

Public Law 99-555  
99th Congress

An Act

To designate certain National Forest System lands in the State of Georgia to the National Wilderness Preservation System, and for other purposes.

Oct. 27, 1986  
[H.R. 5496]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That this Act may be cited as the "Georgia Wilderness Act of 1986".

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of 1986.

SEC. 2. In furtherance of the purposes of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131), the following lands in the State of Georgia are hereby designated as wilderness and, therefore, as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System—

(1) certain lands in the Chattahoochee National Forest, Georgia, which comprise approximately 8,562 acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Raven Cliffs Wilderness—Proposed", dated September 1986, and which shall be known as the Raven Cliffs Wilderness;

16 USC 1132  
note.

(2) certain lands in the Chattahoochee National Forest, Georgia, which comprise approximately 11,405 acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Brasstown Wilderness—Proposed", dated September, 1986, and which shall be known as the Brasstown Wilderness;

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note.

(3) certain lands in the Chattahoochee National Forest, Georgia, which comprise approximately 9,702 acres, generally depicted on a map entitled "Tray Mountain Wilderness—Proposed", dated September, 1986, and which shall be known as the Tray Mountain Wilderness;

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note.

(4) certain lands in the Chattahoochee National Forest, Georgia, which comprise approximately 9,649 acres, generally depicted on a map entitled "Rich Mountain Wilderness—Proposed", dated September, 1986, and which shall be known as the Rich Mountain Wilderness; and

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note.

(5) certain lands in the Chattahoochee National Forest, Georgia, which comprise approximately 2,940 acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Cohutta Wilderness addition—Proposed", dated September, 1986, and which is hereby incorporated in and shall be part of the Cohutta Wilderness as designated by Public Law 93-622.

16 USC 1132  
note.

SEC. 3. As soon as practicable after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall file a map and a legal description of each wilderness area designated by this Act with the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs and the Committee on Agriculture of the United States House of Representatives and with the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the United States Senate. Each 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 maps and legal descriptions may be made. A copy of each such map and description shall be on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the

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information.

Chief of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, and in the Office of the Supervisor of the Chattahoochee National Forest.

16 USC 1131  
note.

SEC. 4. Subject to valid existing rights, each wilderness area designated by this Act shall be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture in accordance with the provisions of the Wilderness Act governing areas designated by that Act as wilderness, except that any reference in such provisions to the effective date of the Wilderness Act shall be deemed to be a reference to the date of enactment of this Act.

Approved October 27, 1986.

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