

**Calendar No. 215**114TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION**S. 1305****[Report No. 114–135]**

To amend the Colorado River Storage Project Act to authorize the use  
of the active capacity of the Fontenelle Reservoir.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 12, 2015

Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Mr. ENZI) introduced the following bill; which  
was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural  
Resources

SEPTEMBER 9, 2015

Reported by Ms. MURKOWSKI, with an amendment and an amendment to the  
title

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**A BILL**

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ize the use of the active capacity of the Fontenelle Res-  
ervoir.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS TO THE COLORADO RIVER STOR-**  
2 **AGE PROJECT ACT.**

3 The Act of April 11, 1956 (commonly known as the  
4 “Colorado River Storage Project Act”), is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating section 17 (43 U.S.C.  
6 620o) as section 18; and

7 (2) by inserting after section 16 (43 U.S.C.  
8 620n-1) the following:

9 **“SEC. 17. AUTHORITY TO MAKE ENTIRE ACTIVE CAPACITY**  
10 **OF FONTENELLE RESERVOIR AVAILABLE**  
11 **FOR USE.**

12 “(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of the Interior, in  
13 cooperation with the State of Wyoming, may amend the  
14 Definite Plan Report for the Seedskadee Project author-  
15 ized under the first section to provide for the study, de-  
16 sign, planning, and construction activities that will enable  
17 the use of all active storage capacity (as may be defined  
18 or limited by legal, hydrologic, structural, engineering,  
19 economic, and environmental considerations) of Fontenelle  
20 Dam and Reservoir, including the placement of sufficient  
21 riprap on the upstream face of Fontenelle Dam to allow  
22 the active storage capacity of Fontenelle Reservoir to be  
23 used for those purposes for which the Seedskadee Project  
24 was authorized.

25 “(b) **COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.**—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Inte-  
2           rior may enter into any contract, grant, cooperative  
3           agreement, or other agreement that is necessary to  
4           carry out subsection (a).

5           “(2) STATE OF WYOMING.—

6           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the  
7           Interior shall enter into a cooperative agree-  
8           ment with the State of Wyoming to work in co-  
9           operation and collaboratively with the State of  
10          Wyoming for planning, design, related  
11          preconstruction activities, and construction of  
12          any modification of the Fontenelle Dam under  
13          subsection (a).

14          “(B) REQUIREMENTS.—The cooperative  
15          agreement under subparagraph (A) shall, at a  
16          minimum, specify the responsibilities of the  
17          Secretary of the Interior and the State of Wyo-  
18          ming with respect to—

19                  “(i) completing the planning and final  
20                  design of the modification of the  
21                  Fontenelle Dam under subsection (a);

22                  “(ii) any environmental and cultural  
23                  resource compliance activities required for  
24                  the modification of the Fontenelle Dam

1 under subsection (a) including compliance  
2 with—

3 “(I) the National Environmental  
4 Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321  
5 et seq.);

6 “(II) the Endangered Species Act  
7 of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.); and

8 “(III) subdivision 2 of division A  
9 of subtitle III of title 54, United  
10 States Code; and

11 “(iii) the construction of the modifica-  
12 tion of the Fontenelle Dam under sub-  
13 section (a).

14 “(e) FUNDING BY STATE OF WYOMING.—Pursuant  
15 to the Act of March 4, 1921 (41 Stat. 1404, chapter 161;  
16 43 U.S.C. 395), and as a condition of providing any addi-  
17 tional storage under subsection (a), the State of Wyoming  
18 shall provide to the Secretary of the Interior funds for any  
19 work carried out under subsection (a).

20 “(d) OTHER CONTRACTING AUTHORITY.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Inte-  
22 rior may enter into contracts with the State of Wyo-  
23 ming; on such terms and conditions as the Secretary  
24 of the Interior and the State of Wyoming may agree;

1 for division of any additional active capacity made  
2 available under subsection (a).

3 ~~“(2) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—Unless other-~~  
4 ~~wise agreed to by the Secretary of the Interior and~~  
5 ~~the State of Wyoming, a contract entered into under~~  
6 ~~paragraph (1) shall be subject to the terms and con-~~  
7 ~~ditions of Bureau of Reclamation Contract No. 14-~~  
8 ~~06-400-2474 and Bureau of Reclamation Contract~~  
9 ~~No. 14-06-400-6193.”.~~

10 **SEC. 2. SAVINGS PROVISIONS.**

11 Unless expressly provided in this Act, nothing in this  
12 Act or an amendment made by this Act modifies, conflicts  
13 with, preempts, or otherwise affects—

14 (1) the Act of December 31, 1928 (43 U.S.C.  
15 617 et seq.) (commonly known as the “Boulder Can-  
16 yon Project Act”);

17 (2) the Colorado River Compact of 1922, as ap-  
18 proved by the Presidential Proclamation of June 25,  
19 1929 (46 Stat. 3000);

20 (3) the Act of July 19, 1940 (43 U.S.C. 618  
21 et seq.) (commonly known as the “Boulder Canyon  
22 Project Adjustment Act”);

23 (4) the Treaty between the United States of  
24 America and Mexico relating to the utilization of  
25 waters of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of

1 the Rio Grande, and supplementary protocol signed  
 2 November 14, 1944, signed at Washington February  
 3 3, 1944 (59 Stat. 1219);

4 (5) the Upper Colorado River Basin Compact  
 5 as consented to by the Act of April 6, 1949 (63  
 6 Stat. 31);

7 (6) the Act of April 11, 1956 (commonly known  
 8 as the "Colorado River Storage Project Act") (43  
 9 U.S.C. 620 et seq.);

10 (7) the Colorado River Basin Project Act (Pub-  
 11 lic Law 90-537; 82 Stat. 885); or

12 (8) any State of Wyoming or other State water  
 13 law.

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 15 **ITY OF FONTENELLE RESERVOIR AVAILABLE**  
 16 **FOR USE.**

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 18 *cooperation with the State of Wyoming, may amend the*  
 19 *Definite Plan Report for the Seedskaadee Project authorized*  
 20 *under the first section of the Act of April 11, 1956 (com-*  
 21 *monly known as the "Colorado River Storage Project Act")*  
 22 *(43 U.S.C. 620), to provide for the study, design, planning,*  
 23 *and construction activities that will enable the use of all*  
 24 *active storage capacity (as may be defined or limited by*  
 25 *legal, hydrologic, structural, engineering, economic, and en-*

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18          *law.*

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to amend the Definite Plan Report for the Seedskaadee Project to enable the use of the active capacity of the Fontenelle Reservoir.”.



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