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To amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to establish the Cerro de la Olla Wilderness in the Río Grande del Norte National Monument and to modify the boundary of the Río Grande del Norte National Monument.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 14, 2021

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Cerro de la Olla Wil-
5 derness Establishment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF CERRO DE LA OLLA WILDERNESS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1202 of the John D. Din-
3 gell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act
4 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; Public Law 116–9; 133 Stat. 651)
5 is amended—

6 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**CERRO**
7 **DEL YUTA AND RÍO SAN ANTONIO**” and inserting
8 **“RÍO GRANDE DEL NORTE NATIONAL MONU-**
9 **MENT”**;

10 (2) in subsection (a), by striking paragraph (1)
11 and inserting the following:

12 “(1) MAP.—The term ‘map’ means—

13 “(A) for purposes of subparagraphs (A)
14 and (B) of subsection (b)(1), the map entitled
15 ‘Río Grande del Norte National Monument Pro-
16 posed Wilderness Areas’ and dated July 28,
17 2015; and

18 “(B) for purposes of subsection (b)(1)(C),
19 the map entitled ‘Proposed Cerro de la Olla
20 Wilderness and Río Grande del Norte National
21 Monument Boundary’ and dated January 28,
22 2021.”; and

23 (3) in subsection (b)—

24 (A) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end
25 the following:

“(C) CERRO DE LA OLLA WILDERNESS.—
 Certain Federal land administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Taos County, New Mexico, comprising approximately 13,103 acres as generally depicted on the map, which shall be known as the ‘Cerro de la Olla Wilderness’.”;

(B) in paragraph (7)—

(i) by striking “map and” each place it appears and inserting “maps and”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking “the legal description and map” and inserting “the maps or legal descriptions”;
 and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(12) WILDLIFE WATER DEVELOPMENT
 PROJECTS IN CERRO DE LA OLLA WILDERNESS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B) and in accordance with section 4(c) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(c)), the Secretary may authorize the maintenance of any structure or facility in existence on the date of enactment of this paragraph for wildlife water development projects (including guzzlers)

1 in the Cerro de la Olla Wilderness if, as deter-
2 mined by the Secretary—

3 “(i) the structure or facility would en-
4 hance wilderness values by promoting
5 healthy, viable, and more naturally distrib-
6 uted wildlife populations; and

7 “(ii) the visual impacts of the struc-
8 ture or facility on the Cerro de la Olla Wil-
9 derness can reasonably be minimized.

10 “(B) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.—Not
11 later than 1 year after the date of enactment of
12 this paragraph, the Secretary shall enter into a
13 cooperative agreement with the State of New
14 Mexico that specifies, subject to section 4(c) of
15 the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(c)), the
16 terms and conditions under which wildlife man-
17 agement activities in the Cerro de la Olla Wil-
18 derness may be carried out.”.

19 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
20 for the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management,
21 and Recreation Act (Public Law 116–9; 133 Stat. 581)
22 is amended by striking the item relating to section 1202
23 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 1202. Río Grande del Norte National Monument Wilderness Areas.”.

1 **SEC. 3. RÍO GRANDE DEL NORTE NATIONAL MONUMENT**
2 **BOUNDARY MODIFICATION.**

3 The boundary of the Río Grande del Norte National
4 Monument in the State of New Mexico is modified, as de-
5 picted on the map entitled “Proposed Cerro de la Olla Wil-
6 derness and Río Grande del Norte National Monument
7 Boundary” and dated January 28, 2021.

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