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# S. 279

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. BENNET) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## 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 “Camp Hale Study  
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY OF THE SUITABILITY**  
2 **AND FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING CAMP**  
3 **HALE AS A UNIT OF THE NATIONAL PARK**  
4 **SYSTEM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior, act-  
6 ing through the Director of the National Park Service,  
7 (hereinafter referred to as the “Secretary”) shall complete  
8 a special resource study of Camp Hale to determine—

9 (1) the suitability and feasibility of designating  
10 Camp Hale as a separate unit of the National Park  
11 System; and

12 (2) the methods and means for the protection  
13 and interpretation of Camp Hale by the National  
14 Park Service, other Federal, State, or local govern-  
15 ment entities or private or nonprofit organizations.

16 (b) STUDY REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary shall  
17 conduct the study in accordance with section 8(c) of Pub-  
18 lic Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–5(c)).

19 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date  
20 on which funds are made available to carry out this Act,  
21 the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Natural  
22 Resources of the House of Representatives and the Com-  
23 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate  
24 a report containing—

25 (1) the results of the study; and

26 (2) any recommendations of the Secretary.

1 **SEC. 3. EFFECT OF STUDY.**

2 Nothing in this Act shall affect valid existing rights  
3 or the exercise of such rights, including—

4 (1) all interstate water compacts in existence on  
5 the date of the enactment of this Act (including full  
6 development of any apportionment made in accord-  
7 ance with the compacts);

8 (2) water rights decreed at the Camp Hale site  
9 or flowing within, below, or through the Camp Hale  
10 site;

11 (3) water rights in the State of Colorado;

12 (4) water rights held by the United States;

13 (5) the management and operation of any res-  
14 ervoir, including the storage, management, release,  
15 or transportation of water; and

16 (6) the ability, subject to compliance with law-  
17 ful existing local, State, and Federal regulatory re-  
18 quirements, to construct and operate that infrastruc-  
19 ture determined necessary by those with decreed  
20 water rights to develop and place to beneficial use  
21 such rights.

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