

119TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 3433

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 15, 2025

Mr. DONALDS 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 “Wilderness Inclusion  
5 for Limited-use Drones Act of 2025” or the “WILD Act  
6 of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. USE OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS WITHIN**  
2 **WILDERNESS.**

3 Section 4(d) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C.  
4 1133(d)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(8)(A) A Federal, State, local, or Tribal agency may  
6 use and operate an unmanned aircraft system within a  
7 wilderness area designated by this Act, potential wilder-  
8 ness area, or wilderness study area identified pursuant to  
9 section 603 of the Federal Land Policy and Management  
10 Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782) to—

11 “(i) carry out environmental monitoring and re-  
12 search activities, including with respect to harmful  
13 algal blooms and invasive species;

14 “(ii) carry out law enforcement and search and  
15 rescue activities, including such activities carried out  
16 by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection; and

17 “(iii) monitor the effects of a natural disaster.

18 “(B) In this paragraph:

19 “(i) The term ‘natural disaster’ has the mean-  
20 ing given the term in section 602(a) of the Robert  
21 T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assist-  
22 ance Act (42 U.S.C. 5195a(a)).

23 “(ii) The term ‘unmanned aircraft system’ has  
24 the meaning given the term in section 44801(12) of  
25 title 49, United States Code.”.