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Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

AN ACT

To provide for the designation of the Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to designate segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks in the State of Oregon as wild rivers, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Devil’s Staircase Wil-
3 derness Act of 2013”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-
7 titled “Devil’s Staircase Wilderness Proposal” and
8 dated June 15, 2010.

9 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary”
10 means—

11 (A) with respect to land under the jurisdic-
12 tion of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Sec-
13 retary of Agriculture; and

14 (B) with respect to land under the jurisdic-
15 tion of the Secretary of the Interior, the Sec-
16 retary of the Interior.

17 (3) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
18 of Oregon.

19 (4) WILDERNESS.—The term “Wilderness”
20 means the Devil’s Staircase Wilderness designated
21 by section 3(a).

22 **SEC. 3. DEVIL’S STAIRCASE WILDERNESS, OREGON.**

23 (a) DESIGNATION.—In accordance with the Wilder-
24 ness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the approximately
25 30,540 acres of Forest Service land and Bureau of Land
26 Management land in the State, as generally depicted on

1 the map, is designated as wilderness and as a component
2 of the National Wilderness Preservation System, to be
3 known as the “Devil’s Staircase Wilderness”.

4 (b) MAP; LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after
6 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
7 shall prepare a map and legal description of the Wil-
8 derness.

9 (2) FORCE OF LAW.—The map and legal de-
10 scription prepared under paragraph (1) shall have
11 the same force and effect as if included in this Act,
12 except that the Secretary may correct clerical and
13 typographical errors in the map and legal descrip-
14 tion.

15 (3) AVAILABILITY.—The map and legal descrip-
16 tion prepared under paragraph (1) shall be on file
17 and available for public inspection in the appropriate
18 offices of the Forest Service and Bureau of Land
19 Management.

20 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—Subject to valid existing
21 rights, the area designated as wilderness by this section
22 shall be administered by the Secretary in accordance with
23 the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), except
24 that—

1 (1) any reference in that Act to the effective
2 date shall be considered to be a reference to the date
3 of enactment of this Act; and

4 (2) any reference in that Act to the Secretary
5 of Agriculture shall be considered to be a reference
6 to the Secretary that has jurisdiction over the land
7 within the Wilderness.

8 (d) FISH AND WILDLIFE.—Nothing in this section
9 affects the jurisdiction or responsibilities of the State with
10 respect to fish and wildlife in the State.

11 (e) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this section cre-
13 ates any protective perimeter or buffer zone around
14 the Wilderness.

15 (2) ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE WILDERNESS.—The
16 fact that a nonwilderness activity or use on land out-
17 side the Wilderness can be seen or heard within the
18 Wilderness shall not preclude the activity or use out-
19 side the boundary of the Wilderness.

20 (f) PROTECTION OF TRIBAL RIGHTS.—Nothing in
21 this section diminishes any treaty rights of an Indian
22 tribe.

23 (g) TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDIC-
24 TION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Administrative jurisdiction
 2 over the approximately 49 acres of Bureau of Land
 3 Management land north of the Umpqua River in sec.
 4 32, T. 21 S., R. 11 W, is transferred from the Bu-
 5 reau of Land Management to the Forest Service.

6 (2) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary shall ad-
 7 minister the land transferred by paragraph (1) in
 8 accordance with—

9 (A) the Act of March 1, 1911 (commonly
 10 known as the “Weeks Law”) (16 U.S.C. 480 et
 11 seq.); and

12 (B) any laws (including regulations) appli-
 13 cable to the National Forest System.

14 **SEC. 4. WILD AND SCENIC RIVER DESIGNATIONS, WASSON**
 15 **CREEK AND FRANKLIN CREEK, OREGON.**

16 Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16
 17 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 18 lowing:

19 “(208) FRANKLIN CREEK, OREGON.—The 4.5-
 20 mile segment from its headwaters to the line of
 21 angle points within sec. 8, T. 22 S., R. 10 W.,
 22 shown on the survey recorded in the Official Records
 23 of Douglas County, Oregon, as M64–62, to be ad-
 24 ministered by the Secretary of Agriculture as a wild
 25 river.

“(209) WASSON CREEK, OREGON.—The 10.1-mile segment in the following classes:

3 “(A) The 4.2-mile segment from the east-
4 ern boundary of sec. 17, T. 21 S., R. 9 W.,
5 downstream to the western boundary of sec. 12,
6 T. 21 S., R. 10 W., to be administered by the
7 Secretary of the Interior as a wild river.

8 “(B) The 5.9-mile segment from the west-
9 ern boundary of sec. 12, T. 21 S., R. 10 W.,
10 downstream to the eastern boundary of the
11 northwest quarter of sec. 22, T. 21 S., R. 10
12 W., to be administered by the Secretary of Ag-
13 riculture as a wild river.”.

Passed the Senate June 19, 2013.

Attest: NANCY ERICKSON,
Secretary.