

Public Law 98-406
96th Congress

An Act

To designate certain national forest lands in the State of Arizona as wilderness, and for other purposes.

Aug. 28, 1984
[H.R. 4707]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Arizona Wilderness Act of 1984".

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TITLE I

SEC. 101. (a) In furtherance of the purposes of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131-1136), the following lands in the State of Arizona are hereby designated as wilderness and therefore as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System:

(1) certain lands in the Prescott National Forest, which comprise approximately five thousand four hundred and twenty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Apache Creek Wilderness—Proposed", dated February 1984, and which shall be known as the Apache Creek Wilderness;

16 USC 1132
note.

(2) certain lands in the Prescott National Forest, which comprise approximately fourteen thousand nine hundred and fifty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Cedar Bench Wilderness—Proposed", dated August 1984, and which shall be known as the Cedar Bench Wilderness;

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(3) certain lands in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, which comprise approximately eleven thousand and eighty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Bear Wallow Wilderness—Proposed", dated March 1984, and which shall be known as the Bear Wallow Wilderness;

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(4) certain lands in the Prescott National Forest, which comprise approximately twenty-six thousand and thirty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Castle Creek Wilderness—Proposed", dated August 1984, and which shall be known as the Castle Creek Wilderness;

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(5) certain lands in the Coronado National Forest, which comprise approximately sixty-nine thousand seven hundred acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Chiricahua Wilderness—Proposed", dated March 1984, and which are hereby incorporated in and shall be deemed part of the Chiricahua Wilderness, as designated by Public Law 88-577;

16 USC 1131
note.

(6) certain lands in the Coconino National Forest, which comprise approximately eleven thousand five hundred and fifty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Fossil Springs Wilderness—Proposed", dated April 1984, and which shall be known as the Fossil Springs Wilderness;

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note.

(7) certain lands in the Tonto National Forest, which comprise approximately fifty-three thousand five hundred acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Four Peaks Wilderness—Proposed", dated April 1984, and which shall be known as the Four Peaks Wilderness;

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(d) The provisions of this section shall also apply to national forest system roadless lands in the State of Arizona which are less than five thousand acres in size.

SEC. 104. Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274) is amended by inserting the following after paragraph (5):

"(51) VERDE, ARIZONA.—The segment from the boundary between national forest and private land in sections 26 and 27, township 13 north, range 5 east, Gila Salt River meridian, downstream to the confluence with Red Creek, as generally depicted on a map entitled 'Verde River—Wild and Scenic River', dated March 1984, which is on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Chief, Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture; to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture. This designation shall not prevent water users receiving Central Arizona Project water allocations from diverting that water through an exchange agreement with downstream water users in accordance with Arizona water law. After consultation with State and local governments and the interested public and within two years after the date of enactment of this paragraph, the Secretary shall take such action as is required under subsection (b) of this section."

Water.

SEC. 105. There are added to the Chiricahua National Monument, in the State of Arizona, established by Proclamation Numbered 1692 of April 18, 1924 (43 Stat. 1946) certain lands in the Coronado National Forest which comprise approximately eight hundred and fifty acres as generally depicted on the map entitled "Bonita Creek Watershed", dated May 1984, retained by the United States Park Service, Washington, D.C. The area added by this paragraph shall be administered by the National Park Service as wilderness.

TITLE II

SEC. 201. The Congress finds that—

(1) the Aravaipa Canyon, situated in the Galiuro Mountains in the Sonoran desert region of southern Arizona, is a primitive place of great natural beauty that, due to the rare presence of a perennial stream, supports an extraordinary abundance and diversity of native plant, fish, and wildlife, making it a resource of national significance; and

(2) the Aravaipa Canyon should, together with certain adjoining public lands, be incorporated within the National Wilderness Preservation System in order to provide for the preservation and protection of this relatively undisturbed but fragile complex of desert, riparian and aquatic ecosystems, and the native plant, fish, and wildlife communities dependent on it, as well as to protect and preserve the area's great scenic, geologic, and historical values, to a greater degree than would be possible in the absence of wilderness designation.

SEC. 202. In furtherance of the purposes of the Wilderness Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 890, 16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) and consistent with the policies and provisions of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (90 Stat. 2743; 43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), certain public lands in Graham and Pinal Counties, Arizona, which comprise approximately six thousand six hundred and seventy acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness—Proposed" and dated May 1980, are hereby designated as the Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness and, therefore, as a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

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