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H. R. 5059

To designate the Wild River Wilderness in the White Mountain National Forest in the State of New Hampshire, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 30, 2006

Mr. BASS (for himself and Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “New Hampshire Wil-
5 derness Act of 2006”.

1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF WILD RIVER WILDERNESS, WHITE**
2 **MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST, NEW HAMP-**
3 **SHIRE.**

4 (a) DESIGNATION.—In accordance with the Wilder-
5 ness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), certain National Forest
6 System land in the White Mountain National Forest in
7 the State of New Hampshire, comprising approximately
8 23,700 acres, as depicted on the map entitled “Proposed
9 Wild River Wilderness—White Mountain National For-
10 est”, dated February 6, 2006, is designated as wilderness
11 and and as a component of the National Wilderness Pres-
12 ervation System, which shall be known as the “Wild River
13 Wilderness”.

14 (b) MAP AND DESCRIPTION.—As soon as practicable
15 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
16 Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service
17 (in this section referred to as the “Secretary”), shall file
18 a map and a legal description of the Wild River Wilderness
19 with the committees of appropriate jurisdiction in the Sen-
20 ate and the House of Representatives. The map and legal
21 description shall have the same force and effect as if in-
22 cluded in this Act, except that the Secretary may correct
23 clerical and typographical errors in the map and legal de-
24 scription. The map and legal description shall be filed and
25 made available for public inspection in the Office of the
26 Chief of the Forest Service.

1 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—Subject to valid existing
2 rights, the Secretary shall administer the Wild River Wil-
3 derness in accordance with laws applicable to the White
4 Mountain National Forest and the Wilderness Act (16
5 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), except that, with respect to the Wild
6 River Wilderness, any reference in the Wilderness Act to
7 the effective date of the Wilderness Act shall be deemed
8 to be a reference to the date of enactment of this Act.

9 (d) FISH AND WILDLIFE.—As provided in section
10 4(d)(7) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(7)),
11 nothing in this section affects any jurisdiction or responsi-
12 bility of the State of New Hampshire with respect to wild-
13 life and fish in the State.

14 (e) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
15 all Federal land in the Wild River Wilderness are with-
16 drawn from—

17 (1) all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal
18 under the public land laws;

19 (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining
20 laws; and

21 (3) disposition under the mineral leasing laws
22 (including geothermal leasing laws).

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