

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 4431

To reinstate the Bull Mountains Mining Plan Modification, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 23, 2024

Mr. DAINES introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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and for other purposes.

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. REINSTATEMENT OF THE BULL MOUNTAINS**

4 **MINING PLAN MODIFICATION.**

5 (a) DEFINITION OF BULL MOUNTAINS MINING PLAN
6 MODIFICATION.—In this Act, the term “Bull Mountains
7 Mining Plan Modification” means Amendment 3, Bull
8 Mountains Mine No. 1, Mining Plan Modification for Fed-
9 eral Coal Lease MTM 97988, that was—

1 (1) analyzed by the Office of Surface Mining
2 Reclamation and Enforcement Environmental As-
3 sessment, dated May 11, 2018;

4 (2) approved by the Department of the Interior
5 Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Manage-
6 ment on August 3, 2018;

7 (3) further analyzed in the Office of Surface
8 Mining Reclamation and Enforcement Environ-
9 mental Assessment, dated October 2020; and

10 (4) affirmed by Department of the Interior
11 Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and
12 Minerals Management in a concurrence memo-
13 randum, dated November 18, 2020.

14 (b) BULL MOUNTAINS MINING PLAN MODIFICATION
15 REINSTATEMENT.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after
17 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
18 the Interior shall, without modification or delay, re-
19 instate the Bull Mountains Mining Plan Modifica-
20 tion.

21 (2) DURATION.—On reinstatement under para-
22 graph (1), the Bull Mountains Mining Plan Modi-
23 fication shall remain in effect and operational until
24 mining under the Bull Mountains Mining Plan

- 1 Modification is complete, as determined by the Mon-
- 2 tana Department of Environmental Quality.

