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S. 3320

To designate as wilderness certain National Forest System land in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. GARDNER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Sangre de Cristo Wil-
5 derness Additions Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
9 the Secretary of Agriculture.

1 (2) WILDERNESS ADDITION.—The term “wil-
2 derness addition” means land added to the Sangre
3 de Cristo Wilderness by the amendment made by
4 section 3.

5 **SEC. 3. AMENDMENT TO THE COLORADO WILDERNESS ACT**
6 **OF 1993.**

7 Section 2(a)(10) of the Colorado Wilderness Act of
8 1993 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; Public Law 103–77) is
9 amended by striking “1993,” and inserting “1993, and
10 certain Federal land in the Rio Grande National Forest
11 that comprises approximately 40,038 acres, as generally
12 depicted as ‘Wilderness Additions’ on the map entitled
13 ‘Sangre de Cristo Wilderness Additions ’ and dated March
14 21, 2019,”.

15 **SEC. 4. MAP.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after the
17 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall file with
18 the appropriate committees of Congress a map and legal
19 description of the wilderness additions.

20 (b) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The map and legal de-
21 scription filed under subsection (a) shall be on file and
22 available for public inspection in the office of the Chief
23 of the Forest Service, the office of the Supervisor of the
24 Rio Grande National Forest, and the office of the Super-
25 visor of the San Isabel National Forest.

1 (c) FORCE OF LAW.—The map and legal description
2 filed under subsection (a) shall have the same force and
3 effect as if included in this Act, except that the Secretary
4 may correct typographical errors in the map and legal de-
5 scription.

6 **SEC. 5. ADMINISTRATION OF WILDERNESS ADDITIONS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
8 the Secretary shall manage the wilderness additions in ac-
9 cordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.)
10 and this Act, except that, with respect to a wilderness ad-
11 dition, any reference in the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C.
12 1131 et seq.) to the effective date of that Act shall be
13 considered to be a reference to the date of enactment of
14 this Act.

15 (b) FIRE, INSECTS, AND DISEASES.—In accordance
16 with section 4(d)(1) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C.
17 1133(d)(1)), within the wilderness additions, the Sec-
18 retary may take such measures as are necessary to control
19 fire, insects, and diseases, subject to such terms and con-
20 ditions as the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

21 (c) RECREATIONAL CLIMBING.—Nothing in this Act
22 or an amendment made by this Act prohibits recreational
23 rock climbing activities in the wilderness additions, such
24 as the placement, use, and maintenance of fixed anchors,

1 including any fixed anchor established before the date of
2 enactment of this Act—

3 (1) in accordance with the Wilderness Act (16
4 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.); and

5 (2) subject to any terms and conditions deter-
6 mined to be necessary by the Secretary.

7 (d) GRAZING.—The grazing of livestock in a wilder-
8 ness addition, if established before the date of enactment
9 of this Act, shall be permitted to continue, subject to such
10 reasonable regulations as are determined to be necessary
11 by the Secretary, in accordance with section 4(d)(4) of the
12 Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(4)).

13 (e) MILITARY OVERFLIGHTS.—Nothing in this Act
14 restricts or precludes—

15 (1) low-level overflights of military aircraft over
16 the wilderness additions, including military over-
17 flights that can be seen or heard within the wilder-
18 ness additions;

19 (2) flight testing and evaluation; or

20 (3) the designation or creation of new units of
21 special use airspace, or the establishment of military
22 flight training routes, over the wilderness additions.

23 (f) COMMERCIAL SERVICES.—Commercial services
24 (including authorized outfitting and guide activities) with-
25 in the wilderness additions may be authorized to the ex-

1 tent necessary for activities that are appropriate for the
2 recreational or other wilderness purposes of the wilderness
3 additions, in accordance with section 4(d)(5) of the Wil-
4 derness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(5)).

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