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To designate certain Federal lands in California as wilderness, and for other purposes.

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Mrs. BOXER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

To designate certain Federal lands in California as wilderness, 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 “Central Coast Heritage Protection Act”.

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. Designation of wilderness.
- Sec. 4. Designation of the Machesna Mountain Potential Wilderness.
- Sec. 5. Administration of wilderness.
- Sec. 6. Designation of wild and scenic rivers.
- Sec. 7. Designation of the Fox Mountain Potential Wilderness.

Sec. 8. Designation of scenic areas.
 Sec. 9. Condor National Recreation Trail.
 Sec. 10. Forest Service study.
 Sec. 11. Nonmotorized recreation opportunities.
 Sec. 12. Use by members of Native American tribes.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) SCENIC AREAS.—The term “scenic areas”
 4 means the Condor Ridge Scenic Area and Black
 5 Mountain Scenic Area designated by this Act.

6 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary”
 7 means—

8 (A) with respect to lands managed by the
 9 Bureau of Land Management, the Secretary of
 10 the Interior; and

11 (B) with respect to lands managed by the
 12 Forest Service, the Secretary of Agriculture.

13 (3) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
 14 of California.

15 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with the Wilderness
 17 Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the following areas in the
 18 State are designated as wilderness areas and as compo-
 19 nents of the National Wilderness Preservation System:

20 (1) Certain land in the Bakersfield Field Office
 21 of the Bureau of Land Management comprising ap-
 22 proximately 35,619 acres, as generally depicted on
 23 the map entitled “Caliente Mountain Wilderness

1 Area—Proposed” and dated _____, which shall be
2 known as the “Caliente Mountain Wilderness”.

3 (2) Certain land in the Bakersfield Field Office
4 of the Bureau of Land Management comprising ap-
5 proximately 13,332 acres, as generally depicted on
6 the map entitled “Soda Lake Wilderness Area—Pro-
7 posed” and dated _____, which shall be known as
8 the “Soda Lake Wilderness”.

9 (3) Certain land in the Bakersfield Field Office
10 of the Bureau of Land Management comprising ap-
11 proximately 12,585 acres, as generally depicted on
12 the map entitled “Temblor Range Wilderness
13 Area—Proposed” and dated _____, which shall be
14 known as the “Temblor Range Wilderness”.

15 (4) Certain land in the Los Padres National
16 Forest comprising approximately 23,524 acres, as
17 generally depicted on the map entitled “Chumash
18 Wilderness Area Additions—Proposed” and dated
19 _____, which shall be incorporated into and man-
20 aged as part of the Chumash Wilderness as des-
21 ignated by the Los Padres Condor Range and River
22 Protection Act (Public Law 102–301; 106 Stat.
23 242).

24 (5) Certain land in the Los Padres National
25 Forest comprising approximately 54,609 acres, as

1 generally depicted on the map entitled “Dick Smith
2 Wilderness Area Additions—Proposed” and dated
3 _____, which shall be incorporated into and man-
4 aged as part of the Dick Smith Wilderness as des-
5 ignated by the California Wilderness Act of 1984
6 (Public Law 98–425; 16 U.S.C. 1132 note).

7 (6) Certain land in the Los Padres National
8 Forest and the Bakersfield Field Office of the Bu-
9 reau of Land Management comprising approximately
10 7,315 acres, as generally depicted on the map enti-
11 tled “Garcia Wilderness Area Additions—Proposed”
12 and dated _____, which shall be incorporated into
13 and managed as part of the Garcia Wilderness as
14 designated by the Los Padres Condor Range and
15 River Protection Act (Public Law 102–301; 106
16 Stat. 242).

17 (7) Certain land in the Los Padres National
18 Forest and the Bakersfield Field Office of the Bu-
19 reau of Land Management comprising approximately
20 8,081 acres, as generally depicted on the map enti-
21 tled “Machesna Mountain Wilderness Area Addi-
22 tions—Proposed” and dated _____, which shall be
23 incorporated into and managed as part of the
24 Machesna Mountain Wilderness as designated by the

1 California Wilderness Act of 1984 (Public Law 98–
2 425; 16 U.S.C. 1132 note).

3 (8) Certain land in the Los Padres National
4 Forest comprising approximately 29,677 acres, as
5 generally depicted on the map entitled “Matilija Wil-
6 derness Area Additions—Proposed” and dated
7 _____, which shall be incorporated into and man-
8 aged as part of the Matilija Wilderness as des-
9 ignated by the Los Padres Condor Range and River
10 Protection Act (Public Law 102–301; 106 Stat.
11 242).

12 (9) Certain land in the Los Padres National
13 Forest comprising approximately 24,131 acres, as
14 generally depicted on the map entitled “San Rafael
15 Wilderness Area Additions—Proposed” and dated
16 _____, which shall be incorporated into and man-
17 aged as part of the San Rafael Wilderness as des-
18 ignated by Public Law 90–271 (82 Stat. 51), the
19 California Wilderness Act of 1984 (Public Law 98–
20 425; 16 U.S.C. 1132 note), and the Los Padres
21 Condor Range and River Protection Act (Public Law
22 102–301; 106 Stat. 242).

23 (10) Certain land in the Los Padres National
24 Forest comprising approximately 3,153 acres, as
25 generally depicted on the map entitled “Santa Lucia

1 Wilderness Area Additions—Proposed” and dated
2 _____, which shall be incorporated into and man-
3 aged as part of the Santa Lucia Wilderness as des-
4 ignated by the Endangered American Wilderness Act
5 of 1978 (Public Law 95–237; 16 U.S.C. 1132 note).

6 (11) Certain land in the Los Padres National
7 Forest comprising approximately 14,795 acres, as
8 generally depicted on the map entitled “Sespe Wil-
9 derness Area Additions—Proposed” and dated
10 _____, which shall be incorporated into and man-
11 aged as part of the Sespe Wilderness as designated
12 by the Los Padres Condor Range and River Protec-
13 tion Act (Public Law 102–301; 106 Stat. 242).

14 (12) Certain land in the Los Padres National
15 Forest comprising approximately 18,176 acres, as
16 generally depicted on the map entitled “Diablo
17 Caliente Wilderness Area—Proposed” and dated
18 _____, which shall be known as the “Diablo
19 Caliente Wilderness”.

20 (b) MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after
22 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
23 shall file maps and legal descriptions of the wilder-
24 ness areas and wilderness additions designated by
25 subsection (a) with—

1 (A) the Committee on Natural Resources
2 of the House of Representatives; and

3 (B) the Committee on Energy and Natural
4 Resources of the Senate.

5 (2) FORCE OF LAW.—The maps and legal de-
6 scriptions filed under paragraph (1) shall have the
7 same force and effect as if included in this Act, ex-
8 cept that the Secretary may correct any clerical and
9 typographical errors in the map and legal descrip-
10 tion.

11 (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The maps and
12 legal descriptions filed under paragraph (1) shall be
13 on file and available for public inspection in the ap-
14 propriate offices of the Forest Service and Bureau
15 of Land Management.

16 **SEC. 4. DESIGNATION OF THE MACHESNA MOUNTAIN PO-**
17 **TENTIAL WILDERNESS.**

18 (a) DESIGNATION.—In furtherance of the purposes of
19 the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), certain land
20 in the Los Padres National Forest comprising approxi-
21 mately 2,174 acres, as generally depicted on the map enti-
22 tled “Machesna Mountain Potential Wilderness Area” and
23 dated _____, is designated as the Machesna Moun-
24 tain Potential Wilderness Area.

25 (b) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after
2 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
3 shall file a map and a legal description of the
4 Machesna Mountain Potential Wilderness Area (re-
5 ferred to in this section as the “potential wilderness
6 area”) with—

7 (A) the Committee on Natural Resources
8 of the House of Representatives; and

9 (B) the Committee on Energy and Natural
10 Resources of the Senate.

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

17 (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The map and legal
18 description filed under paragraph (1) shall be on file
19 and available for public inspection in the appropriate
20 offices of the Forest Service.

21 (c) MANAGEMENT.—Except as provided in subsection
22 (d) and subject to valid existing rights, the Secretary shall
23 manage the potential wilderness area in accordance with
24 the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.).

1 (d) TRAIL USE, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION,
2 AND REALIGNMENT.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with para-
4 graph (2), the Secretary is authorized to recon-
5 struct, realign, or reroute the Pine Mountain Trail.

6 (2) REQUIREMENT.—In carrying out the recon-
7 struction, realignment, or rerouting under paragraph
8 (1), the Secretary shall—

9 (A) comply with all existing laws (including
10 regulations); and

11 (B) to the maximum extent practicable,
12 use the minimum tool or administrative practice
13 necessary to accomplish the reconstruction, re-
14 alignment, or rerouting with the least amount
15 of adverse impact on wilderness character and
16 resources.

17 (3) MOTORIZED VEHICLES AND MACHINERY.—
18 In accordance with paragraph (2), the Secretary
19 may use motorized vehicles and machinery to carry
20 out the trail reconstruction, realignment, or rerout-
21 ing authorized by this section.

22 (4) MOTORIZED AND MECHANIZED VEHI-
23 CLES.—The Secretary may permit the use of motor-
24 ized and mechanized vehicles on the existing Pine
25 Mountain Trail in accordance with existing law (in-

1 including regulations) and this section until such date
2 as the potential wilderness area is designated wilder-
3 ness in accordance with subsection (h).

4 (e) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
5 the Federal land in the potential wilderness area is with-
6 drawn from all forms of—

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

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

11 (3) disposition under all laws pertaining to min-
12 eral and geothermal leasing or mineral materials.

13 (f) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—In carrying out
14 this section, the Secretary may enter into cooperative
15 agreements with State, tribal, and local governmental enti-
16 ties and private entities to complete the trail reconstruc-
17 tion, realignment, or rerouting authorized by subsection
18 (d).

19 (g) BOUNDARIES.—The Secretary shall modify the
20 boundary of the potential wilderness area to exclude any
21 area within 150 feet of the centerline of the new location
22 of any trail that has been reconstructed, realigned, or re-
23 routed under subsection (d).

24 (h) WILDERNESS DESIGNATION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The potential wilderness
 2 area, as modified under subsection (g), shall be des-
 3 ignated as wilderness and as a component of the Na-
 4 tional Wilderness Preservation System on the date
 5 on which the Secretary publishes in the Federal
 6 Register notice that the trail reconstruction, realign-
 7 ment, or rerouting authorized by subsection (d) has
 8 been completed or 20 years after the date of the en-
 9 actment of this Act, whichever comes sooner.

10 (2) ADMINISTRATION OF WILDERNESS.—Upon
 11 designation as wilderness under this section, the po-
 12 tential wilderness area shall be—

13 (A) incorporated into the Machesna Moun-
 14 tain Wilderness Area, as designated by the Cali-
 15 fornia Wilderness Act of 1984 (Public Law 98–
 16 425; 16 U.S.C. 1132 note) and expanded by
 17 section 3; and

18 (B) administered in accordance with sec-
 19 tion 5 and the Wilderness Act.

20 **SEC. 5. ADMINISTRATION OF WILDERNESS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
 22 the wilderness areas and wilderness additions designated
 23 by section 3 shall be administered by the Secretary in ac-
 24 cordance with this Act and the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C.
 25 1131 et seq.), except that—

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

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

9 (b) FIRE MANAGEMENT AND RELATED ACTIVI-
10 TIES.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may take
12 such measures in a wilderness area or wilderness ad-
13 dition designated by section 3 as are necessary for
14 the control of fire, insects, and diseases in accord-
15 ance with section 4(d)(1) of the Wilderness Act (16
16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(1)) and House Report 98–40 of the
17 98th Congress.

18 (2) FUNDING PRIORITIES.—Nothing in this Act
19 limits funding for fire and fuels management in the
20 wilderness areas or wilderness additions designated
21 by this Act.

22 (3) REVISION AND DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL
23 FIRE MANAGEMENT PLANS.—As soon as practicable
24 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
25 retary shall amend the local fire management plans

1 that apply to the land designated as a wilderness
2 area or wilderness addition by section 3.

3 (4) ADMINISTRATION.—Consistent with para-
4 graph (1) and other applicable Federal law, to en-
5 sure a timely and efficient response to fire emer-
6 gencies in the wilderness areas or wilderness addi-
7 tions designated by section 3, the Secretary shall—

8 (A) not later than 1 year after the date of
9 the enactment of this Act, establish agency ap-
10 proval procedures (including appropriate delega-
11 tions of authority to the Forest Supervisor, Dis-
12 trict Manager, or other agency officials) for re-
13 sponding to fire emergencies; and

14 (B) enter into agreements with appropriate
15 State or local firefighting agencies.

16 (c) GRAZING.—The grazing of livestock in the wilder-
17 ness areas and wilderness additions designated by section
18 3, if established before the date of the enactment of this
19 Act, shall be permitted to continue, subject to such reason-
20 able regulations as the Secretary considers necessary in
21 accordance with—

22 (1) section 4(d)(4) of the Wilderness Act (16
23 U.S.C. 1133(d)(4));

24 (2) the guidelines set forth in Appendix A of
25 House Report 101–405, accompanying H.R. 2570 of

1 the 101st Congress for lands under the jurisdiction
2 of the Secretary of the Interior;

3 (3) the guidelines set forth in House Report
4 96–617, accompanying H.R. 5487 of the 96th Con-
5 gress for lands under the jurisdiction of the Sec-
6 retary of Agriculture; and

7 (4) all other laws governing livestock grazing on
8 Federal public lands.

9 (d) FISH AND WILDLIFE.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with section
11 4(d)(7) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C.
12 1133(d)(7)), nothing in this Act affects the jurisdic-
13 tion or responsibilities of the State with respect to
14 fish and wildlife on public land in the State.

15 (2) MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES.—In furtherance
16 of the purposes and principles of the Wilderness Act
17 (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the Secretary may conduct
18 any management activities that are necessary to
19 maintain or restore fish and wildlife populations and
20 habitats in the wilderness areas and wilderness addi-
21 tions designated by section 3, if the management ac-
22 tivities are—

23 (A) consistent with relevant wilderness
24 management plans; and

1 (B) conducted in accordance with appro-
2 priate policies, such as the policies established
3 in Appendix B of House Report 101–405.

4 (3) WILDLIFE WATER DEVELOPMENT
5 PROJECTS.—Management activities to maintain
6 water sources for wildlife may be carried out within
7 wilderness areas designated by this Act and may in-
8 clude the use of motorized vehicles by the appro-
9 priate agencies and their designees if—

10 (A) the water sources will, as determined
11 by the Secretary, enhance wilderness values by
12 promoting healthy and viable wildlife popu-
13 lations; and

14 (B) the visual impacts of the water sources
15 on the wilderness areas can reasonably be mini-
16 mized.

17 (e) BUFFER ZONES.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Congress does not intend for
19 designation of wilderness by this Act to lead to the
20 creation of protective perimeters or buffer zones
21 around each wilderness area or wilderness addition.

22 (2) ACTIVITIES OR USES UP TO BOUNDARIES.—
23 The fact that nonwilderness activities or uses can be
24 seen or heard from within a wilderness area shall

1 not, of itself, preclude the activities or uses up to the
2 boundary of the wilderness area.

3 (f) MILITARY ACTIVITIES.—Nothing in this Act pre-
4 cludes—

5 (1) low-level overflights of military aircraft over
6 the wilderness areas or wilderness additions des-
7 ignated by section 3;

8 (2) the designation of new units of special air-
9 space over the wilderness areas or wilderness addi-
10 tions designated by section 3; or

11 (3) the use or establishment of military flight
12 training routes over wilderness areas or wilderness
13 additions designated by section 3.

14 (g) HORSES.—Nothing in this Act precludes horse-
15 back riding in, or the entry of recreational or commercial
16 saddle or pack stock into, a wilderness area or wilderness
17 addition designated by section 3—

18 (1) in accordance with section 4(d)(5) of the
19 Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(5)); and

20 (2) subject to any terms and conditions deter-
21 mined to be necessary by the Secretary.

22 (h) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
23 the wilderness areas and wilderness additions designated
24 by section 3 are withdrawn from—

1 (1) all forms of entry, appropriation, and dis-
2 posal under the public land laws;

3 (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining
4 laws; and

5 (3) disposition under all laws pertaining to min-
6 eral and geothermal leasing or mineral materials.

7 (i) INCORPORATION OF ACQUIRED LAND AND INTER-
8 ESTS.—Any land within the boundary of a wilderness area
9 or wilderness addition designated by section 3 that is ac-
10 quired by the United States shall—

11 (1) become part of the wilderness area in which
12 the land is located; and

13 (2) be managed in accordance with this section,
14 the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), and
15 any other applicable law.

16 (j) CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA COLLECTION.—In ac-
17 cordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.)
18 and subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary
19 may prescribe, the Secretary may authorize the installa-
20 tion and maintenance of hydrologic, meteorologic, or cli-
21 matological collection devices in the wilderness areas and
22 wilderness additions designated by section 3 if the Sec-
23 retary determines that the facilities and access to the fa-
24 cilities are essential to flood warning, flood control, or
25 water reservoir operation activities.

1 **SEC. 6. DESIGNATION OF WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS.**

2 (a) INDIAN CREEK, MONO CREEK, AND MATILIJJA
 3 CREEK, CALIFORNIA.—Section 3(a) of the Wild and Sce-
 4 nic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by adding
 5 at the end the following:

6 “(213) INDIAN CREEK, CALIFORNIA.—The fol-
 7 lowing segments of Indian Creek in the State of
 8 California, to be administered by the Secretary of
 9 Agriculture:

10 “(A) The 9.5-mile segment of Indian Creek
 11 from its source in section 19, T7N, R26W to
 12 the Dick Smith Wilderness boundary, as a wild
 13 river.

14 “(B) The 1-mile segment of Indian Creek
 15 from the Dick Smith Wilderness boundary to
 16 0.25 miles downstream of Road 6N24, as a sce-
 17 nic river.

18 “(C) The 3.9-mile segment of Indian Creek
 19 from 0.25 miles downstream of Road 6N24 to
 20 the southern boundary of section 32, T6N,
 21 R26W, as a wild river.

22 “(214) MONO CREEK, CALIFORNIA.—The fol-
 23 lowing segments of Mono Creek in the State of Cali-
 24 fornia, to be administered by the Secretary of Agri-
 25 culture:

1 “(A) The 4.2-mile segment of Mono Creek
 2 from its source in section 1, T7N, R26W, to
 3 0.25 miles upstream of Don Victor Fire Road
 4 in section 28, T7N, R25W, as a wild river.

5 “(B) The 2.1-mile segment of Mono Creek
 6 from 0.25 miles upstream of the Don Victor
 7 Fire Road in section 28, T7N, R25W to 0.25
 8 miles downstream of Don Victor Fire Road in
 9 section 34, T7N, R25W, as a recreational river.

10 “(C) The 14.7-mile segment of Mono
 11 Creek from 0.25 miles downstream of Don Vic-
 12 tor Fire Road in section 34, T7N, R25W to the
 13 Ogilvy Ranch private property boundary in sec-
 14 tion 22, R26W, T6N, as a wild river.

15 “(D) The 3.5-mile segment of Mono Creek
 16 from the Ogilvy Ranch private property bound-
 17 ary to the southern boundary of section 33,
 18 T6N, R26N, as a recreational river.

19 “(215) MATILIJA CREEK, CALIFORNIA.—The
 20 following segments of Matilija Creek in the State of
 21 California, to be administered by the Secretary of
 22 Agriculture:

23 “(A) The 7.2-mile segment of the Matilija
 24 Creek from its source in section 25, T6N,

1 R25W to the private property boundary in sec-
 2 tion 9, T5N, R24W, as a wild river.

3 “(B) The 7.25-mile segment of the Upper
 4 North Fork Matilija Creek from its source in
 5 section 36, T6N, R24W to the Matilija Wilder-
 6 ness boundary, as a wild river.”.

7 (b) SESPE CREEK, CALIFORNIA.—Section 3(a)(142)
 8 of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C.
 9 1274(a)(142)) is amended to read as follows:

10 “(142) SESPE CREEK, CALIFORNIA.—The fol-
 11 lowing segments of Sespe Creek in the State of Cali-
 12 fornia, to be administered by the Secretary of Agri-
 13 culture:

14 “(A) The 2.7-mile segment of Sespe Creek
 15 from the private property boundary in section
 16 10, T6N, R24W, to the Hartman Ranch private
 17 property boundary in section 14, T6N, R24W,
 18 as a wild river.

19 “(B) The 15-mile segment of Sespe Creek
 20 from the Hartman Ranch private property
 21 boundary in section 14, T6N, R24W, to the
 22 western boundary of section 6, T5N, R22W, as
 23 a recreational river.

24 “(C) The 6.1-mile segment of Sespe Creek
 25 from the western boundary of section 6, T5N,

1 R22W, to the confluence with Trout Creek, as
 2 a scenic river.

3 “(D) The 28.6-mile segment of Sespe
 4 Creek from the confluence with Trout Creek to
 5 the southern boundary of section 35, T5N,
 6 R20W, as a wild river.”.

7 (c) SISQUOC RIVER, CALIFORNIA.—Section 3(a)(143)
 8 of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C.
 9 1274(a)(143)) is amended to read as follows:

10 “(143) SISQUOC RIVER, CALIFORNIA.—The fol-
 11 lowing segments of the Sisquoc River and its tribu-
 12 taries in the State of California, to be administered
 13 by the Secretary of Agriculture:

14 “(A) The 33-mile segment of the main
 15 stem of the Sisquoc River extending from its
 16 origin downstream to the Los Padres Forest
 17 boundary, as a wild river.

18 “(B) The 4.2-mile segment of the South
 19 Fork Sisquoc River from its source northeast of
 20 San Rafael Mountain in section 2, T7N, R28W
 21 to its confluence with the Sisquoc River, as a
 22 wild river.

23 “(C) The 10.4-mile segment of Manzana
 24 Creek from its source west of San Rafael Peak
 25 in section 4, T&N, R28W to the San Rafael

1 Wilderness boundary upstream of Nira Camp-
2 ground, as a wild river.

3 “(D) The 0.6-mile segment of Manzana
4 Creek from the San Rafael Wilderness bound-
5 ary upstream of the Nira Campground to the
6 San Rafael Wilderness boundary downstream of
7 the confluence of Davy Brown Creek, as a rec-
8 reational river.

9 “(E) The 5.8-mile segment of Manzana
10 Creek from the San Rafael Wilderness bound-
11 ary downstream of the confluence of Davy
12 Brown Creek to the private property boundary
13 in section 1, T8N, R30W, as a wild river.

14 “(F) The 3.8-mile segment of Manzana
15 Creek from the private property boundary in
16 section 1, T8N, R30W, to the confluence of the
17 Sisquoc River, as a recreational river.

18 “(G) The 3.4-mile segment of Davy Brown
19 Creek from its source west of Ranger Peak in
20 section 32, T8N, R29W to 300 feet upstream
21 of its confluence with Munch Canyon, as a wild
22 river.

23 “(H) The 1.4-mile segment of Davy Brown
24 Creek from 300 feet upstream of its confluence

1 with Munch Canyon to its confluence with
2 Manzana Creek, as a recreational river.

3 “(I) The 2-mile segment of Munch Canyon
4 from its source north of Ranger Peak in section
5 33, T8N, R29W to 300 feet upstream of its
6 confluence with Sunset Valley Creek, as a wild
7 river.

8 “(J) The 0.5-mile segment of Munch Can-
9 yon from 300 feet upstream of its confluence
10 with Sunset Valley Creek to its confluence with
11 Davy Brown Creek, as a recreational river.

12 “(K) The 2.6-mile segment of Fish Creek
13 from 500 feet downstream of Sunset Valley
14 Road to its confluence with Manzana Creek, as
15 a wild river.

16 “(L) The 1.5-mile segment of East Fork
17 Fish Creek from its source in section 26, T8N,
18 R29W to its confluence with Fish Creek, as a
19 wild river.”.

20 (d) PIRU CREEK, CALIFORNIA.—Section 3(a)(199) of
21 the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)(199))
22 is amended to read as follows:

23 “(199) PIRU CREEK, CALIFORNIA.—The fol-
24 lowing segments of Piru Creek in the State of Cali-

1 fornia, to be administered by the Secretary of Agri-
2 culture:

3 “(A) The 9.1-mile segment of Piru Creek
4 from its source in section 3, T6N, R22W, to
5 the private property boundary in section 4,
6 T6N, R21W, as a wild river.

7 “(B) The 17.2-mile segment of Piru Creek
8 from the private property boundary in section
9 4, T6N, R21W, to 0.25 miles downstream of
10 the Gold Hill Road, as a scenic river.

11 “(C) The 4.1-mile segment of Piru Creek
12 from 0.25 miles downstream of Gold Hill Road
13 to the confluence with Trail Canyon, as a wild
14 river.

15 “(D) The 7.25-mile segment of Piru Creek
16 from the confluence with Trail Canyon to the
17 confluence with Buck Creek, as a scenic river.

18 “(E) The 3-mile segment of Piru Creek
19 from 0.5 miles downstream of Pyramid Dam at
20 the first bridge crossing to the boundary of the
21 Sespe Wilderness, as a recreational river.

22 “(F) The 13-mile segment of Piru Creek
23 from the boundary of the Sespe Wilderness to
24 the boundary of the Sespe Wilderness, as a wild
25 river.

1 “(G) The 2.2-mile segment of Piru Creek
 2 from the boundary of the Sespe Wilderness to
 3 the upper limit of Piru Reservoir, as a rec-
 4 reational river.”.

5 (e) EFFECT.—The designation of Piru Creek under
 6 subsection (a) shall not affect valid rights in existence on
 7 the date of the enactment of this Act.

8 (f) MOTORIZED USE OF TRAILS.—Nothing in this
 9 section shall affect the motorized use of trails designated
 10 by the Forest Service for motorized use that are located
 11 adjacent to and crossing upper Piru Creek.

12 **SEC. 7. DESIGNATION OF THE FOX MOUNTAIN POTENTIAL**
 13 **WILDERNESS.**

14 (a) DESIGNATION.—In furtherance of the purposes of
 15 the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), certain land
 16 in the Los Padres National Forest comprising approxi-
 17 mately 41,617 acres, as generally depicted on the map en-
 18 titled “Fox Mountain Potential Wilderness Area” and
 19 dated ____, is designated as the Fox Mountain Potential
 20 Wilderness Area.

21 (b) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after
 23 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
 24 of Agriculture shall file a map and a legal descrip-
 25 tion of the Fox Mountain Potential Wilderness Area

1 (referred to in this section as the “potential wilder-
2 ness area”) with—

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

5 (B) the Committee on Energy and Natural
6 Resources of the Senate.

7 (2) FORCE OF LAW.—The map and legal de-
8 scription filed under paragraph (1) shall have the
9 same force and effect as if included in this Act, ex-
10 cept that the Secretary of Agriculture may correct
11 any clerical and typographical errors in the map and
12 legal description.

13 (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The map and legal
14 description filed under paragraph (1) shall be on file
15 and available for public inspection in the appropriate
16 offices of the Forest Service.

17 (c) MANAGEMENT.—Except as provided in subsection
18 (d) and subject to valid existing rights, the Secretary shall
19 manage the potential wilderness area in accordance with
20 the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.).

21 (d) TRAIL USE CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION,
22 AND REALIGNMENT.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with para-
24 graph (2), the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized
25 to—

1 (A) construct a new trail for use by hikers,
2 equestrians, and mechanized vehicles that con-
3 nects the Aliso Park Campground to the Bull
4 Ridge Trail; and

5 (B) reconstruct or realign the—

6 (i) Bull Ridge Trail; and

7 (ii) Rocky Ridge Trail.

8 (2) REQUIREMENT.—In carrying out the con-
9 struction, reconstruction, or alignment under para-
10 graph (1), the Secretary shall—

11 (A) comply with all existing laws (including
12 regulations); and

13 (B) to the maximum extent practicable,
14 use the minimum tool or administrative practice
15 necessary to accomplish the construction, recon-
16 struction, or alignment with the least amount of
17 adverse impact on wilderness character and re-
18 sources.

19 (3) MOTORIZED VEHICLES AND MACHINERY.—

20 In accordance with paragraph (2), the Secretary
21 may use motorized vehicles and machinery to carry
22 out the trail construction, reconstruction, or realign-
23 ment authorized by this section.

24 (4) MECHANIZED VEHICLES.—The Secretary
25 may permit the use of mechanized vehicles on the

1 existing Bull Ridge Trail and Rocky Ridge Trail in
2 accordance with existing law (including regulations)
3 and this section until such date as the potential wil-
4 derness area is designated wilderness in accordance
5 with subsection (h).

6 (e) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
7 the Federal land in the potential wilderness area is with-
8 drawn from all forms of—

9 (1) entry, appropriation, or disposal under the
10 public land laws;

11 (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining
12 laws; and

13 (3) disposition under all laws pertaining to min-
14 eral and geothermal leasing or mineral materials.

15 (f) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—In carrying out
16 this section, the Secretary may enter into cooperative
17 agreements with State, tribal, and local governmental enti-
18 ties and private entities to complete the trail construction,
19 reconstruction, and realignment authorized by subsection
20 (d).

21 (g) BOUNDARIES.—The Secretary shall modify the
22 boundary of the potential wilderness area to exclude any
23 area within 50 feet of the centerline of the new location
24 of any trail that has been constructed, reconstructed, or
25 realigned under subsection (d).

1 (h) WILDERNESS DESIGNATION.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—The potential wilderness
3 area, as modified under subsection (g), shall be des-
4 ignated as wilderness and as a component of the Na-
5 tional Wilderness Preservation System on the date
6 on which the Secretary publishes in the Federal
7 Register notice that the trail construction, recon-
8 struction, or alignment authorized by subsection (d)
9 has been completed or 20 years after the date of the
10 enactment of this Act, whichever comes sooner.

11 (2) ADMINISTRATION OF WILDERNESS.—Upon
12 designation as wilderness under this section, the po-
13 tential wilderness area shall be—

14 (A) incorporated into the San Rafael Wil-
15 derness, as designated by Public Law 90–271
16 (82 Stat. 51), the California Wilderness Act of
17 1984 (Public Law 98–425; 16 U.S.C. 1132
18 note), and the Los Padres Condor Range and
19 River Protection Act (Public Law 102–301; 106
20 Stat. 242), and section 3; and

21 (B) administered in accordance with sec-
22 tion 5 and the Wilderness Act.

23 **SEC. 8. DESIGNATION OF SCENIC AREAS.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
25 there are established the following scenic areas:

1 (1) CONDOR RIDGE SCENIC AREA.—Certain
 2 land in the Los Padres National Forest comprising
 3 approximately 18,666 acres, as generally depicted on
 4 the map entitled “Condor Ridge Scenic Area—Pro-
 5 posed” and dated _____, which shall be managed
 6 as the Condor Ridge Scenic Area.

7 (2) BLACK MOUNTAIN SCENIC AREA.—Certain
 8 land in the Los Padres National Forest and the Ba-
 9 kersfield Field Office of the Bureau of Land Man-
 10 agement comprising approximately 15,846 acres, as
 11 generally depicted on the map entitled “Black Moun-
 12 tain Scenic Area—Proposed” and dated _____,
 13 which shall be managed as the Black Mountain Sce-
 14 nic Area.

15 (b) MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after
 17 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
 18 of Agriculture shall file a map and a legal descrip-
 19 tion of the Condor Ridge Scenic Area and Black
 20 Mountain Scenic Area with—

21 (A) the Committee on Natural Resources
 22 of the House of Representatives; and

23 (B) the Committee on Energy and Natural
 24 Resources of the Senate.

1 (2) FORCE OF LAW.—The maps and legal de-
2 scriptions filed under paragraph (1) shall have the
3 same force and effect as if included in this Act, ex-
4 cept that the Secretary of Agriculture may correct
5 any clerical and typographical errors in the map and
6 legal description.

7 (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The maps and
8 legal descriptions filed under paragraph (1) shall be
9 on file and available for public inspection in the ap-
10 propriate offices of the Forest Service and Bureau
11 of Land Management.

12 (c) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the scenic areas is to
13 conserve, protect, and enhance for the benefit and enjoy-
14 ment of present and future generations the ecological, sce-
15 nic, wildlife, recreational, cultural, historical, natural, edu-
16 cational, and scientific resources of the scenic areas.

17 (d) MANAGEMENT.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall admin-
19 ister the scenic areas—

20 (A) in a manner that conserves, protects,
21 and enhances the resources of the scenic areas;
22 and

23 (B) in accordance with—

24 (i) this section;

1 (ii) the Federal Land Policy and Man-
2 agement Act (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) for
3 lands under the jurisdiction of the Sec-
4 retary of the Interior;

5 (iii) any laws (including regulations)
6 relating to the National Forest System, for
7 lands under the jurisdiction of the Sec-
8 retary of Agriculture; and

9 (iv) any other applicable law (includ-
10 ing regulations).

11 (2) USES.—The Secretary shall only allow such
12 uses of the scenic areas that the Secretary deter-
13 mines would further the purposes described in sub-
14 section (c).

15 (e) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
16 the Federal land in the scenic areas is withdrawn from
17 all forms of—

18 (1) entry, appropriation, or disposal under the
19 public land laws;

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

22 (3) disposition under all laws pertaining to min-
23 eral and geothermal leasing or mineral materials.

24 (f) PROHIBITED USES.—The following shall be pro-
25 hibited on the Federal land within the scenic areas:

1 (1) Permanent roads.

2 (2) Permanent structures.

3 (3) Timber harvesting.

4 (4) Transmission lines.

5 (5) Except as necessary to meet the minimum
6 requirements for the administration of the scenic
7 areas and to protect public health and safety—

8 (A) the use of motorized vehicles; or

9 (B) the establishment of temporary roads.

10 (6) Commercial enterprises, except as necessary
11 for realizing the purposes of the scenic areas.

12 (g) WILDFIRE, INSECT, AND DISEASE MANAGE-
13 MENT.—Consistent with this section, the Secretary may
14 take any measures in the scenic areas that the Secretary
15 determines to be necessary to control fire, insects, and dis-
16 eases, including, as the Secretary determines appropriate,
17 the coordination of those activities with the State or a
18 local agency.

19 **SEC. 9. CONDOR NATIONAL RECREATION TRAIL.**

20 (a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Condor National
21 Recreation Trail is to provide a continual hiking trail cor-
22 ridor spanning the entire length of the Los Padres Na-
23 tional Forest along the coastal mountains of Central Cali-
24 fornia. The trail is named after the California Condor, a
25 critically endangered bird species which lives along the ex-

1 tent of the Condor Trail within the National Forest. The
 2 trail will traverse a diversity of geography and commu-
 3 nities through the southern and northern sections of the
 4 Los Padres National Forest.

5 (b) AMENDMENT.—Section 5(a) the National Trails
 6 System Act (16 U.S.C. 1244(a)) is amended by adding
 7 the following:

8 “(31) CONDOR NATIONAL RECREATION
 9 TRAIL.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Condor National
 11 Recreation Trail, extending approximately
 12 _____ miles from Lake Piru to the Botchers
 13 Gap Campground in Monterey County corridor,
 14 as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Con-
 15 dor National Recreation Trail—Proposed’ and
 16 dated _____.

17 “(B) ADMINISTRATION.—The Condor Na-
 18 tional Recreation Trail (referred to in this sec-
 19 tion as the ‘trail’) shall be administered by the
 20 Secretary of Agriculture, in consultation with—

21 “(i) other Federal, State, tribal, re-
 22 gional, and local agencies;

23 “(ii) private landowners; and

24 “(iii) other interested organizations.

1 “(C) CONTINUAL ROUTE.—In building new
2 connectors, and realigning the existing trail, the
3 Secretary shall provide for a continual route
4 through the southern and northern Los Padres
5 National Forest, promote recreational, wilder-
6 ness and cultural values, enhance connectivity
7 with the overall National Forest trail system,
8 emphasize safe and continuous public access,
9 dispersal from high-use areas, and suitable
10 water sources, and, to the extent practicable,
11 provide all-year use.

12 “(D) PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS.—

13 “(i) IN GENERAL.—No portions of the
14 trail may be located on non-Federal land
15 without the written consent of the land-
16 owner.

17 “(ii) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary
18 shall not acquire for the trail any land or
19 interest in land outside the exterior bound-
20 ary of any federally managed area without
21 the consent of the owner of land or interest
22 in land.

23 “(iii) EFFECT.—Nothing in this sec-
24 tion—

1 “(I) requires any private prop-
2 erty owner to allow public access (in-
3 cluding Federal, State, or local gov-
4 ernment access) to private property;
5 or

6 “(II) modifies any provision of
7 Federal, State, or local law with re-
8 spect to public access to or use of pri-
9 vate land.

10 “(E) MAP.—The map referred to in sub-
11 paragraph (A) shall be on file and available for
12 public inspection in the appropriate offices of
13 the Forest Service.

14 “(F) STUDY.—

15 “(i) STUDY REQUIRED.—Not later
16 than 3 years after the date of the enact-
17 ment of this paragraph, the Secretary of
18 Agriculture shall submit to the Committee
19 on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-
20 resentatives and Committee on Energy and
21 Natural Resources of the Senate a study
22 that describes the feasibility of, and alter-
23 natives for, connecting the northern and
24 southern portions of the Los Padres Na-
25 tional Forest using a trail corridor across

1 the applicable portions of the Northern
 2 and Southern Santa Lucia Mountains of
 3 the Southern California Coastal Range.

4 “(ii) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT.—In
 5 completing the study required by clause
 6 (i), the Secretary of Agriculture shall con-
 7 sult with—

8 “(I) appropriate Federal, State,
 9 tribal, regional, and local agencies;

10 “(II) private landowners;

11 “(III) nongovernmental organiza-
 12 tions; and

13 “(IV) members of the public.”.

14 (c) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—In carrying out
 15 this section, the Secretary may enter into cooperative
 16 agreements with State, tribal, and local government enti-
 17 ties and private entities to complete needed trail construc-
 18 tion, reconstruction, and realignment projects authorized
 19 by this section.

20 **SEC. 10. FOREST SERVICE STUDY.**

21 Not later than 3 years after the date of the enact-
 22 ment of this Act, the Forest Service shall study the feasi-
 23 bility of opening a new trail, for vehicles measuring 50
 24 inches or less, connecting Forest Service Highway 95 to

1 the existing off-highway vehicle trail system in the
 2 Ballinger Canyon off-highway vehicle area.

3 **SEC. 11. NONMOTORIZED RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES.**

4 Not later than 2 years after the date of the enact-
 5 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture, in consulta-
 6 tion with interested parties, shall conduct a study to im-
 7 prove nonmotorized recreation trail opportunities (includ-
 8 ing mountain bicycling) on land not designated as wilder-
 9 ness within the Santa Barbara, Ojai, and Mt. Pinos rang-
 10 er districts.

11 **SEC. 12. USE BY MEMBERS OF NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES.**

12 (a) ACCESS.—The Secretary shall ensure that Indian
 13 tribes have access, in accordance with the Wilderness Act
 14 (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), to the wilderness areas, scenic
 15 areas, and potential wilderness areas designated by this
 16 Act for traditional cultural and religious purposes.”.

17 (b) TEMPORARY CLOSURES.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out this sub-
 19 section, the Secretary, on request of an Indian tribe,
 20 may temporarily close to the general public 1 or
 21 more specific portions of a wilderness area, scenic
 22 area, and potential wilderness area designated by
 23 this Act to protect the privacy of the members of the
 24 Indian tribe in the conduct of traditional cultural
 25 and religious activities.

1 (2) REQUIREMENT.—Any closure under para-
2 graph (1) shall be—

3 (A) made in such a manner as to affect
4 the smallest practicable area for the minimum
5 period of time necessary for the activity to be
6 carried out; and

7 (B) be consistent with the purpose and in-
8 tent of Public Law 95–341 (42 U.S.C. 1996),
9 commonly referred to as the American Indian
10 Religious Freedom Act, and the Wilderness Act
11 (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.).

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