

Public Law 92-476

AN ACT

October 9, 1972
[S. 166]

To designate the Stratified Primitive Area as a part of the Washakie Wilderness, heretofore known as the South Absaroka Wilderness, Shoshone National Forest, in the State of Wyoming, and for other purposes.

Stratified
Primitive Area
and South
Absaroka Wilder-
ness.
Reclassification
and name
change.
16 USC 1132.

Map and de-
scription, filing
with congres-
sional commit-
tees.

Administration.

78 Stat. 890.
16 USC 1131
note.

Special Manage-
ment Unit.

Administration.

Study; recom-
mendation to
President and
Congress.

Map and de-
scription, filing
with congressional
committees.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in accordance with subsection 3(b) of the Wilderness Act of September 3, 1964 (78 Stat. 891), the area classified as the Stratified Primitive Area, with the proposed additions thereto and deletions therefrom, comprising an area of approximately two hundred and eight thousand acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "Washakie Wilderness—Proposed," dated June 15, 1967, revised September 12, 1970, which is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, is hereby designated for addition to and as a part of the area heretofore known as the South Absaroka Wilderness, which is hereby renamed as the Washakie Wilderness.

SEC. 2. As soon as practicable after this Act takes effect, the Secretary of Agriculture shall file a map and a legal description of the Washakie Wilderness with the Interior and Insular Affairs Committees of the United States Senate and the House of Representatives, and such description shall have the same force and effect as if included in this Act: *Provided, however,* That correction of clerical and typographical errors in such legal description and map may be made.

SEC. 3. The Stratified Primitive Area addition to the Washakie Wilderness shall be administered as a part of the Washakie Wilderness by the Secretary of Agriculture in accordance with the provisions of the Wilderness Act governing areas designated by that Act as wilderness areas, except that any reference in such provisions to the effective date of the Wilderness Act shall be deemed to be a reference to the effective date of this Act.

SEC. 4. The previous classification of the Stratified Primitive Area is hereby abolished.

SEC. 5. (a) Within the area depicted as the Special Management Unit on the map referred to in section 1 of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall not permit harvesting of timber or public or private vehicular use of any existing road, and shall not construct or permit the construction or expansion of any road in said Special Management Unit. The Secretary shall administer said unit in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations relating to the national forests especially to provide for nonvehicular access recreation and may construct such facilities and take such measures as are necessary for the health and safety of visitors and to protect the resources of said unit: *Provided, however,* That this section shall not affect such vehicular use and maintenance of existing roads as may be necessary for the administration of said unit by the Secretary of Agriculture.

(b) The Secretary of Agriculture shall initiate a continuing study of the Special Management Unit and at the end of the five-year period following the enactment of this Act shall recommend to the President and the Congress what he considers to be the area's highest and best public use.

(c) As soon as practicable after this Act takes effect, the Secretary of Agriculture shall file a map and legal description of the area referred to in subsection (a) with the Interior and Insular Affairs Committees of the United States Senate and the House of Representatives, and such description shall have the same force and effect as included in this Act: *Provided, however,* That corrections of clerical and typographical errors in such legal description and map may be made.

Approved October 9, 1972.