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H. R. 3287

To expand the Pajarita Wilderness and designate the Tumacacori Highlands Wilderness in Coronado National Forest, Arizona, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRIJALVA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural 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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Tumacacori Highlands
5 Wilderness Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF PAJARITA WILDERNESS, CORONADO**
7 **NATIONAL FOREST, ARIZONA.**

8 (a) EXPANSION.—Section 101(a)(17) of the Arizona
9 Wilderness Act of 1984 (Public Law 98–406; 98 Stat.
10 1487; 16 U.S.C. 1132 note) is amended by inserting after

1 “1984,” the following: “and which comprise approximately
2 13,300 acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled
3 ‘Tumacacori Highlands Wilderness and Pajarita Wilder-
4 ness Addition’, dated August 1, 2007,”.

5 (b) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—As soon as
6 practicable after the date of the enactment of this Act,
7 the Secretary of Agriculture shall submit a copy of the
8 map referred to in the amendment made by subsection (a)
9 and a legal description of the National Forest System land
10 included in the Pajarita Wilderness by the amendment
11 with the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of
12 the Senate and the Committee on Resources of the House
13 of Representatives. The map and legal description shall
14 have the same force and effect as if included in the Ari-
15 zona Wilderness Act of 1984, except that the Secretary
16 may correct clerical and typographical errors in the map
17 and legal description. The map and legal description shall
18 be on file and available for public inspection in the appro-
19 priate offices of the Forest Service.

20 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF TUMACACORI HIGHLANDS WIL-**
21 **DERNESS, CORONADO NATIONAL FOREST,**
22 **ARIZONA.**

23 (a) DESIGNATION.—In furtherance of the purposes of
24 the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), certain lands
25 in the Coronado National Forest, Arizona, which comprise

1 approximately 70,000 acres, as generally depicted on a
2 map entitled “Tumacacori Highlands Wilderness and
3 Pajarita Wilderness Addition” and dated August 1, 2007,
4 are hereby designated as wilderness and, therefore, as a
5 component of the National Wilderness Preservation Sys-
6 tem, which shall be known as the “Tumacacori Highlands
7 Wilderness”.

8 (b) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—As soon as
9 practicable after the date of the enactment of this Act,
10 the Secretary of Agriculture shall submit a copy of the
11 map referred to in subsection (a) and a legal description
12 of the Tumacacori Highlands Wilderness with the Com-
13 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate
14 and the Committee on Resources of the House of Rep-
15 resentatives. The map and legal description shall have the
16 same force and effect as if included in this Act, except
17 that the Secretary may correct clerical and typographical
18 errors in the map and legal description. The map and legal
19 description shall be on file and available for public inspec-
20 tion in the appropriate offices of the Forest Service.

21 **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS.**

22 (a) COVERED WILDERNESS AREAS.—In this section,
23 the term “covered wilderness area” means—

1 (1) the National Forest System land included in
2 the Pajarita Wilderness by the amendment made by
3 section 2(a); and

4 (2) the Tumacacori Highlands Wilderness des-
5 ignated by section 3(a).

6 (b) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary of Agriculture
7 shall manage the covered wilderness area in accordance
8 with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) and this
9 section, except that, with respect to a covered wilderness
10 area, any reference in the Wilderness Act to the effective
11 date of the Wilderness Act shall be deemed to be a ref-
12 erence to the date of the enactment of this Act.

13 (c) VALID EXISTING RIGHTS.—Nothing in this sec-
14 tion shall affect any valid existing right.

15 (d) BUFFER ZONES.—As provided in section 101(d)
16 of the Arizona Wilderness Act of 1984 (Public Law 98–
17 406; 98 Stat. 1488), Congress does not intend that des-
18 ignation of a covered wilderness area lead to the creation
19 of protective perimeters or buffer zones around the cov-
20 ered wilderness area. The fact that nonwilderness activi-
21 ties or uses can be seen or heard from areas within a cov-
22 ered wilderness area shall not, of itself, preclude such ac-
23 tivities or uses up to the boundary of the covered wilder-
24 ness area.

1 (e) GRAZING.—Grazing of livestock and maintenance
2 of existing facilities related to grazing in a covered wilder-
3 ness area, where established before the date of the enact-
4 ment of this Act, shall be permitted to continue in accord-
5 ance with—

6 (1) section 4(d)(4) of the Wilderness Act (16
7 U.S.C. 1133(d)(4)); and

8 (2) the guidelines set forth in House Report
9 96–617 to accompany H.R. 5487 of the 96th Con-
10 gress.

11 (f) HUNTING, FISH AND WILDLIFE.—

12 (1) HUNTING.—Nothing in this section or the
13 Wilderness Act shall affect hunting, under applicable
14 State and Federal laws and regulations, within a
15 covered wilderness area.

16 (2) JURISDICTION.—As provided in section
17 4(d)(7) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C.
18 1133(d)(7)), nothing in this section or the Wilder-
19 ness Act shall be construed as affecting the jurisdic-
20 tion or responsibilities of the State of Arizona with
21 respect to fish and wildlife in the State.

22 (3) WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT.—In furtherance
23 of the purposes and principles of the Wilderness Act,
24 management activities to maintain or restore fish
25 and wildlife populations and habitats to support

1 such populations may be carried out within a cov-
2 ered wilderness area, where consistent with relevant
3 wilderness management plans, in accordance with
4 appropriate policies and guidelines.

5 (g) PROTECTION OF TRIBAL RIGHTS.—Nothing in
6 this section shall be construed to diminish the existing
7 rights of any Indian tribe. Nothing in this section shall
8 be construed to diminish tribal rights regarding access to
9 Federal lands for tribal activities, including spiritual, cul-
10 tural, and traditional food gathering activities.

11 (h) MILITARY ACTIVITIES.—Nothing in this section
12 shall preclude low level overflights of military aircraft, the
13 designation of new units of special airspace, or the use
14 or establishment of military flight training routes over a
15 covered wilderness area.

16 (i) BORDER ENFORCEMENT AND DRUG INTERDIC-
17 TION.—Because of the proximity of the covered wilderness
18 areas to the United States-Mexico international border,
19 drug interdiction and border enforcement operations are
20 common management actions throughout the area encom-
21 passing the covered wilderness areas. This Act recognizes
22 the need to continue such management actions so long as
23 such management actions are conducted in accordance
24 with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) and ex-
25 isting inter-agency agreements.

1 (j) MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING COMMUNICATIONS
2 FACILITIES.—The provisions of the Wilderness Act shall
3 not be construed to prevent—

4 (1) the maintenance of communications facili-
5 ties, in existence on the date of the enactment of
6 this Act and located in a covered wilderness area; or

7 (2) limited motorized access to such facilities
8 when nonmotorized access means are not reasonably
9 available or when time is of the essence, subject to
10 such conditions as the Secretary of Agriculture con-
11 siders to be desirable.

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