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To authorize and direct the Secretary of Agriculture to classify as a wilderness area the national forest lands adjacent to the Eagle Cap Wilderness Area, known as the Minam River Canyon and adjoining area, in Oregon, and for other purposes.

Eagle Cap
Wilderness, Oreg.
Additional
lands.

Map and des-
cription, filing
with congres-
sional commit-
tees.

Administration.

78 Stat. 890
16 USC 1131
note.

Lower Minam,
review, report to
President.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the areas proposed for addition to the Eagle Cap Wilderness as generally depicted on a map entitled "Proposed additions to the Eagle Cap Wilderness", dated August 1, 1972, which is on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, are hereby designated for addition to and a part of the Eagle Cap Wilderness, Wallowa and Whitman National Forests, Oregon, which addition comprises an area of approximately 72,420 acres.

SEC. 2. As soon as practicable after this Act takes effect, the Secretary of Agriculture shall file a map and a legal description of the Eagle Cap Wilderness as revised by this Act with the Interior and Insular Affairs Committees of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, and such description shall have the same force and effect as if included in this Act: *Provided, however,* That correction of clerical and typographical errors in such legal description and map may be made.

SEC. 3. The additions to the Eagle Cap Wilderness provided by this Act shall be administered as a part of the Eagle Cap Wilderness by the Secretary of Agriculture in accordance with the provisions of the Wilderness Act governing areas designated by that Act as wilderness areas, except that any reference in such provisions to the effective date of the Wilderness Act shall be deemed to be a reference to the effective date of this Act.

SEC. 4. Within five years from the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall review those lands depicted on the map referenced in section 1 of this Act as the "Wilderness Study Area" comprising about 32,000 acres, commonly referred to as the Lower Minam, and shall report to the President, in accordance with subsections 3(b) and 3(d) of the Wilderness Act (78 Stat. 890; 16 U.S.C. 1132 (b) and (d)), his recommendation as to the suitability or nonsuitability of any area within the above area for preservation as a wilderness, and any designation of any such area as a wilderness shall be accomplished in accordance with said subsections of the Wilderness Act.

Approved October 21, 1972.