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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources

AN ACT

To designate the John Krebs Wilderness in the State of California, to add certain land to the Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Sequoia and Kings
3 Canyon National Parks Wilderness Act of 2008”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
7 the Secretary of the Interior.

8 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
9 of California.

10 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS.**

11 In accordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C.
12 1131 et seq.), the following areas in the State are des-
13 igned as wilderness areas and as components of the Na-
14 tional Wilderness Preservation System:

15 (1) JOHN KREBS WILDERNESS.—

16 (A) DESIGNATION.—Certain land in Se-
17 sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, com-
18 prising approximately 69,500 acres of land, and
19 130 acres of potential wilderness additions as
20 generally depicted on the map numbered 102/
21 60014a, titled “John Krebs Wilderness”, and
22 dated March 10, 2008.

23 (B) LIMITATIONS.—The designation of the
24 wilderness under subparagraph (A) does not
25 preclude operation and maintenance of the ex-
26 isting Hockett Meadow Cabin and Quinn Patrol

1 Cabin in the same manner and degree in which
2 the cabins were operated and maintained on the
3 day before the date of enactment of this Act.

4 (C) EFFECT.—Nothing in this paragraph
5 affects—

6 (i) the cabins in, and adjacent to,
7 Mineral King Valley; or

8 (ii) the private inholdings known as
9 “Silver City” and “Kaweah Han”.

10 (D) POTENTIAL WILDERNESS ADDI-
11 TIONS.—The designation of the potential wil-
12 derness additions under subparagraph (A) shall
13 not prohibit the operation, maintenance, and re-
14 pair of the small check dams and water im-
15 poundments on Lower Franklin Lake, Crystal
16 Lake, Upper Monarch Lake, and Eagle Lake.
17 The Secretary is authorized to allow the use of
18 helicopters for the operation, maintenance, and
19 repair of the small check dams and water im-
20 poundments on Lower Franklin Lake, Crystal
21 Lake, Upper Monarch Lake, and Eagle Lake.
22 The potential wilderness additions shall be des-
23 ignated as wilderness and incorporated into the
24 John Krebs Wilderness established by this Act
25 upon termination of the non-conforming uses.

1 (2) SEQUOIA-KINGS CANYON WILDERNESS AD-
2 DITION.—Certain land in Sequoia and Kings Canyon
3 National Parks, California, comprising approxi-
4 mately 45,186 acres as generally depicted on the
5 map titled “Sequoia-Kings Canyon Wilderness Addi-
6 tion”, numbered 102/60015a, and dated March 10,
7 2008, is incorporated in, and shall be considered to
8 be a part of, the Sequoia-Kings Canyon Wilderness.

9 **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
11 each area designated as wilderness by this Act shall be
12 administered by the Secretary in accordance with the Wil-
13 derness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), except that any ref-
14 erence in the Wilderness Act to the effective date of the
15 Wilderness Act shall be considered to be a reference to
16 the date of enactment of this Act.

17 (b) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

18 (1) SUBMISSION OF MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIP-
19 TION.—As soon as practicable, but not later than 3
20 years, after the date of enactment of this Act, the
21 Secretary shall file a map and legal description of
22 each area designated as wilderness by this Act
23 with—

24 (A) the Committee on Energy and Natural
25 Resources of the Senate; and

1 (B) the Committee on Natural Resources
2 of the House of Representatives.

3 (2) FORCE AND EFFECT.—The map and legal
4 description filed under paragraph (1) shall have the
5 same force and effect as if included in this Act, ex-
6 cept that the Secretary may correct any clerical or
7 typographical error in the map or legal description.

8 (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The map and legal
9 description filed under paragraph (1) shall be on file
10 and available for public inspection in the Office of
11 the Secretary.

12 (c) HYDROLOGIC, METEOROLOGIC, AND CLIMATO-
13 LOGICAL DEVICES, FACILITIES, AND ASSOCIATED EQUIP-
14 MENT.—The Secretary shall continue to manage mainte-
15 nance and access to hydrologic, meteorologic, and climato-
16 logical devices, facilities and associated equipment con-
17 sistent with House Report 98–40.

18 (d) NO BUFFER ZONES.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this Act creates
20 a protective perimeter or buffer zone around an area
21 designated as wilderness by this Act.

22 (2) ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE WILDERNESS.—Noth-
23 ing in this Act precludes authorized activities con-
24 ducted outside of the areas designated as wilderness
25 by this Act by cabin owners (or their designees) in

1 the Mineral King Valley area, or the property own-
2 ers (or their designees) or lessees in the Silver City
3 private inholding (as identified on the map titled
4 “John Krebs Wilderness” and dated March 10,
5 2008).

6 (e) HORSEBACK RIDING.—Nothing in this Act pre-
7 cludes horseback riding in, or the entry of recreational or
8 commercial saddle or pack stock into, an area designated
9 as wilderness by this Act.

10 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

11 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
12 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

Passed the House of Representatives June 9, 2008.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.