

Public Law 102-59
102d Congress

An Act

June 18, 1991
[S. 483]

Entitled the "Taconic Mountains Protection Act of 1991".

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Vermont.
National Forest
System.

SECTION 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) Congress finds that—

(1) large tracts of undeveloped forest land in Vermont's Taconic Mountain Range are threatened by conversion to nonforest uses;

(2) lands included in the Green Mountain National Forest are forever open to all Americans;

(3) the Green Mountain National Forest permanently protects forests for their environmental and economic benefits through the management of range, recreation, timber, water, wilderness, and fish and wildlife resources;

(4) the Bennington County Regional Commission supports expanding the Green Mountain National Forest boundary to include the Taconic Mountain Range; and

(5) the Vermont General Assembly has enacted legislation consenting to the acquisition by the Federal Government of lands throughout the Taconic Mountain Range within Bennington County for inclusion in the Green Mountain National Forest.

(b) It is the purpose of this Act to expand the boundaries of the Green Mountain National Forest to include the Taconic Mountain Range within Bennington County.

SEC. 2. GREEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST EXPANSION.

The boundaries of the Green Mountain National Forest are hereby modified to include all lands depicted on a map entitled "Taconic Mountain Range Expansion" dated March 1, 1991, which shall be on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Chief of the Forest Service, Washington, District of Columbia. Within the area delineated on such map, the Secretary shall utilize his authorities under the Act of March 1, 1911 (chapter 186, 36 Stat. 961 as amended), to acquire lands, waters, and interests therein. Lands so acquired shall be managed under such Act for National Forest purposes.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S. 483:

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