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S. 4028

To amend the Act of June 4, 1897, to increase a penalty for the unauthorized landing of certain aircraft on wilderness areas of the National Forest System.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 22, 2020

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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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. INCREASED PENALTY FOR UNAUTHORIZED**
4 **LANDING OF AIRCRAFT ON WILDERNESS**
5 **AREAS OF THE NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM.**

6 The eleventh undesignated paragraph under the
7 heading “SURVEYING THE PUBLIC LANDS” under the
8 heading “UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF THE IN-
9 TERIOR” in the first section of the Act of June 4, 1897
10 (30 Stat. 35, chapter 2; 16 U.S.C. 551), is amended by

1 adding at the end the following: “Notwithstanding any
2 other provision of this paragraph, it shall be unlawful for
3 any person to knowingly land aircraft (within the meaning
4 of section 293.17(b) of title 36, Code of Federal Regula-
5 tions (or successor regulations)) on a wilderness area in
6 the National Forest System, unless the landing is other-
7 wise authorized by laws (including regulations) applicable
8 to the National Forest System or the National Wilderness
9 Preservation System or the landing is an emergency land-
10 ing. Notwithstanding section 3571 of title 18, United
11 States Code, any person who violates the preceding sen-
12 tence shall be fined not more than \$20,000, imprisoned
13 for not more than 6 months, or both.”.

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