Public Law 106–156
106th Congress

An Act

To designate certain Federal lands in the Talladega National Forest in the State
of Alabama as the Dugger Mountain Wilderness.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Dugger Mountain Wilderness
Act of 1999”.

SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF DUGGER MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS, ALABAMA.

(a) DESIGNATION.—In furtherance of the purposes of the Wilder-
ness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), certain Federal lands in the
Talladega National Forest in the State of Alabama, which comprise
approximately 9,200 acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled
“Proposed Dugger Mountain Wilderness” and dated July 2, 1999,
are hereby designated as wilderness and, therefore, as a component
of the National Wilderness Preservation System, and shall be known
as the Dugger Mountain Wilderness.

(b) MAP AND DESCRIPTION.—As soon as practicable after the
date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture
shall submit to Congress a map and a boundary description of
the area designated as wilderness by this section. The map and
description shall have the same force and effect as if included
in this Act, except that the Secretary may correct clerical and
typographical errors in the map and description. A copy of the
map and description shall be on file and available for public inspec-
tion in the Office of the Chief of the Forest Service and in the
office of the Supervisor of National Forest System lands in Alabama.

(c) MANAGEMENT.—Subject to valid existing rights, lands des-
ignated as wilderness by this section shall be managed by the
Secretary of Agriculture in accordance with the provisions of the
Wilderness Act governing areas designated by that Act as wilder-
ness, except that, with respect to the wilderness area designated
by this section, any reference in the Wilderness Act to the effective
date of the Wilderness Act shall be deemed to be a reference to the
date of the enactment of this Act.

(d) TREATMENT OF DUGGER MOUNTAIN FIRE TOWER.—The
Forest Service shall have 2 years, beginning on the date of the
enactment of this Act, in which to use ground-based mechanical
and motorized equipment to disassemble and remove from the
wilderness area designated by this section the Dugger Mountain
fire tower, which has been scheduled for removal by the Forest
Service, and any supporting structures. The road to the fire tower
shall be open to motorized vehicles during this period only for
the purpose of removing the tower and supporting structures, after which time the road shall be permanently closed to motorized use. The Forest Service shall follow the provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.) in the determination and execution of the removal of the tower and supporting structures.

Approved December 9, 1999.