

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 432

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## AN ACT

To designate the Cerro del Yuta and Río San Antonio Wilderness Areas in the State of New Mexico, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Cerros del Norte Con-  
3 servation Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-  
7 titled “Río Grande del Norte National Monument  
8 Proposed Wilderness Areas” and dated July 28,  
9 2015.

10 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
11 the Secretary of the Interior.

12 (3) WILDERNESS AREA.—The term “wilderness  
13 area” means a wilderness area designated by section  
14 3(a).

15 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF CERRO DEL YUTA AND RÍO SAN**  
16 **ANTONIO WILDERNESS AREAS.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with the Wilderness  
18 Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the following areas in the  
19 Río Grande del Norte National Monument are designated  
20 as wilderness and as components of the National Wilder-  
21 ness Preservation System:

22 (1) CERRO DEL YUTA WILDERNESS.—Certain  
23 land administered by the Bureau of Land Manage-  
24 ment in Taos County, New Mexico, comprising ap-  
25 proximately 13,420 acres as generally depicted on

1 the map, which shall be known as the “Cerro del  
2 Yuta Wilderness”.

3 (2) RÍO SAN ANTONIO WILDERNESS.—Certain  
4 land administered by the Bureau of Land Manage-  
5 ment in Río Arriba County, New Mexico, comprising  
6 approximately 8,120 acres, as generally depicted on  
7 the map, which shall be known as the “Río San An-  
8 tonio Wilderness”.

9 (b) MANAGEMENT OF WILDERNESS AREAS.—Subject  
10 to valid existing rights, the wilderness areas shall be ad-  
11 ministered in accordance with the Wilderness Act (16  
12 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) and this Act, except that with respect  
13 to the wilderness areas designated by this Act—

14 (1) any reference to the effective date of the  
15 Wilderness Act shall be considered to be a reference  
16 to the date of enactment of this Act; and

17 (2) any reference in the Wilderness Act to the  
18 Secretary of Agriculture shall be considered to be a  
19 reference to the Secretary.

20 (c) INCORPORATION OF ACQUIRED LAND AND INTER-  
21 ESTS IN LAND.—Any land or interest in land within the  
22 boundary of the wilderness areas that is acquired by the  
23 United States shall—

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

1 (2) be managed in accordance with—

2 (A) the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et  
3 seq.);

4 (B) this Act; and

5 (C) any other applicable laws.

6 (d) GRAZING.—Grazing of livestock in the wilderness  
7 areas, where established before the date of enactment of  
8 this Act, shall be administered in accordance with—

9 (1) section 4(d)(4) of the Wilderness Act (16  
10 U.S.C. 1133(d)(4)); and

11 (2) the guidelines set forth in appendix A of the  
12 Report of the Committee on Interior and Insular Af-  
13 fairs to accompany H.R. 2570 of the 101st Congress  
14 (H. Rept. 101–405).

15 (e) BUFFER ZONES.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this Act creates  
17 a protective perimeter or buffer zone around the wil-  
18 derness areas.

19 (2) ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE WILDERNESS  
20 AREAS.—The fact that an activity or use on land  
21 outside a wilderness area can be seen or heard with-  
22 in the wilderness area shall not preclude the activity  
23 or use outside the boundary of the wilderness area.

24 (f) RELEASE OF WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS.—Con-  
25 gress finds that, for purposes of section 603(c) of the Fed-

1 eral Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.  
2 1782(c)), the public land within the San Antonio Wilder-  
3 ness Study Area not designated as wilderness by this sec-  
4 tion—

5 (1) has been adequately studied for wilderness  
6 designation;

7 (2) is no longer subject to section 603(c) of the  
8 Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976  
9 (43 U.S.C. 1782(c)); and

10 (3) shall be managed in accordance with this  
11 Act.

12 (g) MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after  
14 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
15 shall file the map and legal descriptions of the wil-  
16 derness areas with—

17 (A) the Committee on Energy and Natural  
18 Resources of the Senate; and

19 (B) the Committee on Natural Resources  
20 of the House of Representatives.

21 (2) FORCE OF LAW.—The map and legal de-  
22 scriptions filed under paragraph (1) shall have the  
23 same force and effect as if included in this Act, ex-  
24 cept that the Secretary may correct errors in the  
25 legal description and map.

1           (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The map and legal  
2       descriptions filed under paragraph (1) shall be on  
3       file and available for public inspection in the appro-  
4       priate offices of the Bureau of Land Management.

5       (h) NATIONAL LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION SYS-  
6       TEM.—The wilderness areas shall be administered as com-  
7       ponents of the National Landscape Conservation System.

8       (i) FISH AND WILDLIFE.—Nothing in this Act affects  
9       the jurisdiction of the State of New Mexico with respect  
10      to fish and wildlife located on public land in the State.

11      (j) WITHDRAWALS.—Subject to valid existing rights,  
12      any Federal land within the wilderness areas designated  
13      by subsection (a), including any land or interest in land  
14      that is acquired by the United States after the date of  
15      enactment of this Act, is withdrawn from—

16           (1) entry, appropriation, or disposal under the  
17           public land laws;

18           (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining  
19           laws; and

20           (3) operation of the mineral leasing, mineral  
21           materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

- 1 (k) TREATY RIGHTS.—Nothing in this Act enlarges,
- 2 diminishes, or otherwise modifies any treaty rights.

Passed the Senate December 21, 2017.

Attest:

*Secretary.*

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