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Designating June 2024 as “Great Outdoors Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. PETERS, Mr. KING, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. MARSHALL, and Mr. MANCHIN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Designating June 2024 as “Great Outdoors Month”.

Whereas hundreds of millions of individuals in the United States participate in outdoor recreation annually;

Whereas Congress enacted the Outdoor Recreation Jobs and Economic Impact Act of 2016 (Public Law 114–249; 130 Stat. 999) to assess and analyze the outdoor recreation economy of the United States and the effects attributable to the outdoor recreation economy on the overall economy of the United States;

Whereas the Outdoor Recreation Satellite Account, updated in November 2023 by the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the Department of Commerce, shows that outdoor recreation generated \$1,100,000,000 in economic output

in 2022, comprising approximately 2 percent of the current-dollar gross domestic product;

Whereas the Outdoor Recreation Satellite Account shows that, in 2022, the outdoor recreation sector grew 3 times faster than the overall economy of the United States, while also providing 5,000,000 jobs across the United States;

Whereas the Great American Outdoors Act (Public Law 116–152; 134 Stat. 682) provides billions of dollars to help eliminate the maintenance backlog on public lands and waters and fully funds the Land and Water Conservation Fund;

Whereas regular outdoor recreation is associated with economic growth, positive health outcomes, and better quality of life;

Whereas outdoor recreation activities at the Federal, State, and local levels have seen a recent surge in participation;

Whereas many outdoor recreation businesses are small businesses that are cornerstones of rural communities, and outdoor recreation is part of the national heritage of the United States;

Whereas it is imperative that the United States ensure that access to outdoor recreation is available to all its people for generations to come; and

Whereas June 2024 is an appropriate month to designate as “Great Outdoors Month” to provide an opportunity to celebrate the importance of the great outdoors: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) designates June 2024 as “Great Outdoors
2 Month”; and

3 (2) encourages all individuals in the United
4 States to responsibly participate in recreation activi-
5 ties in the great outdoors during June 2024 and
6 year-round.