) RULES
6 AND REGULATIONS.—The Secretary”;

7 (3) by striking paragraph (4) (as so redesignig-
8 nated) and inserting the following new paragraph:

9 “(4) subject to subsection (b), provision for
10 control of the use and number of motorized and non-
11 motorized river craft as necessary, but only to the
12 extent necessary to ensure that such uses are com-
13 patible with this Act; and”;

14 (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-
15 section:

16 “(b) USE OF MOTORIZED AND NONMOTORIZED
17 RIVER CRAFT.—For the purposes of subsection (a)(4)—

18 “(1) the use of motorized and nonmotorized
19 river craft is recognized as a valid and appropriate
20 use of the Snake River within the recreation area;

21 “(2) motorized and nonmotorized river craft
22 shall be permitted access to, and use of, the entire
23 river within the recreation area at all times during
24 the year;

1 “(3) concurrent use of the river within the
2 recreation area by motorized and nonmotorized river
3 craft shall not be considered to be a conflict;

4 “(4) use of commercial and private motorized
5 and nonmotorized river craft shall be allowed to con-
6 tinue on the entire Snake River within the recreation
7 area throughout each year at levels that optimize the
8 opportunity of the American people to utilize the
9 recreation area within the reasonable capacity of the
10 resources to sustain that use, recognizing as accept-
11 able established daily and seasonal use patterns and
12 considering the economic well-being of surrounding
13 communities; and

14 “(5) use of motorized or nonmotorized river
15 craft on the Snake River within the recreation area
16 by owners of private property for the purpose of
17 traveling to or from their property in their usual and
18 accustomed manner shall not be restricted.”.

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