

96 H.R.5487 Title: An act to designate certain National Forest System lands in the States of Colorado, South Dakota, Missouri, South Carolina, and Louisiana for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System, and for other purposes. **Sponsor:** Rep Johnson, James P. (Jim) [CO-4] (introduced 9/28/1979) Cosponsors (1) **Latest Major Action:** 12/22/1980 Public Law 96-560.

SUMMARY AS OF: 12/3/1980--Conference report filed in House. (There are 5 other summaries)

(Conference report filed in House, H. Rept. 96-1521)

=Title I: = Designates the following National Forest System lands in Colorado as wilderness and components of the National Wilderness Preservation System: (1) the Big Blue Wilderness and the Mount Sneffels Wilderness in the Uncompahgre National Forest; (2) the Cache La Poudre Wilderness, Comanche Peak Wilderness, and the Neota Wilderness, in the Roosevelt National Forest; (3) the Collegiate Peaks Wilderness in the Gunnison, San Isabel, and White River National Forests; (4) the Holy Cross Wilderness in the San Isabel and White River National Forests (preserving existing conditional water rights for the Homestake Water Development Project by the cities of Aurora and Colorado Springs); (5) the Lizard Head Wilderness in the San Juan and Uncompahgre National Forests; (6) the Lost Creek Wilderness in the Pike National Forest; (7) the Mount Evans Wilderness in the Arapaho and Pike National Forests; (8) the Mount Massive Wilderness in the San Isabel National Forest; (9) the Never Summer Wilderness in the Arapaho National Forest; (10) the Raggeds Wilderness in the Gunnison and White River National Forests; and (11) the South San Juan Wilderness in the San Juan National Forest.

Designates certain additions to: (1) the La Garita Wilderness in the Gunnison and Rio Grande National Forests; (2) the Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness in the Gunnison and White River National Forests; (3) the Mount Zirkel Wilderness in the Routt National Forest; (4) the Rawah Wilderness in the Roosevelt and Routt National Forests; (5) the Weminuche Wilderness in the Rio Grande and San Juan National Forests; and (6) the West Elk Wilderness in the Gunnison National Forest.

Directs the Secretary of Agriculture to permit motorized access to the Rawah Wilderness for the periodic maintenance and repair of the McGuire Water Transmission Line ditch.

Repeals the previous classifications of the Uncompahgre Primitive Area and the Wilson Mountains Primitive Area, Colorado.

Designates the Black Elk Wilderness in the Black Hills National Forest, South Dakota, as wilderness and a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System. Declares that the provisions of the Act establishing the Norbeck Wildlife Preserve shall also apply to the Black Elk Wilderness to the extent they are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Wilderness Act.

Requires the Secretary of Agriculture to review and, within three years after the date of enactment of this Act, to report to the President and the

Congress, recommendations on the suitability or unsuitability for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System of the following lands: (1) the Buffalo Peaks Wilderness Study Area, Greenhorn Mountain Wilderness Study Area, and the Spanish Peaks Wilderness Study Area in the San Isabel National Forest; (2) the Fossil Ridge Wilderness Study Area in the Gunnison National Forest; (3) the Montezuma Peak-V Rock Trail Wilderness Study Area, Piedra Wilderness Study Area, and the West Needle Wilderness Study Area, in the San Juan National Forest; (4) the Sangre de Cristo Wilderness Study Area in the Rio Grande and San Isabel National Forests; and (5) the Vasquez Peak Wilderness Study Area in the Arapaho National Forest.

Requires the Secretaries of Agriculture and of the Interior to review and report to the President and Congress, within three years after the enactment of this Act, their recommendations for management of the lands in the Wheeler Geologic Study Area in the Gunnison National Forest. Specifies items to be considered in such review.

Requires that such study areas shall be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture, subject to valid existing rights, so as to maintain their presently existing wilderness character and potential for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System. States that with respect to grazing of livestock and oil, gas, or mineral exploration and development activities, such study areas shall be administered according to the laws generally applicable to the National Forest System.

Directs the Secretary of Agriculture to review and, within three years after the date of enactment of this Act, report to the President and the Congress on the suitability for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System of the Oh-Be-Joyful Wilderness Study Area in the Gunnison National Forest. Specifies that such study area shall be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture, subject to valid existing rights, so as to maintain its presently existing wilderness character and potential for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System. States that such management requirement shall not extend beyond a period of two years from the date of submission to Congress of the President's recommendation that such area be designated as wilderness or not be designated as wilderness. Specifies that, with respect to oil, gas, and mineral exploration and development operations in such study area, the terms of the Wilderness Act of 1964 shall apply.

Declares that the Roadless Area Review and Evaluation (Rare II) Final Environmental Statement (dated January, 1979) with respect to National Forest System lands in States other than Colorado shall not be subject to judicial review with respect to National Forest System lands in Colorado.

Deems that the review of the National Forest System lands in Colorado by RARE II, except those lands remaining in further planning upon enactment of this Act, areas listed in this Act, or previously congressionally designated wilderness study areas, shall be deemed to be an adequate consideration of the suitability of such lands for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System. Provides that the Department of Agriculture shall not be required to review the wilderness option prior to the revision of the initial

plans and in no case prior to the date established by law for completion of the initial planning cycle.

Declares that areas in Colorado reviewed in such Final Environmental Statement and not designated as wilderness or for study by this Act or remaining in further planning upon enactment of this Act need not be managed for the purpose of protecting their suitability for wilderness designation pending revision of the initial plans.

Prohibits the Department of Agriculture, unless expressly authorized by Congress, from conducting any further statewide Roadless Area Review and Evaluation of National Forest System lands in Colorado for the purpose of determining their suitability for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Requires that certain guidelines with respect to grazing be followed on National Wilderness Preservation System lands.

Directs the Secretary to review all policies, practices, and regulations of the Department of Agriculture regarding disease or insect outbreaks, forest fires, and the use of modern suppression methods and equipment in National Forest System components of the National Wilderness Preservation System in Colorado.

Declares that Congress does not intend that designations of wilderness areas in the State of Colorado lead to the creation of protective perimeters or buffer zones around each wilderness area.

Revises the boundaries of the Rocky Mountain National Park, the Roosevelt National Forest, and the Arapaho National Forest all in the State of Colorado.

States that the area known as the Twin Sisters area shall remain a part of the Rocky Mountain National Park. Subjects all such lands transferred by this Act to the laws and regulations applicable to the appropriate National Park or National Forest. Declares that lands within the Indian Peaks Wilderness Area that are transferred to the Rocky Mountain National Park shall remain in the National Wilderness Preservation System. States that lands within the Rocky Mountain National Park that are adjacent to the Indian Peaks Wilderness and that are transferred by this Act to the Roosevelt National Forest shall be incorporated in and become part of the Indian Peaks Wilderness.

Permits the Secretary of the Interior, with respect to lands added or transferred by this Act to Rocky Mountain National Park, and the Secretary of Agriculture, with respect to lands added or transferred by this Act to Roosevelt and Arapaho National Forest, to acquire lands and interests in such lands by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, or by exchange.

Permits the Secretary of Agriculture to accept on behalf of the United States title to specified lands which lie within the boundary of Rocky Mountain National Park as revised by this Act, in exchange for which the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to issue patents to lands lying within the Cache La Poudre Wild and Scenic River study corridor.

Declares that specified Federal lands within the administrative jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management shall be transferred to Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado, without transfer of funds.

Directs the Secretary of the Interior, upon notification by the City of Longmont, Colorado, that specified lands owned by the city are necessary for the development of a reservoir, to revise the boundary of Rocky Mountain National Park within such area to exclude the necessary lands.

Directs the Secretary, if after the completion of two fiscal years following the date of enactment of this Act the Secretary has not purchased interests in specified lands known as the Old McGregor Ranch, Colorado, and the owner of such lands petitions the Secretary to exclude such lands from Rocky Mountain National Park, to revise the boundary of such Park to the boundary as it existed before the enactment of this Act.

Directs the Secretary to convey, without compensation or consideration, specified lands to the City of Grand Lake, Colorado.

Permits the Secretary to provide for the use of snowmobiles along the East Shore Trail of Shadow Mountain Lake, Colorado, if after study the Secretary determines such use will not result in any significant adverse impact upon wildlife.

=Title II: = Designates the following National Forest System lands as wilderness and components of the National Wilderness Preservation System: (1) the Bell Mountain Wilderness, the Rockpile Mountain Wilderness, the Piney Creek Wilderness, and the Devils Backbone Wilderness, all in the Mark Twain National Forest, Missouri; (2) the Wambaw Swamp Wilderness, the Hell Hole Bay Wilderness, and the Wambaw Creek Wilderness, all in the Francis Marion National Forest, South Carolina; and (3) Kisatchie Hills Wilderness in the Kisatchie National Forest, Louisiana.

Directs the Secretary of Agriculture, subject to valid existing rights, to administer each wilderness area designated by this title in accordance with the provisions of the Wilderness Act of 1964.

MAJOR ACTIONS:

9/28/1979	Introduced in House
11/14/1979	Reported to House from the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs with amendment, H. Rept. 96-617.
12/10/1979	Passed/agreed to in House: Measure passed House, amended.
8/22/1980	Reported to Senate from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources with amendment, S. Rept. 96-914.
9/25/1980	Passed/agreed to in Senate: Measure passed Senate, amended.

12/3/1980	Conference report filed in House, H. Rept. 96-1521.
12/3/1980	Conference report agreed to in House: House agreed to conference report.
12/4/1980	Conference report agreed to in Senate: Senate agreed to conference report.
12/4/1980	Cleared for White House
12/10/1980	Measure presented to President.
12/22/1980	Signed by President.
12/22/1980	Public Law 96-560.

ALL ACTIONS:

9/28/1979:

Referred to House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

11/14/1979:

Reported to House from the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs with amendment, H. Rept. 96-617.

12/10/1979:

Measure called up under motion to suspend rules and pass in House.

12/10/1979:

Measure considered in House.

12/10/1979:

Measure passed House, amended.

12/12/1979:

Referred to Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

8/22/1980:

Reported to Senate from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources with amendment, S. Rept. 96-914.

9/25/1980:

Call of calendar in Senate.

9/25/1980:

Measure considered in Senate.

9/25/1980:

Measure passed Senate, amended.

9/30/1980:

Conference scheduled in House.

11/14/1980:

Conference scheduled in Senate.

12/3/1980:

Conference report filed in House, H. Rept. 96-1521.

12/3/1980:

House agreed to conference report.

12/4/1980:

Senate agreed to conference report.

12/4/1980:

Cleared for White House

12/9/1980:

Measure enrolled in House.

12/9/1980:

Measure enrolled in Senate.

12/10/1980:

Measure presented to President.

12/22/1980:

Signed by President.

12/22/1980:

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TITLE(S):

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- OFFICIAL TITLE AS INTRODUCED: A bill to designate certain National Forest System lands in the State of Colorado for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System, and for other purposes.
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COSPONSORS(1), ALPHABETICAL [followed by Cosponsors withdrawn]:

Rep Kogovsek, Ray [CO-3] - 1/3/1979

COMMITTEE(S):

Committee/Subcommittee:	Activity:
House Interior and Insular Affairs	Referral, Reporting
Senate Energy and Natural Resources	Referral, Reporting

RELATED BILL DETAILS:

NONE

AMENDMENT(S):

NONE