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119TH CONGRESS
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To prohibit any person from using a motor vehicle to take a mammalian predator species on Federal land, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. HOYLE of Oregon introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Snowmobiles Aren’t
5 Weapons Act” or the “SAW Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE TO INTEN-**
2 **TIONALLY TAKE A MAMMALIAN PREDATOR**
3 **SPECIES ON FEDERAL LAND.**

4 (a) PROHIBITION.—Except as provided in subsection
5 (b), any person who intentionally uses a motor vehicle to
6 harass, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or
7 collect a mammalian predator species on Federal land
8 shall be fined not more than \$10,000, imprisoned not
9 more than 5 years, or both.

10 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—A violation of subsection (a) has
11 not occurred if a person engaged in conduct prohibited by
12 subsection (a) to avoid injury or death to themselves or
13 another person.

14 (c) INVESTIGATION OF VIOLATIONS.—The Secretary
15 of the Interior, or a person authorized by the Secretary—

16 (1) shall make such investigations as the Sec-
17 retary deems necessary to determine whether any
18 person has violated or is violating this Act; and

19 (2) when conducting an investigation under this
20 subsection—

21 (A) may obtain assistance from the Fed-
22 eral Bureau of Investigation, the Department of
23 the Treasury, and such other Federal agency as
24 the Secretary determines appropriate; and

1 (B) may request and accept the assistance
2 of State and local law enforcement and govern-
3 mental agencies.

4 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act—

5 (1) the term “Federal land” means land owned
6 by the United States, except land with respect to
7 which title is held in trust by the United States for
8 the benefit of an American Indian Tribe or an indi-
9 vidual American Indian;

10 (2) the term “motor vehicle” means a self-pro-
11 pelled vehicle or a vehicle propelled or drawn by a
12 self-propelled vehicle that is operated on a highway,
13 on a railroad track, on the ground, in the water, or
14 in the air; and

15 (3) the term “mammalian predator” has the
16 meaning given such term by the Secretary of the In-
17 terior.