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# S. 2334

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 16, 2004

Referred to the Committee on Resources

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## AN ACT

To designate certain National Forest System land in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

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 “Caribbean National  
5       Forest Act of 2004”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) MAP.—The term “map” means the map  
4 dated April 13, 2004 and entitled “El Toro Pro-  
5 posed Wilderness Area”.

6 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
7 the Secretary of Agriculture.

8 **SEC. 3. WILDERNESS DESIGNATION, CARIBBEAN NATIONAL**  
9 **FOREST, PUERTO RICO.**

10 (a) EL TORO WILDERNESS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—In furtherance of the pur-  
12 poses of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1113 et  
13 seq.), the approximately 10,000 acres of land in the  
14 Caribbean National Forest/Luquillo Experimental  
15 Forest in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico de-  
16 scribed in the map are designated as wilderness and  
17 as a component of the National Wilderness Preser-  
18 vation System.

19 (2) DESIGNATION.—The land designated in  
20 paragraph (1) shall be known as the El Toro Wilder-  
21 ness.

22 (3) WILDERNESS BOUNDARIES.—The El Toro  
23 Wilderness shall consist of the land described in the  
24 map.

25 (b) MAP AND BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after  
2           the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
3           shall—

4                   (A) prepare a boundary description of the  
5           El Toro Wilderness; and

6                   (B) submit the map and the boundary de-  
7           scription to the Committee on Energy and Nat-  
8           ural Resources of the Senate and the Com-  
9           mittee on Resources of the House of Represent-  
10          atives.

11          (2) PUBLIC INSPECTION AND TREATMENT.—  
12          The map and the boundary description prepared  
13          under paragraph (1)(A)—

14                   (A) shall be on file and available for public  
15          inspection in the office of the Chief of the For-  
16          est Service; and

17                   (B) shall have the same force and effect as  
18          if included in this Act.

19          (3) ERRORS.—The Secretary may correct cler-  
20          ical and typographical errors in the map and the  
21          boundary description prepared under paragraph  
22          (1)(A).

23          (c) ADMINISTRATION.—

24                  (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing  
25          rights, the Secretary shall administer the El Toro

1 Wilderness in accordance with the Wilderness Act  
2 (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) and this Act.

3 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE OF WILDERNESS ACT.—

4 With respect to the El Toro Wilderness, any ref-  
5 erence in the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et  
6 seq.) to the effective date of that Act shall be  
7 deemed to be a reference to the date of the enact-  
8 ment of this Act.

9 (d) SPECIAL MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS.—Con-  
10 sistent with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.),  
11 nothing in this Act precludes the installation and mainte-  
12 nance of hydrologic, meteorological, climatological, or at-  
13 mospheric data collection and remote transmission facili-  
14 ties, or any combination of those facilities, in any case in  
15 which the Secretary determines that the facilities are es-  
16 sential to the scientific research purposes of the Luquillo  
17 Experimental Forest.

Passed the Senate October 10, 2004.

Attest: EMILY J. REYNOLDS,  
*Secretary.*