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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

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## 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 igned 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 Siskiyou 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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