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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DEGETTE (for herself and Mr. SHAYS) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## A BILL

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

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 2002”.

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 40,494 acres, as generally depicted on a  
12 map entitled “Roan Plateau Wilderness Pro-  
13 posal” dated March 22, 2002, which shall be  
14 known as the Roan Plateau Wilderness.

15 (B) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
16 mately 15,155 acres, as generally depicted on a  
17 map entitled “Bull Gulch Wilderness Proposal”  
18 dated March 22, 2002, which shall be known as  
19 the Bull Gulch Wilderness.

20 (C) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
21 mately 16,263 acres, as generally depicted on a  
22 map entitled “Castle Peak Wilderness Pro-  
23 posal” dated March 22, 2002, which shall be  
24 known as the Castle Peak Wilderness.

25 (D) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
26 mately 316 acres, as generally depicted on a

1 map entitled “Maroon Bells Snowmass Wilder-  
2 ness Proposal” dated March 22, 2002, which  
3 shall be known as the Maroon Bells Wilderness.

4 (E) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
5 mately 11,701 acres, as generally depicted on a  
6 map entitled “Grand Hogback Wilderness Pro-  
7 posal” dated March 22, 2002, which shall be  
8 known as the Grand Hogback Wilderness.

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

12 (A) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
13 mately 20,843 acres, as generally depicted on a  
14 map entitled “Deep Creek Wilderness Pro-  
15 posal”, dated March 22, 2002, which shall be  
16 known as the Deep Creek Wilderness.

17 (B) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
18 mately 13,286 acres, as generally depicted on a  
19 map entitled “Flat Tops Addition Wilderness  
20 Proposal”, dated March 22, 2002, and which  
21 are hereby incorporated in and shall be deemed  
22 to be a part of the Flat Tops Wilderness des-  
23 ignated by Public Law 94-146.

24 (C) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
25 mately 25,285 acres, as generally depicted on a

1 map entitled “Thompson Creek Wilderness Pro-  
2 posal”, dated March 22, 2002, which shall be  
3 known as the Thompson Creek Wilderness.

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

6 (A) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
7 mately 21,110 acres, as generally depicted on a  
8 map entitled “Bangs Canyon Wilderness Pro-  
9 posal”, dated March 22, 2002, which shall be  
10 known as the Bangs Canyon Wilderness.

11 (B) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
12 mately 25,881 acres, as generally depicted on a  
13 map entitled “Demaree Canyon Wilderness Pro-  
14 posal”, dated March 22, 2002, which shall be  
15 known as the Demaree Canyon Wilderness.

16 (C) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
17 mately 15,702 acres, as generally depicted on a  
18 map entitled “Cow Ridge Wilderness Proposal”,  
19 dated March 22, 2002, which shall be known as  
20 the Cow Ridge Wilderness.

21 (D) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
22 mately 14,090 acres, as generally depicted on a  
23 map entitled “Granite Creek Wilderness Pro-  
24 posal”, dated March 22, 2002, which shall be  
25 known as the Granite Creek Wilderness.

1           (E) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
2           mately 12,429 acres, as generally depicted on a  
3           map entitled “Gunnison River Wilderness Pro-  
4           posal”, dated March 22, 2002, which shall be  
5           known as the Gunnison River Wilderness.

6           (F) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
7           mately 32,126 acres, as generally depicted on a  
8           map entitled “Hunter Canyon Wilderness Pro-  
9           posal”, dated March 22, 2002, which shall be  
10          known as the Hunter Canyon Wilderness.

11          (G) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
12          mately 7,649 acres, as generally depicted on a  
13          map entitled “Kings Canyon Wilderness Pro-  
14          posal”, dated March 22, 2002, which shall be  
15          known as the Kings Canyon Wilderness.

16          (H) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
17          mately 30,551 acres, as generally depicted on a  
18          map entitled “Little Bookcliffs Wilderness Pro-  
19          posal”, dated March 22, 2002, which shall be  
20          known as the Little Bookcliffs Wilderness.

21          (I) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
22          mately 20,585 acres, as generally depicted on a  
23          map entitled “Maverick Canyon Wilderness  
24          Proposal”, dated March 22, 2002, which shall  
25          be known as Maverick Canyon Wilderness.

1           (J) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
2           mately 26,914 acres, as generally depicted on a  
3           map entitled “The Palisade Wilderness Pro-  
4           posal”, dated March 22, 2002, which shall be  
5           known as The Palisade Wilderness.

6           (K) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
7           mately 18,687 acres, as generally depicted on a  
8           map entitled “Prairie Canyon”, dated March  
9           22, 2002, which shall be known as Prairie Can-  
10          yon Wilderness.

11          (L) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
12          mately 5,142 acres, as generally depicted on a  
13          map entitled “Sagebrush Pillows Wilderness  
14          Proposal”, dated March 22, 2002, which shall  
15          be known as the Sagebrush Pillows Wilderness.

16          (M) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
17          mately 27,569 acres, as generally depicted on a  
18          map entitled “South Shale Ridge Wilderness  
19          Proposal”, dated March 22, 2002, which shall  
20          be known as the South Shale Ridge Wilderness.

21          (4) Certain lands in the Grand Junction and  
22          Uncompahgre Resource Areas and the Uncompahgre  
23          National Forest which comprise approximately  
24          84,635 acres, as generally depicted on a map enti-  
25          tled “Dominguez Canyons Wilderness Proposal”,

1       dated March 22, 2002, which shall be known as the  
2       Dominguez Canyons Wilderness.

3           (5) Certain lands in the Grand Junction Re-  
4       source Area and the Uncompahgre National Forest  
5       which comprise approximately 39,144 acres, as gen-  
6       erally depicted on a map entitled “Unaweeep Wilder-  
7       ness Proposal”, dated March 22, 2002, which shall  
8       be known as the Unaweeep Wilderness.

9           (6) Certain lands in the Grand Junction Re-  
10      source Area, the San Juan Resource Area, and the  
11      Manti-LaSal National Forest which comprise ap-  
12      proximately 65,448 acres, as generally depicted on a  
13      map entitled “Sewemup Mesa Wilderness Proposal”,  
14      dated March 22, 2002, which shall be known as the  
15      Sewemup Mesa Wilderness.

16          (7) The following lands in the Gunnison Re-  
17      source Area:

18           (A) Certain lands in the Gunnison Re-  
19      source Area which comprise approximately  
20      3,388 acres, as generally depicted on a map en-  
21      titled “Powderhorn Additions Wilderness Pro-  
22      posal”, dated March 22, 2002, and which are  
23      hereby incorporated in and shall be deemed to  
24      be a part of the Powderhorn Wilderness des-  
25      ignated by Public Law 103–77.

1           (B) Certain lands in the Gunnison Re-  
2           source Area which comprise approximately  
3           38,594 acres, as generally depicted on a map  
4           entitled “Redcloud Peak Wilderness Proposal”,  
5           dated March 22, 2002, which shall be known as  
6           the Redcloud Peak Wilderness.

7           (C) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
8           mately 6,878 acres, as generally depicted on a  
9           map entitled “West Elk Addition Wilderness  
10          Proposal”, dated March 22, 2002, and which  
11          are hereby incorporated in and shall be deemed  
12          to be a part of the West Elk Wilderness des-  
13          ignated by Public Law 88–577.

14          (8) Certain lands in the Gunnison Resource  
15          Area and the Gunnison National Forest and Rio  
16          Grande National Forest which comprise approxi-  
17          mately 72,397 acres, as generally depicted on a map  
18          entitled “Handies Peak Wilderness Proposal”, dated  
19          March 22, 2002, which shall be known as the  
20          Handies Peak Wilderness.

21          (9) Certain lands in the Kremmling Resource  
22          Area which comprise approximately 33 acres, as  
23          generally depicted on a map entitled “Platte River  
24          Addition Wilderness Proposal”, dated March 22,  
25          2002, and which are hereby incorporated in and



1 shall be deemed to be part of the Platte River Wil-  
2 derness designated by Public Law 98–550.

3 (10) Certain lands in the Kremmling Resource  
4 Area, the Arapaho National Forest, and the Routt  
5 National Forest which comprise approximately  
6 119,688 acres, as generally depicted on a map enti-  
7 tled “Troublesome Wilderness Proposal”, dated  
8 March 22, 2002, which shall be known as the Trou-  
9 blesome Wilderness.

10 (11) Certain lands in the Royal Gorge Resource  
11 Area and the Pike National Forest which comprise  
12 approximately 24,464 acres, as generally depicted on  
13 a map entitled “Browns Canyon Wilderness Pro-  
14 posal”, dated March 22, 2002, which shall be known  
15 as the Browns Canyon Wilderness.

16 (12) Certain lands in the Uncompahgre Re-  
17 source Area and the Grand Mesa National Forest  
18 which comprise approximately 10,742 acres as gen-  
19 erally depicted on a map entitled “Adobe Badlands  
20 Wilderness Area Proposal”, dated March 22, 2002,  
21 which shall be known as the Adobe Badlands Wil-  
22 derness.

23 (13) Certain lands in the Uncompahgre Re-  
24 source Area and the Uncompahgre National Forest  
25 which comprise approximately 14,503 acres, as gen-

1 erally depicted on a map entitled “Roubideau Addi-  
2 tion Wilderness Proposal”, dated March 22, 2002,  
3 which shall be known as the Roubideau Wilderness.

4 (14) The following areas in the San Juan Re-  
5 source Area:

6 (A) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
7 mately 25,947 acres, as generally depicted on a  
8 map entitled “Cross Canyon Wilderness Pro-  
9 posal” dated March 22, 2002, which shall be  
10 known as the Cross Canyon Wilderness.

11 (B) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
12 mately 41,133 acres, as generally depicted on a  
13 map entitled “Dolores River Canyon Wilderness  
14 Proposal”, dated March 22, 2002, which shall  
15 be known as the Dolores River Canyon Wilder-  
16 ness.

17 (C) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
18 mately 4,809 acres, as generally depicted on a  
19 map entitled “Mares Tail Canyon Wilderness  
20 Proposal” dated March 22, 2002, which shall  
21 be known as the Mares Tail Wilderness.

22 (D) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
23 mately 33,467 acres, as generally depicted on a  
24 map entitled “McKenna Peak Wilderness Pro-

posals” dated March 22, 2002, which shall be known as the McKenna Peak Wilderness.

(E) Certain lands which comprise approximately 23,536 acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “San Luis Hills Wilderness Proposal” dated March 22, 2002, which shall be known as the San Luis Hills Wilderness.

(F) Certain lands which comprise approximately 14,598 acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Weber-Menefee Mountain Wilderness Proposal” dated March 22, 2002, which shall be known as the Weber-Menefee Mountain Wilderness.

(15) The following areas in the Little Snake Resource Area:

(A) Certain lands which comprise approximately 50,543 acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Cold Spring Mountain Wilderness Proposal”, dated March 22, 2002, which shall be known as the Cold Spring Mountain Wilderness.

(B) Certain lands which comprise approximately 18,071 acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Cross Mountain Wilderness Pro-

1           posals” dated March 22, 2002, which shall be  
2           known as the Cross Mountain Wilderness.

3           (C) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
4           mately 34,010 acres, as generally depicted on a  
5           map entitled “Diamond Breaks Wilderness Pro-  
6           posals”, dated March 22, 2002, which shall be  
7           known as the Diamond Breaks Wilderness.

8           (D) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
9           mately 6,753 acres, as generally depicted on a  
10          map entitled “Dragon Canyon Wilderness Pro-  
11          posals”, dated March 22, 2002, which shall be  
12          known as the Dragon Canyon Wilderness.

13          (E) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
14          mately 56,249 acres, as generally depicted on a  
15          map entitled “Dinosaur Adjacent Wilderness  
16          Proposal” dated March 22, 2002, which shall  
17          be known as the Dinosaur Wilderness.

18          (F) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
19          mately 86,569 acres, as generally depicted on a  
20          map entitled “Vermillion Basin Wilderness Pro-  
21          posals”, dated March 22, 2002, which shall be  
22          known as the Vermillion Basin Wilderness.

23          (G) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
24          mately 12,436 acres, as generally depicted on a  
25          map entitled “Yampa River Wilderness Pro-

1           posal” dated March 22, 2002, which shall be  
2           known as the Yampa River Wilderness.

3           (16) Certain lands in the Royal Gorge Resource  
4           Area which comprise approximately 17,318 acres, as  
5           generally depicted on a map entitled “McIntyre Hills  
6           Wilderness Proposal”, dated March 22, 2002, which  
7           shall be known as the McIntyre Wilderness.

8           (17) Certain lands in the Royal Gorge Resource  
9           Area and the Pike National Forest which comprise  
10          approximately 38,174 acres, as generally depicted on  
11          a map entitled “Beaver Creek Wilderness Proposal”,  
12          dated March 22, 2002, which shall be known as the  
13          Beaver Creek Wilderness.

14          (18) Certain lands in the San Juan Resource  
15          Area and the San Juan National which comprise ap-  
16          proximately 32,050 acres, as generally depicted on a  
17          map entitled “Snaggletooth Wilderness Proposal”,  
18          dated March 22, 2002, which shall be known as the  
19          Snaggletooth Wilderness.

20          (19) Certain lands in the San Luis Resource  
21          Area which comprise approximately 10,864 acres, as  
22          generally depicted on a map entitled “Rio Grande  
23          Wilderness Proposal”, dated March 22, 2002, which  
24          shall be known as the Rio Grande Wilderness.

1           (20) The following areas in the White River Re-  
2       source Area:

3           (A) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
4       mately 22,439 acres, as generally depicted on a  
5       map entitled “Black Mountain-Windy Gulch  
6       Wilderness Proposal”, dated March 22, 2002,  
7       which shall be known as the Black Mountain-  
8       Windy Gulch Wilderness.

9           (B) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
10      mately 24,951 acres, as generally depicted on a  
11      map entitled “Big Ridge Wilderness Proposal”,  
12      dated March 22, 2002, which shall be known as  
13      the Big Ridge Wilderness.

14          (C) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
15      mately 16,781 acres, as generally depicted on a  
16      map entitled “Bull Canyon Wilderness Pro-  
17      posal” dated March 22, 2002, which shall be  
18      known as the Bull Canyon Wilderness.

19          (D) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
20      mately 25,005 acres, as generally depicted on a  
21      map entitled “Oil Spring Mountain Wilderness  
22      Proposal”, dated March 22, 2002, which shall  
23      be known as the Oil Spring Mountain Wilder-  
24      ness.

1 (E) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
2 mately 20,903 acres, as generally depicted on a  
3 map entitled “Pinyon Ridge Wilderness Pro-  
4 posal”, dated March 22, 2002, which shall be  
5 known as the Pinyon Ridge Wilderness.

6 (F) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
7 mately 15,679 acres, as generally depicted on a  
8 map entitled “Pisgah Mountain Wilderness Pro-  
9 posal”, dated March 22, 2002, which shall be  
10 known as the Pisgah Mountain Wilderness.

11 (G) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
12 mately 30,735 acres, as generally depicted on a  
13 map entitled “Skull Creek Wilderness Pro-  
14 posal”, dated March 22, 2002, which shall be  
15 known as the Skull Creek Wilderness.

16 (21) Certain lands in the Royal Gorge Resource  
17 Area and the San Isabel National Forest which com-  
18 prise approximately 44,372 acres, as generally de-  
19 picted on a map entitled “Grape Creek Wilderness  
20 Proposal”, dated March 22, 2002, which shall be  
21 known as the Grape Creek Wilderness.

22 (b) MAPS AND DESCRIPTIONS.—As soon as prac-  
23 ticable after the date of enactment of this Act, the appro-  
24 priate Secretary shall file a map and a boundary descrip-  
25 tion of each area designated as wilderness by this Act with

1 the Committee on Resources of the United States House  
2 of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and  
3 Natural Resources of the United States Senate. Each map  
4 and description shall have the same force and effect as  
5 if included in this Act, except that the appropriate Sec-  
6 retary is authorized to correct clerical and typographical  
7 errors in such boundary descriptions and maps. Such  
8 maps and boundary descriptions shall be on file and avail-  
9 able for public inspection in the Office of the Director of  
10 the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the In-  
11 terior, and in the Office of the Chief of the Forest Service,  
12 Department of Agriculture, as appropriate.

13 (c) STATE AND PRIVATE LANDS.—Lands within the  
14 exterior boundaries of any wilderness area designated  
15 under this section that are owned by the State or by a  
16 private entity shall be included within such wilderness area  
17 if such lands are acquired by the United States. Such  
18 lands may be acquired by the United States only as pro-  
19 vided in the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 and fol-  
20 lowing).

21 **SEC. 3. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,  
23 lands designated as wilderness by this Act shall be man-  
24 aged by the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of  
25 the Interior, as appropriate, in accordance with the Wil-



1 derness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) and this Act, except  
2 that, with respect to any wilderness areas designated by  
3 this Act, any reference in the Wilderness Act to the effective date of the Wilderness Act shall be deemed to be a  
4 reference to the date of enactment of this Act.

6 (b) GRAZING.—Grazing of livestock in wilderness  
7 areas designated by this Act shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of section 4(d)(4) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(4)), as further interpreted by section 108 of Public Law 96–560, and, the  
10 guidelines set forth in Appendix A of House Report 101–  
11 405 of the 101st Congress.

13 (c) STATE JURISDICTION.—As provided in section  
14 4(d)(7) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(7)),  
15 nothing in this Act shall be construed as affecting the jurisdiction or responsibilities of the State of Colorado with  
16 respect to wildlife and fish in Colorado.

18 (d) WATER.—(1) With respect to each wilderness  
19 area designated by this Act, Congress hereby reserves a  
20 quantity of water sufficient to fulfill the purposes of this  
21 Act. The priority date of such reserved rights shall be the  
22 date of enactment of this Act.

23 (2) The appropriate Secretary and all other officers  
24 of the United States shall take steps necessary to protect  
25 the rights reserved by paragraph (1), including the filing

1 by the Secretary of a claim for the quantification of such  
2 rights in any present or future appropriate stream adju-  
3 dication in the courts of the State of Colorado in which  
4 the United States is or may be joined and which is con-  
5 ducted in accordance with the McCarran Amendment (43  
6 U.S.C. 666).

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

11       (4) The Federal water rights reserved by this Act are  
12 specific to the wilderness areas located in the State of Col-  
13 orado designated by this title. Nothing in this title related  
14 to reserved Federal water rights shall be construed as es-  
15 tablishing a precedent with regard to any future designa-  
16 tions, nor shall it constitute an interpretation of any other  
17 Act or any designation made pursuant thereto.

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