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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DEGETTE (for herself and Mr. UDALL of Colorado) 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 2001”.

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) Certain lands in the Glenwood Springs Re-
9 source Area which comprise approximately 40,424
10 acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Roan
11 Plateau Wilderness Proposal” dated February 1,
12 2001, which shall be known as the Roan Plateau
13 Wilderness.

14 (2) The following areas in the Glenwood
15 Springs Resource Area and the White River Na-
16 tional Forest:

17 (A) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
18 mately 22,170 acres, as generally depicted on a
19 map entitled “Deep Creek Wilderness Pro-
20 posal”, dated February 1, 2001, which shall be
21 known as the Deep Creek Wilderness.

22 (B) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
23 mately 13,272 acres, as generally depicted on a
24 map entitled “Flat Tops Addition Wilderness
25 Proposal”, dated February 1, 2001, and which
26 are hereby incorporated in and shall be deemed

1 to be a part of the Flat Tops Wilderness des-
2 ignated by Public Law 94-146.

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

5 (A) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
6 mately 21,060 acres, as generally depicted on a
7 map entitled "Bangs Canyon Wilderness Pro-
8 posal", dated February 1, 2001, which shall be
9 known as the Bangs Canyon Wilderness.

10 (B) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
11 mately 25,805 acres, as generally depicted on a
12 map entitled "Demaree Canyon Wilderness Pro-
13 posal", dated February 1, 2001, which shall be
14 known as the Demaree Canyon Wilderness.

15 (C) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
16 mately 4,249 acres, as generally depicted on a
17 map entitled "Granite Creek Wilderness Pro-
18 posal", dated February 1, 2001, which shall be
19 known as the Granite Creek Wilderness.

20 (D) Certain lands in the Grand Junction
21 Resource Area which comprise approximately
22 14,563 acres, as generally depicted on a map
23 entitled "Hunter Canyon Wilderness Proposal",
24 dated February 1, 2001, which shall be known
25 as the Hunter Canyon Wilderness.

(F) Certain lands which comprise approximately 26,836 acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "The Palisade Wilderness Proposal", dated February 1, 2001, which shall be known as The Palisade Wilderness.

11 (G) Certain lands which comprise approxi-
12 mately 27,508 acres, as generally depicted on a
13 map entitled "South Shale Ridge Wilderness
14 Proposal", dated February 1, 2001, which shall
15 be known as the South Shale Ridge Wilderness.

1 erally depicted on a map entitled “Unawep Wilderness
2 Proposal”, dated February 1, 2001, which shall
3 be known as the Unawep Wilderness.

4 (6) Certain lands in the Grand Junction Re-
5 source Area, the San Juan Resource Area, and the
6 Manti-LaSal National Forest which comprise ap-
7 proximately 30,084 acres, as generally depicted on a
8 map entitled “Sewemup Mesa Wilderness Proposal”,
9 dated February 1, 2001, which shall be known as
10 the Sewemup Mesa Wilderness.

11 (7) Certain in the Gunnison Resource Area
12 which comprise approximately 38,560 acres, as gen-
13 erally depicted on a map entitled “Redcloud Peak
14 Wilderness Proposal”, dated February 1, 2001,
15 which shall be known as the Redcloud Peak Wilder-
16 ness.

17 (8) Certain lands in the Gunnison Resource
18 Area and the Gunnison National Forest and Rio
19 Grande National Forest which comprise approxi-
20 mately 72,332 acres, as generally depicted on a map
21 entitled “Handies Peak Wilderness Proposal”, dated
22 February 1, 2001, which shall be known as the
23 Handies Peak Wilderness.

24 (9) Certain lands in the Kremmling Resource
25 Area which comprise approximately 33 acres, as

1 generally depicted on a map entitled "Platte River
2 Addition Wilderness Proposal", dated February 1,
3 2001, and which are hereby incorporated in and
4 shall be deemed to be part of the Platte River Addi-
5 tion Wilderness designated by Public Law 98-550.

6 (10) Certain lands in the Kremmling Resource
7 Area, the Arapaho National Forest, and the Routt
8 National Forest which comprise approximately
9 119,615 acres, as generally depicted on a map enti-
10 tled "Troublesome Wilderness Proposal", dated Feb-
11 ruary 1, 2001, which shall be known as the Trouble-
12 some Wilderness.

13 (11) Certain lands in the Royal Gorge Resource
14 Area and the Pike National Forest which comprise
15 approximately 24,422 acres, as generally depicted on
16 a map entitled "Browns Canyon Wilderness Pro-
17 posal", dated February 1, 2001, which shall be
18 known as the Browns Canyon Wilderness.

19 (12) Certain lands in the Uncompahgre Re-
20 source Area and the Grand Mesa National Forest
21 which comprise approximately 10,723 acres as gen-
22 erally depicted on a map entitled "Adobe Badlands
23 Wilderness Area Proposal", dated February 1, 2001,
24 which shall be known as the Adobe Badlands Wil-
25 derness.

(b) MAPS AND DESCRIPTIONS.—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the appropriate Secretary shall file a map and a boundary description of each area designated as wilderness by this Act with the Committee on Resources of the United States House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the United States Senate. Each map and description shall have the same force and effect as if included in this Act, except that the appropriate Secretary is authorized to correct clerical and typographical errors in such boundary descriptions and maps. Such maps and boundary descriptions shall be on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Director of

1 the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the In-
2 terior, and in the Office of the Chief of the Forest Service,
3 Department of Agriculture, as appropriate.

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

12 **SEC. 3. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.**

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

22 (b) GRAZING.—Grazing of livestock in wilderness
23 areas designated by this Act shall be administered in ac-
24 cordance with the provisions of section 4(d)(4) of the Wil-
25 derness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(4)), as further inter-

1 interpreted by section 108 of Public Law 96-560, and, the
2 guidelines set forth in Appendix A of House Report 101-
3 405 of the 101st Congress.

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

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

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

23 (3) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as a relin-
24 quishment or reduction of any water rights reserved or

1 appropriated by the United States in the State of Colorado
2 on or before the date of enactment of this Act.

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

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