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[Report No. 113-686]

To expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 23, 2013

Mr. REICHERT (for himself and Ms. DELBENE) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

DECEMBER 22, 2014

Additional sponsors: Mr. SMITH of Washington and Mr. McDERMOTT

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 23, 2013]

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 “Alpine Lakes Wilderness*
5 *Additions and Pratt and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Rivers*
6 *Protection Act”.*

7 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF ALPINE LAKES WILDERNESS.**

8 *(a) IN GENERAL.—There is designated as wilderness*
9 *and as a component of the National Wilderness Preserva-*
10 *tion System certain Federal land in the Mount Baker-*
11 *Snoqualmie National Forest in the State of Washington*
12 *comprising approximately 21,493 acres that is within the*
13 *Proposed Alpine Lakes Wilderness Additions Boundary, as*
14 *generally depicted on the map entitled “HR 361, Alpine*
15 *Lakes Wilderness Additions and Pratt and Middle Fork*
16 *Snoqualmie Rivers Protection Act, 2013” and dated Octo-*
17 *ber 25, 2013, which is incorporated in and shall be consid-*
18 *ered to be a part of the Alpine Lakes Wilderness.*

19 *(b) ADMINISTRATION.—*

20 *(1) MANAGEMENT.—Subject to valid existing*
21 *rights, the land designated as wilderness by subsection*
22 *(a) shall be administered by the Secretary of Agri-*
23 *culture (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”),*
24 *in accordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C.*
25 *1131 et seq.), except that any reference in that Act to*

1 *the effective date of that Act shall be considered to be*
2 *a reference to the date of enactment of this Act, and*
3 *in accordance with section 4 of this Act.*

4 (2) *MILITARY OVERFLIGHTS.—Nothing in this*
5 *section restricts or precludes—*

6 (A) *low-level overflights of military aircraft*
7 *over the area designated as wilderness under this*
8 *section, including military overflights that can*
9 *be seen or heard within any wilderness area;*

10 (B) *flight testing and evaluation; or*

11 (C) *the designation or creation of new units*
12 *of special use airspace, or the establishment of*
13 *military flight training routes over the wilder-*
14 *ness area.*

15 (3) *PREVENTION OF WILDFIRES.—The designa-*
16 *tion of wilderness under this section shall not be con-*
17 *strued to interfere with the authority of the Secretary*
18 *of Agriculture to authorize mechanical thinning of*
19 *trees or underbrush to prevent or control the spread*
20 *of wildfires, or conditions creating the risk of wildfire*
21 *that threaten areas outside the boundary of the wil-*
22 *derness, or the use of mechanized equipment for wild-*
23 *fire pre-suppression and suppression.*

24 (4) *MAP AND DESCRIPTION.—*

1 (A) *IN GENERAL.*—As soon as practicable
2 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
3 retary shall file a map and a legal description
4 of the land designated as wilderness by sub-
5 section (a) with—

6 (i) the Committee on Natural Re-
7 sources of the House of Representatives; and

8 (ii) the Committee on Energy and Nat-
9 ural Resources of the Senate.

10 (B) *FORCE OF LAW.*—A map and legal de-
11 scription filed under subparagraph (A) shall
12 have the same force and effect as if included in
13 this Act, except that the Secretary may correct
14 minor errors in the map and legal description.

15 (C) *PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.*—The map and
16 legal description filed under subparagraph (A)
17 shall be filed and made available for public in-
18 spection in the appropriate office of the Forest
19 Service.

20 **SEC. 3. WILD AND SCENIC RIVER DESIGNATIONS.**

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

24 “(____) *MIDDLE FORK SNOQUALMIE, WASH-*
25 *INGTON.*—Subject to subparagraph (C), the 27.4-mile

1 *segment from the headwaters of the Middle Fork*
2 *Snoqualmie River near La Bohn Gap in NE 1/4 sec.*
3 *20, T. 24 N., R. 13 E., to the northern boundary of*
4 *sec. 11, T. 23 N., R. 9 E., to be administered by the*
5 *Secretary of Agriculture in the following classifica-*
6 *tions:*

7 “(A) *The approximately 6.4-mile segment*
8 *from the headwaters of the Middle Fork*
9 *Snoqualmie River near La Bohn Gap in NE 1/*
10 *4 sec. 20, T. 24 N., R. 13 E., to the west section*
11 *line of sec. 3, T. 23 N., R. 12 E., as a wild river.*

12 “(B) *The approximately 21-mile segment*
13 *from the west section line of sec. 3, T. 23 N., R.*
14 *12 E., to the northern boundary of sec. 11, T. 23*
15 *N., R. 9 E., as a scenic river.*

16 “(C) *The Secretary of Agriculture may not*
17 *acquire by condemnation any land or interest in*
18 *land within the boundaries of the Wild and Sce-*
19 *nic River segments designated by this para-*
20 *graph. Private or non-Federal public property*
21 *shall not be included within the boundaries of*
22 *the Wild and Scenic River segments designated*
23 *by this paragraph unless the owner of such prop-*
24 *erty has consented in writing to having that*
25 *property included in such boundaries.*

1 “(_____) PRATT RIVER, WASHINGTON.—*The en-*
2 *tirety of the Pratt River in the State of Washington,*
3 *located in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National*
4 *Forest, to be administered by the Secretary of Agri-*
5 *culture as a wild river. The Secretary of Agriculture*
6 *may not acquire by condemnation any land or inter-*
7 *est in land within the boundaries of the Wild and*
8 *Scenic River segments designated by this paragraph.*
9 *Private or non-Federal public property shall not be*
10 *included within the boundaries of the Wild and Sce-*
11 *nic River segments designated by this paragraph un-*
12 *less the owner of such property has consented in writ-*
13 *ing to having that property included in such bound-*
14 *aries.”.*

15 **SEC. 4. ADJACENT LAND MANAGEMENT.**

16 *Nothing in this Act—*

17 (1) *establishes or authorizes the establishment of*
18 *a protective perimeter or buffer zone around the*
19 *boundaries of the Wild and Scenic River segments or*
20 *wilderness designated by this Act; or*

21 (2) *precludes, limits, or restricts an activity*
22 *from being conducted outside such boundaries, includ-*
23 *ing an activity that can be seen or heard from within*
24 *such boundaries.*

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