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To designate certain National Forest System land in the State of Vermont for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation system and designate a National Recreation Area.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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 “Vermont Wilderness
5 Act of 2006”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the
3 Chief of the Forest Service.

4 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
5 of Vermont.

6 **TITLE I—DESIGNATION OF**
7 **WILDERNESS AREAS**

8 **SEC. 101. DESIGNATION.**

9 In accordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C.
10 1131 et seq.), the following areas in the State are des-
11 ignated as wilderness areas and as components of the Na-
12 tional Wilderness Preservation System:

13 (1) Certain Federal land managed by the
14 United States Forest Service, comprising approxi-
15 mately 28,491 acres, as generally depicted on the
16 map entitled “Glastenbury Wilderness—Proposed”,
17 dated March 2006, which shall be known as the
18 “Glastenbury Wilderness”.

19 (2) Certain Federal land managed by the
20 United States Forest Service, comprising approxi-
21 mately 12,437 acres, as generally depicted on the
22 map entitled “Joseph Battell Wilderness—Pro-
23 posed”, dated March 2006, which shall be known as
24 the “Joseph Battell Wilderness”.

1 (3) Certain Federal land managed by the
2 United States Forest Service, comprising approxi-
3 mately 4,223 acres, as generally depicted on the
4 map entitled “Breadloaf Wilderness Additions—Pro-
5 posed”, dated March 2006, which shall be known as
6 the “Breadloaf Wilderness”.

7 (4) Certain Federal land managed by the
8 United States Forest Service, comprising approxi-
9 mately 2,171 acres, as generally depicted on the
10 map entitled “Lye Brook Wilderness Additions—
11 Proposed”, dated March 2006, which shall be known
12 as the “Lye Brook Wilderness”.

13 (5) Certain Federal land managed by the
14 United States Forest Service, comprising approxi-
15 mately 797 acres, as generally depicted on the map
16 entitled “Peru Peak Wilderness Additions—Pro-
17 posed”, dated March 2006, which shall be known as
18 the “Peru Peak Wilderness”.

19 (6) Certain Federal land managed by the
20 United States Forest Service, comprising approxi-
21 mately 42 acres, as generally depicted on the map
22 entitled “Big Branch Wilderness Additions—Pro-
23 posed”, dated March 2006, which shall be known as
24 the “Big Branch Wilderness”.

1 **SEC. 102. MAP AND DESCRIPTION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after the
3 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall file a
4 map and a legal description of each wilderness area des-
5 ignated by section 101 with—

6 (1) the Committee on Resources of the House
7 of Representatives;

8 (2) the Committee on Agriculture of the House
9 of Representatives; and

10 (3) the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
11 and Forestry of the Senate.

12 (b) FORCE OF LAW.—A map and legal description
13 filed under subsection (a) shall have the same force and
14 effect as if included in this Act, except that the Secretary
15 may correct clerical and typographical errors in the map
16 and legal description.

17 (c) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—Each map and legal de-
18 scription filed under subsection (a) shall be filed and made
19 available for public inspection in the Office of the Chief
20 of the Forest Service.

21 **SEC. 103. ADMINISTRATION.**

22 (a) ADMINISTRATION.—Subject to valid rights in ex-
23 istence on the date of enactment of this Act, each wilder-
24 ness area designated under this section shall be adminis-
25 tered by the Secretary in accordance with—

1 (1) the Federal Land Policy and Management
2 Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); and

3 (2) the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et
4 seq.).

5 (b) FISH AND WILDLIFE.—Nothing in this title af-
6 fects the jurisdiction of the State with respect to wildlife
7 and fish on the public land located in the State, including
8 the stocking of fish in—

9 (1) lakes and ponds in the State that the State
10 has historically stocked; and

11 (2) rivers and streams in the State to support
12 the Connecticut River Atlantic Salmon Restoration
13 Program.

14 (c) TRAILS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Forest Service shall
16 permit the use of minimum tools and traditional,
17 trail-specific methods to mark and maintain—

18 (A) the Appalachian National Scenic Trail;

19 (B) the Long Trail;

20 (C) the Catamount Trail; and

21 (D) associated trails and structures of the
22 Trails specified in this subsection, as generally
23 depicted on the map entitled “Trails within the
24 Green Mountain National Forest Wilderness
25 Areas” and dated April 2006.

1 (2) CATAMOUNT TRAIL RELOCATION AND COM-
 2 PLETION.—For the segment of the Catamount Trail
 3 that is located in the Lye Brook Wilderness, the
 4 Secretary—

5 (A) may waive the requirements described
 6 in paragraph (1); and

7 (B) shall assist the efforts of the Cat-
 8 amount Trail Association to relocate and com-
 9 plete the construction of the Catamount Trail.

10 **TITLE II—MOOSALAMOO** 11 **NATIONAL RECREATION AREA**

12 **SEC. 201. DESIGNATION.**

13 Certain Federal land managed by the United States
 14 Forest Service, comprising approximately 16,890 acres, as
 15 generally depicted on the map entitled “Moosalamoo Na-
 16 tional Recreation Area—Proposed”, dated March 2006,
 17 are designated as the “Moosalamoo National Recreation
 18 Area”.

19 **SEC. 202. MAP AND DESCRIPTION.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after the
 21 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall file a
 22 map and a legal description of the national recreation area
 23 designated by section 201 with—

24 (1) the Committee on Resources of the House
 25 of Representatives;

1 (2) the Committee on Agriculture of the House
2 of Representatives; and

3 (3) the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
4 and Forestry of the Senate.

5 (b) FORCE OF LAW.—A map and legal description
6 filed under subsection (a) shall have the same force and
7 effect as if included in this title, except that the Secretary
8 may correct clerical and typographical errors in the map
9 and legal description.

10 (c) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—Each map and legal de-
11 scription filed under subsection (a) shall be filed and made
12 available for public inspection in the Office of the Chief
13 of the Forest Service.

14 **SEC. 203. ADMINISTRATION OF NATIONAL RECREATION**
15 **AREA.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid rights existing on
17 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall ad-
18 minister the Moosalamoo National Recreation Area in ac-
19 cordance with—

20 (1) laws (including rules and regulations) appli-
21 cable to units of the National Forest System; and

22 (2) the objectives described or specified in the
23 Green Mountain National Forest Land and Resource
24 Management Plan—

1 (A) to provide a showcase for multiple use
2 management of the National Forest System;

3 (B) to provide outstanding educational and
4 interpretation opportunities in the areas of eco-
5 logical processes and forest management;

6 (C) to provide for public enjoyment of the
7 area for outdoor recreation and other benefits;
8 and

9 (D) to manage for the other resource val-
10 ues present in the Area, in a manner that does
11 not impair the public recreation values and
12 other special attributes of the Area.

13 (b) FISH AND WILDLIFE.—Nothing in this title af-
14 fects the jurisdiction of the State with respect to wildlife
15 and fish on the public land located in the State.

16 (c) ESCARPMENT AND ECOLOGICAL AREAS.—Noth-
17 ing in this title prevents the Secretary from managing the
18 Green Mountain Escarpment Management Area and the
19 Ecological Special Areas, as described in the Green Moun-
20 tain National Forest Land and Resource Management
21 Plan.

22 (d) COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months
24 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
25 retary shall develop and submit a comprehensive

1 management plan for the Area designated by section
2 201 of this title to—

3 (A) the Committee on Resources of the
4 House of Representatives;

5 (B) the Committee on Agriculture of the
6 House of Representatives; and

7 (C) the Committee on Agriculture, Nutri-
8 tion, and Forestry of the Senate.

9 (2) ADMINISTRATION.—In conducting the re-
10 views and preparing the comprehensive management
11 plan required by paragraph (1), the Secretary
12 shall—

13 (A) provide for full public participation;
14 and

15 (B) consider the views of interested agen-
16 cies, organizations, and individuals.

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