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To designate the New River Gorge National River in the State of West Virginia as the “New River Gorge National Park and Preserve”, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. CAPITO (for herself and Mr. MANCHIN) 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,
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4       SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
5       This Act may be cited as the “New River Gorge Na-
6       tional Park and Preserve Designation Act”.

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SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF NEW RIVER GORGE NATIONAL PARK AND NEW RIVER GORGE NATIONAL PRESERVE, WEST VIRGINIA.

(a) REDesignation.—The New River Gorge National River established under section 1101 of the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 460m–15) shall be known and designated as the “New River Gorge National Park and Preserve”, consisting of—

(1) the New River Gorge National Park; and

(2) the New River Gorge National Preserve.

(b) NEW RIVER GORGE NATIONAL PARK.—The boundaries of the New River Gorge National Park referred to in subsection (a)(1) shall be the boundaries depicted as “Proposed National Park Area” on the map entitled “New River Gorge National Park and Preserve Proposed Boundary”, numbered 637/163,199, and dated September 2019.

(c) NEW RIVER GORGE NATIONAL PRESERVE; BOUNDARY.—The boundaries of the New River Gorge National Preserve referred to in subsection (a)(2) shall be the boundaries depicted as “Proposed National Preserve Area” on the map entitled “New River Gorge National Park and Preserve Proposed Boundary”, numbered 637/163,199, and dated September 2019.
SEC. 3. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The New River Gorge National Park and Preserve shall be administered by the Secretary of the Interior (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) in accordance with—

(1) this Act; and

(2) the laws generally applicable to units of the National Park System, including—

(A) section 100101(a), chapter 1003, and sections 100751(a), 100752, 100753, and 102101 of title 54, United States Code;

(B) chapter 3201 of title 54, United States Code; and

(C) title XI of the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 460m–15 et seq.).

(b) HUNTING AND FISHING.—

(1) HUNTING.—Hunting within the New River Gorge National Preserve shall be administered by the Secretary—

(A) in the same manner as hunting was administered on the day before the date of enactment of this Act in those portions of the New River Gorge National River designated as the New River Gorge National Preserve by section 2(c); and
(B) in accordance with—

(i) section 1106 of the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 460m–20); and

(ii) other applicable laws.

(2) Fishing.—Fishing within the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve shall be administered by the Secretary—

(A) in the same manner as fishing was administered within the New River Gorge National River on the day before the date of enactment of this Act; and

(B) in accordance with—

(i) section 1106 of the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 460m–20); and

(ii) other applicable laws.

(3) Private land.—Nothing in this Act prohibits hunting, fishing, or trapping on private land in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws.

(c) Commercial recreational watercraft services.—Commercial recreational watercraft services within the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve shall be administered by the Secretary in accordance with
section 402 of the West Virginia National Interest River
Law 100–534).

(d) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-
ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United
States to the New River Gorge National River shall be
considered to be a reference to the “New River Gorge Na-
tional Park” or the “New River Gorge National Preserve”,
as appropriate.

SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
as are necessary to carry out this Act.