Public Law 97-211
97th Congress

An Act

To designate certain national wildlife refuge lands.

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

Section 1. That certain lands known as North Cudjoe Key, Monroe County, Florida, which comprise approximately seventy-three acres, will be designated for purposes of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131-1136) as wilderness at the time those lands are included in the National Wildlife Refuge System, and shall become part of the existing "Florida Keys Wilderness".

Sect. 2. That notwithstanding any other provision of law, on the date that certain lands referred to as Raccoon Key, Florida, comprising approximately twenty-five acres, and depicted on a map entitled "Florida Keys Wilderness and Great White Heron National Wildlife Refuge (West Part)" dated July 1975, are excluded from the National Wildlife Refuge System, they shall be excluded from the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Sec. 3. As soon as practical after this Act takes effect, the Secretary of the Interior shall file a map and legal description of the Florida Keys Wilderness with the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives and such map and 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. A map and legal description of the Florida Keys Wilderness shall be on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.
Sec. 4. The lands designated by this Act as the Florida Keys Wilderness shall be administered in accordance with the applicable 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 and, where appropriate, any reference to the Secretary of Agriculture shall be deemed to be a reference to the Secretary of the Interior.

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