

106TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1843

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## AN ACT

To designate certain Federal land in the Talladega National Forest, Alabama, as the “Dugger Mountain Wilderness”.

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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Dugger Mountain Wil-  
5 derness Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF DUGGER MOUNTAIN WILDER-**  
2 **NESS, ALABAMA.**

3 (a) DESIGNATION.—There is designated as wilder-  
4 ness and as a component of the National Wilderness Pres-  
5 ervation System, in accordance with the Wilderness Act  
6 (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), certain Federal land in the  
7 Talladega National Forest, Alabama, comprising approxi-  
8 mately 9,200 acres, as generally depicted on the map enti-  
9 tled “Proposed Dugger Mountain Wilderness”, dated July  
10 2, 1999, to be known as the “Dugger Mountain Wilder-  
11 ness”.

12 (b) MAP AND DESCRIPTION.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after  
14 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
15 Agriculture (referred to in this Act as the “Sec-  
16 retary”) shall submit to Congress a map and de-  
17 scription of the boundaries of the Dugger Mountain  
18 Wilderness.

19 (2) FORCE AND EFFECT.—The map and de-  
20 scription shall have the same force and effect as if  
21 included in this Act, except that the Secretary may  
22 correct clerical and typographical errors in the map  
23 and description.

24 (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—A copy of the map  
25 and description shall be on file and available for  
26 public inspection in the office of—

1 (A) the Chief of the Forest Service; and

2 (B) the Supervisor of National Forest Sys-  
3 tem land located in the State of Alabama.

4 (c) MANAGEMENT.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing  
6 rights, land designated as wilderness by this Act  
7 shall be managed by the Secretary in accordance  
8 with the applicable provisions of the Wilderness Act  
9 (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.).

10 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE EXCEPTION.—With re-  
11 spect to the Dugger Mountain Wilderness, any ref-  
12 erence in the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et  
13 seq.) to the effective date of that Act shall be consid-  
14 ered to be a reference to the date of enactment of  
15 this Act.

16 (d) TREATMENT OF DUGGER MOUNTAIN FIRE  
17 TOWER.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later 2 years after the  
19 date of enactment of this Act, the Forest Service  
20 shall disassemble and remove from the Dugger  
21 Mountain Wilderness the Dugger Mountain fire  
22 tower (including any supporting structures).

23 (2) EQUIPMENT.—The Forest Service may use  
24 ground-based mechanical and motorized equipment  
25 to carry out paragraph (1).

1 (3) FIRE TOWER ROAD.—

2 (A) IN GENERAL.—The road to the fire  
3 tower shall be open to motorized vehicles during  
4 the period required to carry out paragraph (1)  
5 only for the purpose of removing the tower (in-  
6 cluding any supporting structures).

7 (B) PERMANENT CLOSURE.—After the pe-  
8 riod referred to in subparagraph (A), the road  
9 to the fire tower shall be permanently closed to  
10 motorized use.

11 (4) APPLICABLE LAW.—The Forest Service  
12 shall carry out paragraph (1) in accordance with the  
13 National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470  
14 et seq.).

Passed the Senate November 2, 1999.

Attest:

*Secretary.*

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