

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1612

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## AN ACT

To designate the Flatside-Bethune Wilderness in the  
Ouachita National Forest, 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 “Flatside Wilderness  
3 Additions Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONS TO FLATSIDE WILDERNESS.**

5 Section 3(d) of Arkansas Wilderness Act of 1984  
6 (Public Law 98–508; 98 Stat. 2349) is amended by insert-  
7 ing “and certain land in the Ouachita National Forest,  
8 which comprise approximately 2,212 acres, generally de-  
9 picted as” Land Proposed for Wilderness Designation “on  
10 the map titled” Flatside Wilderness, Proposed Addition  
11 Designation “, dated November 12, 2024” after “1984”.

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

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

18 **SEC. 4. DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS ADDITION.**

19 The wilderness designated by section 3(d) of Arkan-  
20 sas Wilderness Act of 1984 (Public Law 98–508; 98 Stat.  
21 2349), shall be known as the “Flatside-Bethune Wilder-  
22 ness”. Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document,  
23 paper, or other record of the United States to such portion

1 of the Flatside Wilderness shall be deemed to be a ref-  
2 erence to the Flatside-Bethune Wilderness.

Passed the House of Representatives May 13, 2025.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

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