

SENATE BILL NO. 490 (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 430 by Senator White)

BY SENATOR WHITE

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 56:1855(P), relative to the Louisiana Scenic Rivers Act; to provide relative to natural and scenic rivers; to provide relative to prohibited uses; to provide relative to channelization, clearing and snagging, channel realignment, reservoir construction, or dredging operations in the Comite River; to provide certain terms, conditions, and requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:1855(P) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1855. Exceptions

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**P.(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of the law to the contrary, beginning August 1, 2018, through August 1, 2021, no provision of this Part shall:**

**(a) Prohibit the channelization, clearing and snagging, channel realignment, reservoir construction, or dredging operations for drainage purposes in the Comite River.**

**(b) Require a permit pursuant to R.S. 56:1849 for the channelization, clearing and snagging, channel realignment, reservoir construction, or dredging operations for drainage purposes in the Comite River.**

**(2) During the time period provided in Paragraph (P)(1) of this Section, use of a motor vehicle or other wheeled or tracked vehicle on the Comite River shall be prohibited except for permitted uses and direct crossings by immediately adjacent landowners, lessees, or other persons who have written permission from the landowner to access adjoining tracts of land for noncommercial activities in a manner that does not directly and significantly**

1            degrade the ecological integrity of the stream. Written permission shall be in  
2            the person's possession and include the landowner's contact information.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_