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H. R. 2680

To designate the Lake Tahoe Basin National Forest in the States of California and Nevada to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 21, 1997

Mr. GIBBONS (for himself and Mr. DOOLITTLE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. DESIGNATION.**

4 There is hereby designated in the States of California
5 and Nevada the Lake Tahoe Basin National Forest to be
6 administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as a unit of
7 the National Forest System subject to the laws, rules, and
8 regulations applicable to the National Forest System.

1 **SEC. 2. BOUNDARIES.**

2 (a) The Lake Tahoe Basin National Forest shall
3 comprise those lands designated as the Lake Tahoe Basin
4 Management Unit in the Federal Register notice dated
5 January 13, 1978 (43 F.R. 1971).

6 (b) For the purposes of section 7 of the Land and
7 Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 4601–9), the
8 exterior boundary of the Lake Tahoe Basin National For-
9 est established by this Act shall be treated as if it were
10 the boundary as of January 1, 1965.

11 (c) The boundaries of the Tahoe, Eldorado, Toiyabe
12 National Forests are hereby modified to exclude those
13 lands within the boundaries of the Lake Tahoe Basin Na-
14 tional Forest.

15 (d) The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to
16 make corrections or adjustments in the boundaries of the
17 Tahoe, Eldorado, Toiyabe, and Lake Tahoe Basin Na-
18 tional Forests for administrative purposes.

19 **SEC. 3. LAND MANAGEMENT PLANNING.**

20 (a) The Land and Resource Management Plan for
21 the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit dated December
22 2, 1988, shall constitute the land management plan re-
23 quired by section 6 of the Forest and Rangeland Renew-
24 able Resources Planning Act of 1974, as amended by the
25 National Forest Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C.
26 1604).

1 (b) Nothing in this Act shall require the Forest Serv-
2 ice to amend or revise—

3 (1) the land and resource management plan
4 dated December 2, 1988, or its associated environ-
5 mental impact statement, or to prepare a new plan
6 or associated environmental impact statement; or

7 (2) any draft or final land and resource man-
8 agement plan or associated environmental impact
9 statement for the Tahoe, Eldorado or Toiyabe Na-
10 tional Forests.

11 **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.**

12 (a) Any reference to the Lake Tahoe Basin Manage-
13 ment Unit in any existing statute, regulation, manual,
14 handbook, or otherwise shall be deemed a reference to the
15 Lake Tahoe Basin National Forest.

16 (b) Nothing in this Act shall affect—

17 (1) any provisions of Public Law 96–551 (94
18 Stat. 3233), giving Congressional consent to the
19 Tahoe Planning Compact;

20 (2) any provisions of Public Law 96–586 (94
21 Stat. 3381), an Act to provide disposal of certain
22 Federal lands in the Lake Tahoe Basin, commonly
23 called the Burton-Santini Act; or

1 (3) valid existing rights of persons holding any
2 authorization, permit, option or other form of con-
3 tract existing on the date of enactment of this Act.

4 (c) Notwithstanding the distribution requirements of
5 payments under the Act of May 23, 1908 (Ch. 192, 35
6 Stat. 251, as amended), distribution of receipts from the
7 Eldorado, Tahoe, Toiyabe, and Lake Tahoe Basin Na-
8 tional Forests shall be based upon the National Forest
9 boundaries that existed prior to enactment of this Act, as
10 though the Lake Tahoe Basin National Forest does not
11 exist.

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