

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1196

To amend the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993 to extend the interim protection of the Spanish Peaks planning area in the San Isabel National Forest, Colorado.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 20, 1997

Mr. SKAGGS (for himself, Mr. McINNIS, and Ms. DEGETTE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

4 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

5 (1) The two volcanic peaks in Huerfano and
6 Las Animas Counties, Colorado, known as the Span-
7 ish Peaks or Wayatoya, are easterly extensions of
8 the Rocky Mountains and served as landmarks to
9 some of Colorado's earliest settlers.

20 (5) Since 1993, the United States has acquired,
21 with the consent of their owners, many of the lands
22 within the Spanish Peaks planning area that were in
23 private ownership in 1993.

24 (6) Acquisition by the United States of some or
25 all of the rest of such non-Federal lands would be

1 desirable in order to facilitate management of lands
2 within the Spanish Peaks planning area as wilder-
3 ness, but neither such acquisitions nor enactment of
4 legislation to designate some or all of the planning
5 area as wilderness was completed prior to the end of
6 the period during which the planning area was re-
7 quired to be managed as a wilderness study area.

8 (7) Therefore, continued management of the
9 Spanish Peaks planning area as a wilderness study
10 area is desirable in order to retain the options of
11 Congress concerning possible designation of lands
12 within the planning area as wilderness.

13 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to require
14 continued management of the Spanish Peaks planning
15 area as a wilderness study area until Congress can deter-
16 mine which if any of the lands within the planning area
17 are to be designated as wilderness.

18 **SEC. 2. WILDERNESS STUDY EXTENSION, SPANISH PEAKS**

19 **PLANNING AREA, COLORADO.**

20 Section 10(d) of the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993
21 (Public Law 103–77; 107 Stat. 765) is amended by strik-
22 ing “for a period of three years from the date of enact-
23 ment of this Act,” and inserting “until Congress deter-
24 mines otherwise.”

