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H. R. 539

To designate certain National Forest System land in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 2, 2005

Mr. FORTUÑO (for himself, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Mr. GUTIERREZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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 “Caribbean National
5 Forest Act of 2005”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after
2 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
3 shall—

4 (A) prepare a boundary description of the
5 El Toro Wilderness; and

6 (B) submit the map and the boundary de-
7 scription to the Committee on Energy and Nat-
8 ural Resources of the Senate and the Com-
9 mittee on Resources of the House of Represent-
10 atives.

11 (2) PUBLIC INSPECTION AND TREATMENT.—
12 The map and the boundary description prepared
13 under paragraph (1)(A)—

14 (A) shall be on file and available for public
15 inspection in the office of the Chief of the For-
16 est Service; and

17 (B) shall have the same force and effect as
18 if included in this Act.

19 (3) ERRORS.—The Secretary may correct cler-
20 ical and typographical errors in the map and the
21 boundary description prepared under paragraph
22 (1)(A).

23 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing
25 rights, the Secretary shall administer the El Toro

1 Wilderness in accordance with the Wilderness Act
2 (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) and this Act.

3 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE OF WILDERNESS ACT.—

4 With respect to the El Toro Wilderness, any ref-
5 erence in the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et
6 seq.) to the effective date of that Act shall be
7 deemed to be a reference to the date of the enact-
8 ment of this Act.

9 (d) SPECIAL MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS.—Con-
10 sistent with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.),
11 nothing in this Act precludes the installation and mainte-
12 nance of hydrologic, meteorological, climatological, or at-
13 mospheric data collection and remote transmission facili-
14 ties, or any combination of those facilities, in any case in
15 which the Secretary determines that the facilities are es-
16 sential to the scientific research purposes of the Luquillo
17 Experimental Forest.

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