

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2413

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 8, 2021

Mr. KUSTOFF (for himself and Mr. CRAWFORD) 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 “Paving the Way for
5 Rural Communities Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES**

7 **NOT IN METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS.**

8 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Na-
9 tional Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321

1 et seq.), the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C.
2 1531 et seq.), and division A of subtitle III of title 54,
3 United States Code (formerly known as the “National
4 Historic Preservation Act”), shall not apply to any project
5 or activity that—

6 (1) is not located in a metropolitan statistical
7 area (as defined by the Office of Management and
8 Budget); and

9 (2) is carried out using Federal funds.

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