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To designate certain lands in the State of Colorado as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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. SHORT TITLE AND DEFINITIONS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Colorado Wilderness Act of 1999”.

6 (b) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this Act, the term
7 “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior or the
8 Secretary of Agriculture, as appropriate.

1 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONS TO THE WILDERNESS PRESERVATION**
2 **SYSTEM.**

3 (a) ADDITIONS.—The following lands in the State of
4 Colorado administered by the Bureau of Land Manage-
5 ment or the United States Forest Service are hereby des-
6 ignated as wilderness and, therefore, as components of the
7 National Wilderness Preservation System:

8 (1) The following areas in the Glenwood
9 Springs Resource Area:

10 (A) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
11 mately 15,203 acres, as generally depicted on a
12 map entitled “Bull Gulch Wilderness Proposal”,
13 dated February 1, 1999, which shall be known
14 as the Bull Gulch Wilderness.

15 (B) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
16 mately 16,300 acres, as generally depicted on a
17 map entitled “Castle Peak Wilderness Pro-
18 posal”, dated February 1, 1999, which shall be
19 known as the Castle Peak Wilderness.

20 (C) Certain lands in the Glenwood Springs
21 Resource Area which comprise approximately
22 312 acres, as generally depicted on a map enti-
23 tled “Maroon Bells-Snowmass Addition Wilder-
24 ness Proposal”, dated February 1, 1999, and
25 which are hereby incorporated in and shall be
26 deemed to be a part of the Maroon Bells-

1 Snowmass Wilderness designated by Public
2 Law 88–577 and Public Law 96–560.

3 (D) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
4 mately 38,941 acres, as generally depicted on a
5 map entitled “Roan Plateau Wilderness Pro-
6 posal” dated February 1, 1999, which shall be
7 known as the Roan Plateau Wilderness.

8 (2) The following areas in the Glenwood
9 Springs Resource Area and the White River Na-
10 tional Forest:

11 (A) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
12 mately 10,240 acres, as generally depicted on a
13 map entitled “Deep Creek Wilderness Pro-
14 posal”, dated February 1, 1999, which shall be
15 known as the Deep Creek Wilderness.

16 (B) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
17 mately 9,968 acres, as generally depicted on a
18 map entitled “Flat Tops Addition Wilderness
19 Proposal”, dated February 1, 1999, and which
20 are hereby incorporated in and shall be deemed
21 to be a part of the Flat Tops Wilderness des-
22 ignated by Public Law 94–146.

23 (C) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
24 mately 20,949 acres, as generally depicted on a
25 map entitled “Thompson Creek Wilderness Pro-

1 posals”, dated February 1, 1999, which shall be
2 known as the Thompson Creek Wilderness.

3 (3) The following lands in the Grand Junction
4 Resource Area:

5 (A) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
6 mately 21,410 acres, as generally depicted on a
7 map entitled “Bangs Canyon Wilderness Pro-
8 posal”, dated February, 1999, which shall be
9 known as the Bangs Canyon Wilderness.

10 (B) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
11 mately 70,311 acres, as generally depicted on a
12 map entitled “Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness
13 Proposal”, dated February 1, 1999, which shall
14 be known as the Black Ridge Canyons Wilder-
15 ness.

16 (C) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
17 mately 25,718 acres, as generally depicted on a
18 map entitled “Demaree Canyon Wilderness Pro-
19 posal”, dated February 1, 1999, which shall be
20 known as the Demaree Canyon Wilderness.

21 (D) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
22 mately 4,257 acres, as generally depicted on a
23 map entitled “Granite Creek Wilderness Pro-
24 posal”, dated February 1, 1999, which shall be
25 known as the Granite Creek Wilderness.

1 (E) Certain lands in the Grand Junction
2 Resource Area which comprise approximately
3 14,331 acres, as generally depicted on a map
4 entitled “Hunter Canyon Wilderness Proposal”,
5 dated February 1, 1999, which shall be known
6 as the Hunter Canyon Wilderness.

7 (F) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
8 mately 28,992 acres, as generally depicted on a
9 map entitled “Little Bookcliffs Wilderness Pro-
10 posal”, dated February 1, 1999, which shall be
11 known as the Little Bookcliffs Wilderness.

12 (G) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
13 mately 27,133 acres, as generally depicted on a
14 map entitled “The Palisade Wilderness Pro-
15 posal”, dated February 1, 1999, which shall be
16 known as The Palisade Wilderness.

17 (H) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
18 mately 24,492 acres, as generally depicted on a
19 map entitled “South Shale Ridge Wilderness
20 Proposal”, dated February 1, 1999, which shall
21 be known as the South Shale Ridge Wilderness.

22 (4) Certain lands in the Grand Junction and
23 Uncompahgre Resource Areas and the Uncompahgre
24 National Forest which comprise approximately
25 84,501 acres, as generally depicted on a map enti-

1 tled “Dominguez Canyons Wilderness Proposal”,
2 dated February 1, 1999, which shall be known as
3 the Dominguez Canyons Wilderness.

4 (5) Certain lands in the Grand Junction Re-
5 source Area and the Uncompahgre National Forest
6 which comprise approximately 39,184 acres, as gen-
7 erally depicted on a map entitled “Unaweep Wilder-
8 ness Proposal”, dated February 1, 1999, which shall
9 be known as the Unaweep Wilderness.

10 (6) Certain lands in the Grand Junction Re-
11 source Area, the San Juan Resource Area, and the
12 Manti-LaSal National Forest which comprise ap-
13 proximately 30,474 acres, as generally depicted on a
14 map entitled “Sewemup Mesa Wilderness Proposal”,
15 dated February 1, 1999, which shall be known as
16 the Sewemup Mesa Wilderness.

17 (7) Certain in the Gunnison Resource Area
18 which comprise approximately 38,527 acres, as gen-
19 erally depicted on a map entitled “Redcloud Peak
20 Wilderness Proposal”, dated February 1, 1999,
21 which shall be known as the Redcloud Peak Wilder-
22 ness.

23 (8) Certain lands in the Gunnison Resource
24 Area and the Gunnison National Forest and Rio
25 Grande National Forest which comprise approxi-

1 mately 71,382 acres, as generally depicted on a map
2 entitled “Handies Peak Wilderness Proposal”, dated
3 February 1, 1999, which shall be known as the
4 Handies Peak Wilderness.

5 (9) Certain lands in the Kremmling Resource
6 Area which comprise approximately 33 acres, as
7 generally depicted on a map entitled “Platte River
8 Addition Wilderness Proposal”, dated February 1,
9 1999, and which are hereby incorporated in and
10 shall be deemed to be part of the Platte River Addi-
11 tion Wilderness designated by Public Law 98–550.

12 (10) Certain lands in the Kremmling Resource
13 Area, the Arapaho National Forest, and the Routt
14 National Forest which comprise approximately
15 106,063 acres, as generally depicted on a map enti-
16 tled “Troublesome Wilderness Proposal”, dated Feb-
17 ruary 1, 1999, which shall be known as the Trouble-
18 some Wilderness.

19 (11) the following lands in the Little Snake Re-
20 source Area:

21 (A) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
22 mately 50,371 acres, as generally depicted on a
23 map entitled “Cold Spring Mountain Wilder-
24 ness Proposal”, dated February 1, 1999, which

1 shall be known as the Cold Spring Mountain
2 Wilderness.

3 (B) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
4 mately 18,035 acres, as generally depicted on a
5 map entitled “Cross Mountain Wilderness Pro-
6 posal”, dated February 1, 1999, which shall be
7 known as the Cross Mountain Wilderness.

8 (C) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
9 mately 34,011 acres, as generally depicted on a
10 map entitled “Diamond Breaks Wilderness Pro-
11 posal”, dated February 1, 1999, which shall be
12 known as the Diamond Breaks Wilderness.

13 (D) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
14 mately 29,782 acres, as generally depicted on a
15 map entitled “Dinosaur Wilderness Proposal”,
16 dated February 1, 1999, which shall be known
17 as the Dinosaur Wilderness.

18 (E) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
19 mately 90,592 acres, as generally depicted on a
20 map entitled “Vermillion Basin Wilderness Pro-
21 posal”, dated February 1, 1999, which shall be
22 known as the Vermillion Basin Wilderness.

23 (F) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
24 mately 12,273 acres, as generally depicted on a
25 map entitled “Yampa River Wilderness Pro-

1 posar”, dated February 1, 1999, which shall be
2 known as the Yampa River Wilderness.

3 (12) Certain lands in the Royal Gorge Resource
4 Area which comprise approximately 17,552 acres, as
5 generally depicted on a map entitled “McIntyre Hills
6 Wilderness Proposal”, dated February 1, 1999,
7 which shall be known as the McIntyre Hills Wilder-
8 ness.

9 (13) Certain lands in the Royal Gorge Resource
10 Area and the San Isabel National Forest which com-
11 prise approximately 44,187 acres, as generally de-
12 picted on a map entitled “Grape Creek Wilderness
13 Proposal”, dated February 1, 1999, which shall be
14 known as the Grape Creek Wilderness.

15 (14) The following lands in the Royal Gorge
16 Resource Area and the Pike National Forest:

17 (A) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
18 mately 37,390 acres, as generally depicted on a
19 map entitled “Beaver Creek Wilderness Pro-
20 posal”, dated February 1, 1999, which shall be
21 known as the Beaver Creek Wilderness.

22 (B) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
23 mately 21,809 acres, as generally depicted on a
24 map entitled “Browns Canyon Wilderness Pro-

1 posal”, dated February 1, 1999, which shall be
2 known as the Browns Canyon Wilderness.

3 (15) The following lands in the San Juan Re-
4 source Area:

5 (A) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
6 mately 25,979 acres, as generally depicted on a
7 map entitled “Cross Canyon Wilderness Pro-
8 posal”, dated February, 1999, which shall be
9 known as the Cross Canyon Wilderness.

10 (B) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
11 mately 40,662 acres, as generally depicted on a
12 map entitled “Dolores River Canyon Wilderness
13 Proposal”, dated February 1, 1999, which shall
14 be known as the Dolores River Canyon Wilder-
15 ness.

16 (C) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
17 mately 4,621 acres, as generally depicted on a
18 map entitled “Mares Tail Canyon Wilderness
19 Proposal”, dated February 1, 1999, which shall
20 be known as the Mares Tail Canyon Wilder-
21 ness.

22 (D) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
23 mately 21,641 acres, as generally depicted on a
24 map entitled “McKenna Peak Wilderness Pro-

1 posar”, dated February 1, 1999, which shall be
2 known as the McKenna Peak Wilderness.

3 (E) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
4 mately 23,355 acres, as generally depicted on a
5 map entitled “San Luis Hills Wilderness Pro-
6 posar”, dated February 1, 1999, which shall be
7 known as the San Luis Hills Wilderness.

8 (F) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
9 mately 14,504 acres, as generally depicted on a
10 map entitled “Weber-Menefee Mountain Wilder-
11 ness Proposal”, dated February 1, 1999, which
12 shall be known as the Weber-Menefee Mountain
13 Wilderness.

14 (16) Certain lands in the San Juan Resource
15 Area and the San Juan National Forest which com-
16 prise approximately 31,648 acres, as generally de-
17 pleted on a map entitled “Snaggletooth Wilderness
18 Proposal”, dated February 1, 1999, which shall be
19 known as the Snaggletooth Wilderness.

20 (17) the following lands in the San Luis Re-
21 source Area:

22 (A) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
23 mately 1,097 acres, as generally depicted on a
24 map entitled “Great Sand Dunes Addition Wil-
25 derness Proposal”, dated February 1, 1999,

1 and which are hereby incorporated in and shall
2 be deemed to be a part of the Great Sand
3 Dunes Wilderness designated by Public Law
4 94–567.

5 (B) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
6 mately 10,759 acres, as generally depicted on a
7 map entitled “Rio Grande Wilderness Pro-
8 posal”, dated February 1, 1999, which shall be
9 known as the Rio Grande Wilderness.

10 (18) Certain lands in the Uncompahgre Re-
11 source Area and the Grand Mesa National Forest
12 which comprise approximately 10,719 acres as gen-
13 erally depicted on a map entitled “Adobe Badlands
14 Wilderness Area Proposal”, dated February 1, 1999,
15 which shall be known as the Adobe Badlands Wil-
16 derness.

17 (19) Certain lands in the Uncompahgre Re-
18 source Area and the Uncompahgre National Forest
19 which comprise approximately 14,551 acres, as gen-
20 erally depicted on a map entitled “Roubideau Addi-
21 tion Wilderness Proposal”, dated February 1, 1999,
22 which shall be known as the Roubideau Wilderness.

23 (20) Certain lands in the Uncompahgre Re-
24 source Area which comprise approximately 22,696
25 acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Gun-

1 nison Gorge Wilderness Proposal”, dated February
2 1, 1999, which shall be known as the Gunnison
3 Gorge Wilderness.

4 (21) The following lands in the White River Re-
5 source Area:

6 (A) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
7 mately 22,574 acres, as generally depicted on a
8 map entitled “Black Mountain-Windy Gulch
9 Wilderness Proposal”, dated February 1, 1999,
10 which shall be known as the Black Mountain-
11 Windy Gulch Wilderness.

12 (B) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
13 mately 14,913 acres, as generally depicted on a
14 map entitled “Bull Canyon Wilderness Pro-
15 posal”, dated February 1, 1999, which shall be
16 known as the Bull Canyon Wilderness.

17 (C) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
18 mately 18,766 acres, as generally depicted on a
19 map entitled “Oil Spring Mountain Wilderness
20 Proposal”, dated February 1, 1999, which shall
21 be known as the Oil Spring Mountain Wilder-
22 ness.

23 (D) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
24 mately 20,646 acres, as generally depicted on a
25 map entitled “Pinyon Ridge Wilderness Pro-

1 posal”, dated February 1, 1999, which shall be
2 known as the Pinyon Ridge Wilderness.

3 (E) Certain lands in the White River Re-
4 source Area which comprise approximately
5 31,013 acres, as generally depicted on a map
6 entitled “Skull Creek Wilderness Proposal”,
7 dated February 1, 1999, which shall be known
8 as the Skull Creek Wilderness.

9 (b) MAPS AND DESCRIPTIONS.—As soon as prac-
10 ticable after the date of enactment of this Act, the appro-
11 priate Secretary shall file a map and a boundary descrip-
12 tion of each area designated as wilderness by this Act with
13 the Committee on Resources of the United States House
14 of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and
15 Natural Resources of the United States Senate. Each map
16 and description shall have the same force and effect as
17 if included in this Act, except that the appropriate Sec-
18 retary is authorized to correct clerical and typographical
19 errors in such boundary descriptions and maps. Such
20 maps and boundary descriptions shall be on file and avail-
21 able for public inspection in the Office of the Director of
22 the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the In-
23 terior, and in the Office of the Chief of the Forest Service,
24 Department of Agriculture, as appropriate.

1 (c) STATE AND PRIVATE LANDS.—Lands within the
2 exterior boundaries of any wilderness area designated
3 under this section that are owned by the State or by a
4 private entity shall be included within such wilderness area
5 if such lands are acquired by the United States. Such
6 lands may be acquired by the United States only as pro-
7 vided in the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 and follow-
8 ing).

9 **SEC. 3. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
11 lands designated as wilderness by this Act shall be man-
12 aged by the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of
13 the Interior, as appropriate, in accordance with the Wil-
14 derness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) and this Act, except
15 that, with respect to any wilderness areas designated by
16 this Act, any reference in the Wilderness Act to the effec-
17 tive date of the Wilderness Act shall be deemed to be a
18 reference to the date of enactment of this Act.

19 (b) GRAZING.—Grazing of livestock in wilderness
20 areas designated by this Act shall be administered in ac-
21 cordance with the provisions of section 4(d)(4) of the Wil-
22 derness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(4)), as further inter-
23 preted by section 108 of Public Law 96–560, and, the
24 guidelines set forth in Appendix A of House Report 101–
25 405 of the 101st Congress.

1 (c) STATE JURISDICTION.—As provided in section
2 4(d)(7) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(7)),
3 nothing in this Act shall be construed as affecting the ju-
4 risdiction or responsibilities of the State of Colorado with
5 respect to wildlife and fish in Colorado.

6 (d) WATER.—(1) With respect to each wilderness
7 area designated by this Act, Congress hereby reserves a
8 quantity of water sufficient to fulfill the purposes of this
9 Act. The priority date of such reserved rights shall be the
10 date of enactment of this Act.

11 (2) The appropriate Secretary and all other officers
12 of the United States shall take steps necessary to protect
13 the rights reserved by paragraph (1), including the filing
14 by the Secretary of a claim for the quantification of such
15 rights in any present or future appropriate stream adju-
16 dication in the courts of the State of Colorado in which
17 the United States is or may be joined and which is con-
18 ducted in accordance with the McCarran Amendment (43
19 U.S.C. 666).

20 (3) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as a relin-
21 quishment or reduction of any water rights reserved or
22 appropriated by the United States in the State of Colorado
23 on or before the date of enactment of this Act.

24 (4) The Federal water rights reserved by this Act are
25 specific to the wilderness areas located in the State of Col-

1 orado designated by this title. Nothing in this title related
2 to reserved Federal water rights shall be construed as es-
3 tablishing a precedent with regard to any future designa-
4 tions, nor shall it constitute an interpretation of any other
5 Act or any designation made pursuant thereto.

