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SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Nulhegan River and Paul Stream Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2023”.
SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT.

(a) Designation for Study.—Section 5(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(147) Nulhegan River and Paul Stream, Vermont.—The following segments:

“(A) The approximately 22-mile segment of the main stem of the Nulhegan River from the headwaters near Nulhegan Pond to the confluence with the Connecticut River, and any associated tributaries (including the North, Yellow, Black, and East Branches).

“(B) The approximately 18-mile segment of Paul Stream from the headwaters on West Mountain to the confluence with the Connecticut River, and any associated tributaries.”.

(b) Study and Report.—Section 5(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(24) Nulhegan River and Paul Stream, Vermont.—Not later than 3 years after the date on which funds are made available to carry out this paragraph, the Secretary of the Interior shall—
“(A) complete the study of the Nulhegan River and Paul Stream segments in Vermont described in subsection (a)(147); and

“(B) submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report describing the results of such study.”.