

118TH CONGRESS
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To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate the Nulhegan River and Paul Stream in the State of Vermont for potential addition to the national wild and scenic rivers system, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. WELCH (for himself and Mr. SANDERS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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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 “Nulhegan River and
5 Paul Stream Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS**
2 **ACT.**

3 (a) DESIGNATION FOR STUDY.—Section 5(a) of the
4 Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(a)) is amend-
5 ed by adding at the end the following:

6 “(147) NULHEGAN RIVER AND PAUL STREAM,
7 VERMONT.—The following segments:

8 “(A) The approximately 22-mile segment
9 of the main stem of the Nulhegan River from
10 the headwaters near Nulhegan Pond to the con-
11 fluence with the Connecticut River, and any as-
12 sociated tributaries (including the North, Yel-
13 low, Black, and East Branches).

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

18 (b) STUDY AND REPORT.—Section 5(b) of the Wild
19 and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(b)) is amended
20 by adding at the end the following:

21 “(24) NULHEGAN RIVER AND PAUL STREAM,
22 VERMONT.—Not later than 3 years after the date on
23 which funds are made available to carry out this
24 paragraph, the Secretary of the Interior shall—

1 “(A) complete the study of the Nulhegan
2 River and Paul Stream segments in Vermont
3 described in subsection (a)(147); and

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