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House Bill 2880

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Referred to Agriculture and Natural Resources then
Government Organization.]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §20-1-15, relating to requiring the Division of Natural Resources to create and
 3 publicly post an inventory of areas in state-managed forests and wildlife areas where the
 4 operation of off-highway vehicles by the public is permitted.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new
 2 section, designated §20-1-15 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1. ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION.

§20-1-15. Comprehensive inventory of state-managed areas open to off-highway vehicles.

1 (a) The Legislature finds that publicizing recreational opportunities in this state for off-
 2 highway vehicle enthusiasts is an important tool to promote tourism in the state and strengthen
 3 the local economy.

4 (b) For the purposes of this section “off-highway vehicle” refers to a vehicle designed for
 5 off-highway use and includes all-terrain vehicles and utility-terrain vehicles as defined by section
 6 two, article fifteen, chapter twenty of this code.

7 (c) On or before December 31, 2017, the Division of Natural Resources shall complete an
 8 inventory of all state-managed areas including, but not limited to, roads, trails and wildlife
 9 management areas, where the operation of off-highway vehicles by the public is permitted. The
 10 inventory shall meet the following requirements:

11 (1) Identify the location, condition, and development level of each road, trail or area
 12 included in the inventory;

13 (2) Identify the types of motorized and nonmotorized vehicles permitted on each road, trail
 14 or area included in the inventory; and

15 (3) Identify any seasons and times during which use of a road, trail or area included in the
 16 inventory is restricted.

17 (d) The Division of Natural Resources shall annually post to its website the inventory

- 18 required by subsection (a) of this section, as well as a comprehensive map of the roads, trails and
19 areas listed in the inventory.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require the Division of Natural Resources to create and publicly post a list of state-managed areas where the operation of off-highway vehicles by the public is permitted.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.