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Mr. GRIJALVA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
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## A BILL

To designate certain public lands in the Sonoran Desert of the State of Arizona as national conservation areas and wilderness areas, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “Arizona Sonoran Desert Heritage Act of 2015”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for  
7 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; Table of contents.

Sec. 2. Definitions.

Sec. 3. Belmont-Harquahala and Gila Bend National Conservation Areas.

Sec. 4. Designation of wilderness areas.

Sec. 5. Special management areas.

Sec. 6. Maps and legal descriptions.

Sec. 7. Management of national conservation areas, wilderness areas, and special management areas.

Sec. 8. Acquisition of land.

Sec. 9. Border security.

Sec. 10. Water rights.

**1 SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian tribe”  
 4 means any Indian tribe, band, nation, or other orga-  
 5 nized group or community of Indians which is recog-  
 6 nized as eligible by the Secretary for the special pro-  
 7 grams and services provided by the United States to  
 8 Indians because of their status as Indians.

9 (2) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The term “manage-  
 10 ment plan” means the management plan developed  
 11 under section 3 for each national conservation area  
 12 and section 5 for each special management area.

13 (3) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-  
 14 titled “Sonoran Desert Heritage Act” and dated  
 15 May 6, 2013.

16 (4) NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREAS.—The  
 17 term “National Conservation Areas” means the Bel-  
 18 mont-Harquahala National Conservation Area and  
 19 the Gila Bend National Conservation Area estab-  
 20 lished by section 3.

21 (5) PUBLIC LAND.—The term “public land”  
 22 has the meaning given the term “public lands” in

1 section 103 of the Federal Land Policy and Manage-  
2 ment Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1702).

3 (6) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
4 the Secretary of the Interior.

5 (7) SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS.—The term  
6 “Special Management Areas” means the Sentinel  
7 Plain Special Management Area and the Rainbow  
8 Valley Special Management Area established by sec-  
9 tion 5.

10 (8) STATE.—The term “State” means the State  
11 of Arizona.

12 (9) WILDERNESS AREAS.—The term “Wilder-  
13 ness Areas” means the wilderness areas designated  
14 by section 4.

15 **SEC. 3. BELMONT-HARQUAHALA AND GILA BEND NATIONAL**  
16 **CONSERVATION AREAS.**

17 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There are established in the  
18 State:

19 (1) BELMONT-HARQUAHALA NATIONAL CON-  
20 SERVATION AREA.—The Belmont-Harquahala Na-  
21 tional Conservation Area, consisting of approxi-  
22 mately 276,100 acres, as generally depicted on the  
23 map.

24 (2) GILA BEND NATIONAL CONSERVATION  
25 AREA.—The Gila Bend National Conservation Area,

1       consisting of approximately 406,298 acres, as gen-  
2       erally depicted on the map.

3       (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the National Con-  
4       servation Areas is to conserve, and thereby to protect, re-  
5       store, and enhance for the benefit and enjoyment of  
6       present and future generations the unique and important  
7       resources and values of the land, including the ecological,  
8       geological, cultural, archaeological, paleontological, nat-  
9       ural, scientific, recreational, wilderness, wildlife, riparian,  
10      historical, educational, and scenic resources of the public  
11      land.

12      (c) ADMINISTRATION OF NATIONAL CONSERVATION  
13      AREAS.—

14           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall manage  
15      the National Conservation Areas—

16           (A) as components of the National Land-  
17      scape Conservation System;

18           (B) in a manner that conserves, and there-  
19      by protects, and enhances the resources and  
20      values of the National Conservation Areas de-  
21      scribed in subsection (b); and

22           (C) in accordance with—

23           (i) the Federal Land Policy and Man-  
24      agement Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et  
25      seq.);

1 (ii) this Act; and

2 (iii) any other applicable laws.

3 (2) MANAGEMENT PLANS.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years  
5 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
6 retary shall develop a comprehensive manage-  
7 ment plan for the long-term protection and  
8 management of each of the National Conserva-  
9 tion Areas.

10 (B) PURPOSES.—Each management plan  
11 shall—

12 (i) describe the appropriate manage-  
13 ment and uses of the National Conserva-  
14 tion Areas consistent with the conservation  
15 purpose as specified in subsections (b) and  
16 (c);

17 (ii) be developed with extensive public  
18 input; and

19 (iii) take into consideration any infor-  
20 mation developed in studies of the land  
21 within the National Conservation Areas.

22 (3) USES.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
24 allow only such uses of the National Conserva-  
25 tion Areas as the Secretary determines would

1 further the conservation purpose for which the  
2 National Conservation Areas are established.

3 (B) USE OF MOTORIZED VEHICLES.—

4 (i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided  
5 in clauses (ii) and (iii), use of motorized  
6 vehicles in the National Conservation  
7 Areas shall be allowed only—

8 (I) before the effective date of  
9 each management plan prepared pur-  
10 suant to paragraph (2), on roads and  
11 trails designated for use of motorized  
12 vehicles in the management plan that  
13 applies on the date of the enactment  
14 of this Act; and

15 (II) after the effective date of  
16 each management plan prepared pur-  
17 suant to paragraph (2), on roads and  
18 trails designated for use of motorized  
19 vehicles in that management plan.

20 (ii) ADMINISTRATIVE AND EMER-  
21 GENCY RESPONSE USE.—Clause (i) shall  
22 not limit the use of motor vehicles in the  
23 National Conservation Areas for adminis-  
24 trative purposes or to respond to an emer-  
25 gency.

1 (iii) LIMITATION.—This subparagraph  
2 shall not apply to the Wilderness Areas.

3 (C) NEW ROADS.—No additional road shall  
4 be built within the National Conservation Areas  
5 after the date of enactment of this Act unless  
6 the road is identified in the Management Plans  
7 as necessary for public safety or resource pro-  
8 tection.

9 **SEC. 4. DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—In furtherance of the purposes of  
11 the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the following  
12 areas in the State are designated as wilderness areas and  
13 as components of the National Wilderness Preservation  
14 System:

15 (1) HUMMINGBIRD SPRINGS WILDERNESS ADDI-  
16 TION.—Certain public land in Maricopa County, Ari-  
17 zona, consisting of approximately 17,000 acres, as  
18 generally depicted on the map, which is incorporated  
19 in, and shall be considered to be a part of, the Hum-  
20 mingbird Springs Wilderness, as designated by sec-  
21 tion 101(a)(12) of the Arizona Desert Wilderness  
22 Act of 1990 (104 Stat. 4469).

23 (2) WOOLSEY PEAK WILDERNESS ADDITION.—  
24 Certain public land in Maricopa County, Arizona,  
25 consisting of approximately 33,523 acres, as gen-

erally depicted on the map, which is incorporated in, and shall be considered to be a part of, the Woolsey Peak Wilderness, as designated by section 101(a)(15) of the Arizona Desert Wilderness Act of 1990 (104 Stat. 4469).

(3) BELMONT MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS.—Certain public land in Maricopa County, Arizona, comprising approximately 19,000 acres, as generally depicted on the map, which shall be known as the “Belmont Mountains Wilderness”.

(4) SADDLE MOUNTAIN CENTENNIAL WILDERNESS.—Certain public land in Maricopa County, Arizona, comprising approximately 24,200 acres, as generally depicted on the map, which shall be known as the “Saddle Mountain Centennial Wilderness”.

(5) GILA BEND WILDERNESS.—Certain public land in Maricopa County, Arizona, comprising approximately 68,800 acres, as generally depicted on the map, which shall be known as the “Gila Bend Wilderness”.

(6) SONORAN DESERT NATIONAL MONUMENT WILDERNESS.—Certain public land in Maricopa County, Arizona, within the Sonoran Desert National Monument, comprising approximately 128,300 acres, as generally depicted on the map, which shall

1 be known as the “Sonoran Desert National Monu-  
2 ment Wilderness”.

3 (b) ADMINISTRATION OF WILDERNESS.—Subject to  
4 valid existing rights, the Wilderness Areas designated by  
5 this Act shall be managed by the Secretary in accordance  
6 with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) and this  
7 Act, except that—

8 (1) any reference in the Wilderness Act to the  
9 effective date of that Act shall be considered to be  
10 a reference to the date of enactment of this Act; and

11 (2) any reference in the Wilderness Act to the  
12 Secretary of Agriculture shall be considered to be a  
13 reference to the Secretary of the Interior.

14 **SEC. 5. SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS.**

15 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There are established in the  
16 State:

17 (1) SENTINEL PLAIN SPECIAL MANAGEMENT  
18 AREA.—

19 (A) BOUNDARY.—The Sentinel Plain Spe-  
20 cial Management Area, consisting of approxi-  
21 mately 120,600 acres, as generally depicted on  
22 the map.

23 (B) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Sen-  
24 tinel Plain Special Management Area is to en-  
25 sure ecological connectivity and movement of

1 wildlife between the Barry M. Goldwater Air  
2 Force Range and the Gila Bend National Con-  
3 servation Area; to secure native habitat for na-  
4 tive species; and to provide recreation and de-  
5 velopment opportunities that are compatible  
6 with native species and with Department of De-  
7 fense activities related to the Barry M. Gold-  
8 water Air Force Range.

9 (2) RAINBOW VALLEY SPECIAL MANAGEMENT  
10 AREA.—

11 (A) BOUNDARY.—The Rainbow Valley  
12 Special Management Area, consisting of ap-  
13 proximately 23,400 acres, as generally depicted  
14 on the map.

15 (B) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Rain-  
16 bow Valley Special Management Area is to en-  
17 sure ecological connectivity and movement of  
18 wildlife between the Sierra Estrella Mountains  
19 and the Sonoran Desert National Monument.

20 (b) MANAGEMENT PLANS.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after  
22 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
23 shall develop for each of the Special Management  
24 Areas a comprehensive management plan for the  
25 long-term protection and management of that area.

1           (2)   PURPOSES.—Each   management   plan  
2   shall—

3           (A)   describe the appropriate uses and  
4           management of each special management area  
5           consistent with the conservation purpose as  
6           specified in section 5(a);

7           (B)   be drafted with consultation from  
8           local, regional, and State jurisdictions;

9           (C)   be developed with extensive public  
10          input;

11          (D)   take into consideration any informa-  
12          tion developed in studies and plans for the land  
13          within each special management area;

14          (E)   shall consider cooperative management  
15          alternatives between the Bureau of Land Man-  
16          agement and local, regional, and State jurisdic-  
17          tions that further the purposes outlined in sec-  
18          tion 5(a); and

19          (F)   for the purposes of ensuring ecological  
20          connectivity and movement of wildlife through  
21          the Rainbow Valley and Sentinel Plain Special  
22          Management Areas, the management plans  
23          shall—

24                  (i)   prioritize landscape permeability,  
25                  wildlife connectivity and continued move-

1           ment of wildlife between the Sierra  
2           Estrella Mountains and the Sonoran  
3           Desert National Monument across Rain-  
4           bow Valley, and between the Barry M.  
5           Goldwater Air Force Range and the Gila  
6           Bend National Conservation Area across  
7           Sentinel Plain, respectively;

8           (ii) identify the means to maintain  
9           permeability, connectivity and wildlife  
10          movement in the area including, but not  
11          limited to, wildlife crossing structures and  
12          other infrastructure improvements and the  
13          criteria to implement such alternatives;

14          (iii) incorporate current scientific  
15          knowledge of wildlife movement for a vari-  
16          ety of identified focal species; and

17          (iv) establish a monitoring program to  
18          determine the effectiveness of the plan for  
19          wildlife connectivity.

20   **SEC. 6. MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.**

21          (a) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after the  
22          date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall file maps  
23          and legal descriptions of the National Conservation Areas,  
24          the Wilderness Areas, and the Special Management Areas  
25          with—

1 (1) the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-  
2 sources of the Senate; and

3 (2) the Committee on Natural Resources of the  
4 House of Representatives.

5 (b) FORCE AND EFFECT.—The maps and legal de-  
6 scriptions filed under subsection (a) shall have the same  
7 force and effect as if included in this Act, except that the  
8 Secretary may correct clerical and typographical errors in  
9 the maps and legal descriptions.

10 (c) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The maps and legal de-  
11 scriptions filed under subsection (a) shall be available for  
12 public inspection in—

13 (1) the Office of the Director of the Bureau of  
14 Land Management; and

15 (2) the appropriate office of the Bureau of  
16 Land Management in the State.

17 **SEC. 7. MANAGEMENT OF NATIONAL CONSERVATION**  
18 **AREAS, WILDERNESS AREAS, AND SPECIAL**  
19 **MANAGEMENT AREAS.**

20 (a) MILITARY USE.—Nothing in this Act restricts or  
21 precludes—

22 (1) overflights of military aircraft over the Na-  
23 tional Conservation Areas, Wilderness Areas, or Spe-  
24 cial Management Areas designated by this Act in-

cluding military overflights that can be seen or heard within the areas;

(2) flight testing and evaluation; or

(3) the designation or creation of new units of special use airspace, or the establishment of military flight training routes, over the National Conservation Areas, Wilderness Areas, or Special Management Areas.

(b) HUNTING, FISH AND WILDLIFE.—

(1) HUNTING.—Nothing in this section or the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) shall affect hunting, under applicable State and Federal laws and regulations, within a covered wilderness area.

(2) JURISDICTION.—As provided in section 4(d)(7) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(7)), nothing in this section or the Wilderness Act shall be construed as affecting the jurisdiction or responsibilities of the State of Arizona with respect to fish and wildlife in the State.

(3) WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT.—Management activities to maintain or restore fish and wildlife populations and the habitats to support such populations may be carried out within a covered wilderness area, where consistent with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) and other applicable laws.

1           (4) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.—The Secretary  
2       shall enter into a cooperative agreement with the  
3       State of Arizona for management of fish and wildlife  
4       within a covered wilderness area. The cooperative  
5       agreement shall specify the terms and conditions  
6       under which the State or a designee of the State  
7       may use wildlife management activities in a covered  
8       wilderness area consistent with the Wilderness Act  
9       (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), and other applicable laws.

10       (c) LIVESTOCK GRAZING.—

11           (1) GRAZING IN NATIONAL CONSERVATION  
12       AREAS OR SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS.—Except  
13       as provided in paragraph (2), the Secretary shall  
14       issue and administer any grazing leases or permits  
15       in the National Conservation Areas or Special Man-  
16       agement Areas in accordance with the laws (includ-  
17       ing regulations) applicable to the issuance and ad-  
18       ministration of such leases and permits on other  
19       land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land  
20       Management.

21           (2) GRAZING IN WILDERNESS AREAS.—The  
22       grazing of livestock in a wilderness area designated  
23       by this Act, if established as of the date of enact-  
24       ment of this Act, shall be permitted to continue—

1 (A) subject to any reasonable regulations,  
 2 policies, and practices that the Secretary deter-  
 3 mines to be necessary; and

4 (B) in accordance with—

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

7 (ii) the guidelines set forth in Appen-  
 8 dix A of the report of the Committee on  
 9 Interior and Insular Affairs of the House  
 10 of Representatives accompanying H.R.  
 11 2570 of the 101st Congress (H. Rept.  
 12 101-405).

13 (d) ACCESS TO PRIVATE LANDS.—The Secretary  
 14 shall provide any owner of private property—

15 (1) within the boundary of a national conserva-  
 16 tion area or special management area designated by  
 17 this Act adequate access to the property; and

18 (2) within the boundary of a wilderness area  
 19 designated by this Act adequate access to the prop-  
 20 erty in accordance with section 5(a) of the Wilder-  
 21 ness Act (16 U.S.C. 1134(a)).

22 (e) VALID EXISTING RIGHTS.—The designation of  
 23 the National Conservation Areas, Wilderness Areas, and  
 24 Special Management Areas is subject to valid rights in ex-  
 25 istence on the date of enactment of this Act.

1       (f) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,  
2 all public land within the National Conservation Areas,  
3 Wilderness Areas, and Special Management Areas, and all  
4 land and interests in land acquired by the United States  
5 within the National Conservation Areas, Wilderness  
6 Areas, or Special Management Areas is withdrawn from—

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

9           (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining  
10       laws; and

11          (3) right-of-way, leasing, or disposition under  
12       all laws relating to—

13           (A) minerals; or

14           (B) solar, wind, and geothermal energy.

15       (g) NO BUFFER ZONES.—

16           (1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this subtitle cre-  
17       ates a protective perimeter or buffer zone around the  
18       National Conservation Areas, Wilderness Areas, or  
19       Special Management Areas.

20           (2) ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE NATIONAL CONSERVA-  
21       TION AREAS, WILDERNESS AREAS, AND SPECIAL  
22       MANAGEMENT AREAS.—The fact that an activity or  
23       use on land outside a National Conservation Area,  
24       Wilderness Area, or Special Management Area can

1 be seen or heard within the area shall not preclude  
2 the activity or use outside the boundary of the areas.

3 (h) FIRE, INSECTS, AND DISEASES.—Subject to such  
4 terms and conditions as the Secretary determines to be  
5 desirable and appropriate, the Secretary may undertake  
6 such measures as are necessary to control fire, insects,  
7 and diseases—

8 (1) in the Wilderness Areas, in accordance with  
9 section 4(d)(1) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C.  
10 1133(d)(1)); and

11 (2) except as provided in paragraph (1), in the  
12 National Conservation Areas and Special Manage-  
13 ment Areas in accordance with this Act and any  
14 other applicable laws.

15 (i) INVASIVE SPECIES AND NOXIOUS WEEDS.—In ac-  
16 cordance with any applicable laws and subject to such  
17 terms and conditions as the Secretary determines to be  
18 desirable and appropriate, the Secretary may prescribe  
19 measures to control nonnative invasive plants and noxious  
20 weeds within the National Conservation Areas and Special  
21 Management Areas.

22 (j) NATIVE AMERICAN USES AND INTERESTS.—To  
23 the extent practicable, the Secretary shall ensure access  
24 to the National Conservation Areas, Wilderness Areas,  
25 and Special Management Areas by members of an Indian

1 tribe for traditional cultural purposes, including spiritual  
2 or food-gathering activities. In implementing this para-  
3 graph, the Secretary, upon the request of an Indian tribe,  
4 may temporarily close to the general public use of one or  
5 more specific portions of a national conservation area, wil-  
6 derness area, or special management area in order to pro-  
7 tect the privacy of traditional cultural activities in such  
8 areas by members of the Indian tribe. Any such closure  
9 shall be made to affect the smallest practicable area for  
10 the minimum period necessary for such purposes. Such ac-  
11 cess shall be consistent with the purpose and intent of  
12 Public Law 95–341 (42 U.S.C. 1996), commonly referred  
13 to as the American Indian Religious Freedom Act.

14 (k) UTILITY RIGHTS-OF-WAY.—Nothing in this Act  
15 precludes the Secretary from renewing an existing utility  
16 right-of-way through a national conservation area or spe-  
17 cial management area in a manner that minimizes harm  
18 to the purposes of the national conservation area or special  
19 management area described in subsection (b) and section  
20 5(a)—

21 (1) in accordance with—

22 (A) the National Environmental Policy Act  
23 of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.); and

24 (B) any other applicable law; and

1           (2) subject to such terms and conditions as the  
2       Secretary determines to be appropriate.

3       (1) MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING COMMUNICATIONS  
4 FACILITIES.—The provisions of this Act shall not be con-  
5 strued to prevent—

6           (1) the maintenance of communications facili-  
7 ties, in existence on the date of the enactment of  
8 this Act and located in a national conservation area;  
9 or

10          (2) limited motorized access to such facilities  
11 when non-motorized access means are not reasonably  
12 available or when time is of the essence, subject to  
13 such conditions as the Secretary considers to be de-  
14 sirable.

15       (m) MAINTENANCE OF AGUA CALIENTE ROAD.—In  
16 preparing resource management and travel management  
17 plans for the Lower Sonoran Field Office, the Secretary  
18 shall provide for protection of the existing, low-standard  
19 (BLM Maintenance Level 3) Agua Caliente which provides  
20 access to the wilderness and high conservation value lands  
21 designated by this Act, and shall assure that the wilder-  
22 ness environment and atmosphere enjoyed by users of this  
23 road, which Congress finds is well-matched to the rugged  
24 and wild character of the wilderness beyond the roadside,  
25 is not degraded by incompatible development within the

1 road corridor or by improvement of the road itself other  
2 than as he determines necessary for public safety.

3 **SEC. 8. ACQUISITION OF LAND.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may acquire non-  
5 public land within the boundaries of the National Con-  
6 servation Areas, the Wilderness Areas, or the Special  
7 Management Areas established by this Act only through  
8 exchange, donation, or purchase from a willing seller.

9 (b) MANAGEMENT.—Land acquired under this sec-  
10 tion shall—

11 (1) become part of the National Conservation  
12 Areas, the Wilderness Areas, or the Special Manage-  
13 ment Areas involved; and

14 (2) be managed in accordance with this Act and  
15 any other applicable laws.

16 **SEC. 9. BORDER SECURITY.**

17 Nothing in this Act—

18 (1) prevents the Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
19 rity from undertaking law enforcement and border  
20 security activities—

21 (A) in the National Conservation Areas  
22 and Special Management Areas outside the Wil-  
23 derness Areas, or

24 (B) in accordance with section 4(c) of the  
25 Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(c)), within the

1 Wilderness Areas, including the ability to use  
2 motorized access within a Wilderness Area  
3 while in pursuit of a suspect;

4 (2) affects the 2006 Memorandum of Under-  
5 standing among the Department of Homeland Secu-  
6 rity, the Department of the Interior, and the De-  
7 partment of Agriculture regarding cooperative na-  
8 tional security and counterterrorism efforts on pub-  
9 lic land along the borders of the United States; or

10 (3) prevents the Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
11 rity from conducting any low-level overflights over  
12 the National Conservation Areas and Special Man-  
13 agement Areas or the Wilderness Areas that may be  
14 necessary for law enforcement and border security  
15 purposes.

16 **SEC. 10. WATER RIGHTS.**

17 (a) RESERVATION OF RIGHTS.—With respect to each  
18 wilderness area designated by this Act, Congress hereby  
19 reserves a quantity of water sufficient to fulfill the pur-  
20 poses of this Act. The priority date of such reserved rights  
21 shall be the date of enactment of this Act.

22 (b) PROTECTION OF RIGHTS.—The Secretary and all  
23 other officers of the United States shall take steps nec-  
24 essary to protect the rights reserved by subsection (a), in-  
25 cluding the filing by the Secretary of a claim for the quan-

1 tification of such rights in any present or future appro-  
2 priate stream adjudication in the courts of the State in  
3 which the United States is or may be joined and which  
4 is conducted in accordance with the McCarran Amend-  
5 ment (43 U.S.C. 666).

6 (c) NO RELINQUISHMENT OR REDUCTION.—Nothing  
7 in this section shall be construed as a relinquishment or  
8 reduction of any water rights reserved or appropriated by  
9 the United States in the State on or before the date of  
10 enactment of this Act.

11 (d) RESERVATION FOR SPECIFIC WILDERNESS.—  
12 The Federal water rights reserved by this section are spe-  
13 cific to the wilderness located in the State designated by  
14 this Act. Nothing in this section related to reserved Fed-  
15 eral water rights shall be construed as establishing a  
16 precedent with regard to any future designations, nor shall  
17 it constitute an interpretation of any other Act or any des-  
18 ignation made pursuant thereto.

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