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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. LUMMIS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Yellowstone and Grand  
3 Teton Paddling Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after the  
6 date on which funds are first made available for this sec-  
7 tion, the Secretary of the Interior shall promulgate regula-  
8 tions to allow the use of hand-propelled vessels on certain  
9 rivers and streams within—

10 (1) Yellowstone National Park in the States of  
11 Idaho, Montana, Wyoming; and

12 (2) Grand Teton National Park and the John  
13 D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway in the State  
14 of Wyoming.

15 (b) WATER EXCLUDED.—The regulations promul-  
16 gated under this section shall not apply to waters that  
17 are—

18 (1) open to use by hand-propelled vessels on the  
19 day before the date of the enactment of this Act,  
20 and

21 (2) within the Teton Range in Grand Teton  
22 National Park south of a latitudinal line anchored at  
23 Wilcox Point and west of an approximate north-  
24 south line that generally defines the base of the  
25 mountains following the western shores of Jackson,  
26 Leigh, Jenny, Bradley, Taggart, and Phelps lakes,

1 and extending to the southern Grand Teton National  
2 Park boundary at the base of Apres Vous Peak.

3 (c) APPLICABLE LAWS.—The regulations required by  
4 subsection (a) shall be promulgated in accordance with—

5 (1) laws, regulations, and policies generally ap-  
6 plicable to units of the National Park System; and

7 (2) sections 551 through 559 of title 5, United  
8 States Code (commonly known as the “Administra-  
9 tive Procedure Act”).

10 (d) COMMERCIAL USE.—

11 (1) NO EXPANSION OF USE.—The regulations  
12 issued under this section shall not consider any ex-  
13 pansion of commercial use of hand-propelled vessels  
14 in the parks.

15 (2) SAVINGS PROVISIONS.—Nothing in this Act  
16 shall be construed as authorizing the commercial use  
17 of hand-propelled vessels.

18 (e) COORDINATION OF RECREATIONAL USE.—When  
19 promulgating regulations under this section, the Secretary  
20 of the Interior shall consult with the Director of the  
21 United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Director  
22 of the National Park Service to help ensure that the regu-  
23 lations provide that recreational use of hand-propelled ves-  
24 sels on the Gros Ventre River within the National Elk Ref-  
25 uge adjacent to Grand Teton National Park is consistent

1 with the requirements of the National Wildlife Refuge Sys-  
2 tem Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd et  
3 seq.).

4 (f) PREVIOUS REGULATIONS.—Upon issuance of the  
5 final regulations required by subsection (a), the following  
6 regulations shall have no force or effect:

7 (1) Section 7.13(d)(4)(ii) of title 36, Code of  
8 Federal Regulations (regarding vessels on streams  
9 and rivers in Yellowstone National Park).

10 (2) Section 7.22(e)(3) of title 36, Code of Fed-  
11 eral Regulations (regarding vessels on lakes and riv-  
12 ers in Grand Teton National Park).

13 (g) COST RECOVERY.—The Secretary is authorized  
14 to recover all costs, in accordance with section 103104 of  
15 title 54, United States Code, associated with monitoring  
16 the use of hand-propelled vessels, including the cost of in-  
17 specting and decontaminating vessels to prevent the intro-  
18 duction or spread of invasive or injurious species in Yel-  
19 lowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park, and  
20 the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway.