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S. 5430

To require the Secretary of the Interior to issue a right-of-way for an emergency exit on certain National Park Service land in the State of Virginia, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 5, 2024

Mr. Kaine (for himself and Mr. Warner) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and 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 “Blue Ridge Fire Safety
5 Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR EMERGENCY EXIT, BLUE RIDGE**
 2 **PARKWAY.**

3 Section 2 of the Act of June 30, 1936 (49 Stat. 2041,
 4 chapter 883; 54 Stat. 250, chapter 277; 16 U.S.C. 460a–
 5 3), is amended—

6 (1) by striking “Secretary of the Interior may
 7 issue” and inserting the following: “Secretary of the
 8 Interior—

9 “(1) may issue”; and

10 (2) by striking the period at the end and insert-
 11 ing “; and”; and

12 (3) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(2) shall issue the right-of-way generally de-
 14 picted as ‘Proposed Egress’ on the map entitled
 15 ‘Proposed Wintergreen Emergency Egress Near
 16 Milepost 9.6’, numbered 601/194,694, and dated
 17 September 2024, if the Secretary certifies that—

18 “(A) an evaluation has been completed of
 19 alternatives to the right-of-way for egress that
 20 do not cross Federal land that includes evalu-
 21 ating whether existing trails can be converted to
 22 roads;

23 “(B) an analysis of expected fire ecology
 24 behavior in the event of a fire emergency has
 25 been completed with respect to the right-of-way;
 26 and

1 “(C) any required reviews with respect to
2 the right-of-way have been completed in accord-
3 ance with—

4 “(i) the National Environmental Pol-
5 icy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.);
6 and

7 “(ii) division A of subtitle III of title
8 54, United States Code.”.

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