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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources

AN ACT

To adjust the eastern boundary of the Deschutes Canyon-Steelhead Falls and Deschutes Canyon Wilderness Study Areas in the State of Oregon to facilitate fire prevention and response activities to protect private property, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Crooked River Ranch
3 Fire Protection Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds the following:

6 (1) The Crooked River Ranch is an unincor-
7 porated community with a population of 5,000 resi-
8 dents.

9 (2) The current lands located adjacent to
10 Crooked River Ranch are managed by the Bureau of
11 Land Management and are classified as a Wilder-
12 ness Study Area.

13 (3) There is currently only one entrance/exit to
14 the Crooked River Ranch.

15 (4) Jefferson County and Crooked River Ranch
16 have determined that the Wilderness Study Area
17 lands are in the highest risk category for exposure
18 to devastating wildfire due to overstocked juniper
19 stands under the federally mandated and locally pro-
20 mulgated Jefferson County Community Wildfire
21 Protection Plan (CWPP).

22 (5) The current Wilderness Study Area classi-
23 fication prevents mechanical fire prevention activities
24 within the overstocked juniper stands.

25 (6) Advancing this proposed legislation will
26 greatly enhance the life and safety of people and

1 property by reducing the extreme fire threat to these
2 lands.

3 **SEC. 3. BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT, DESCHUTES CANYON-**
4 **STEELHEAD FALLS AND DESCHUTES CANYON**
5 **WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS, OREGON.**

6 (a) BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED.—The Sec-
7 retary of the Interior shall adjust the eastern boundary
8 of the Deschutes Canyon-Steelhead Falls Wilderness
9 Study Area and the Deschutes Canyon Wilderness Study
10 Area in the State of Oregon to exclude approximately 832
11 acres, as depicted on the map entitled “Deschutes Canyon-
12 Steelhead Falls Wilderness Study Area” and dated April
13 6, 2017, in order to facilitate fire prevention and response
14 activities on the excluded public lands and adjacent private
15 property.

16 (b) EFFECT OF EXCLUSION.—Effective on the date
17 of the enactment of this Act, the public lands to be ex-
18 cluded from the Deschutes Canyon-Steelhead Falls Wil-
19 derness Study Area and the Deschutes Canyon Wilderness
20 Study Area pursuant to subsection (a) are no longer

- 1 subject to section 603(e) of the Federal Land Policy and
- 2 Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782(e)).

Passed the House of Representatives July 11, 2018.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.