

117TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 9103

To designate the Flatside-Bethune Wilderness in the Ouachita National Forest, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

Mr. HILL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## 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 “Flatside Wilderness  
5 Additions Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONS TO FLATSIDE WILDERNESS; DESIGNA-**  
7 **TION.**

8 Section 3(d) of Arkansas Wilderness Act of 1984  
9 (Public Law 98–508; 98 Stat. 2350) is amended to read  
10 as follows:

1 “(d) certain lands in the Ouachita National Forest,  
2 Arkansas—

3 “(1) which comprise—

4 “(A) approximately 10,105 acres, as gen-  
5 erally depicted on the map entitled ‘Flatside  
6 Wilderness—Proposed’, dated September 1984;

7 “(B) approximately 640 acres, as generally  
8 depicted as ‘Recommended Wilderness Area’ on  
9 the map entitled ‘Flatside Wilderness, Rec-  
10 ommended Wilderness Area’, dated September  
11 6, 2018; and

12 “(C) approximately 2,215 acres, as gen-  
13 erally depicted as ‘Land Proposed for Wilder-  
14 ness Designation’ on the map entitled ‘Flatside  
15 Wilderness Proposed Addition Designation’,  
16 dated September 29, 2022; and

17 “(2) which shall be known as the Flatside-Be-  
18 thune Wilderness.”.

19 **SEC. 3. FIRE, INSECTS, AND DISEASES.**

20 Nothing in this Act or the amendment made by sec-  
21 tion 2 shall be construed to limit the authority of the Sec-  
22 retary of Agriculture under section 4(d)(1) of the Wilder-  
23 ness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(1)), in accordance with exist-  
24 ing laws (including regulations).

1 **SEC. 4. REFERENCES TO WILDERNESS AREA.**

2 Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document,  
3 paper, or other record of the United States to the wilder-  
4 ness areas described in the amendment made by section  
5 2, including areas previously designated as the Flatside  
6 Wilderness and the Bethune Woods-Flatside Wilderness,  
7 shall be deemed to be a reference to the Flatside-Bethune  
8 Wilderness.

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