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[Report No. 110-694]

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 12, 2007

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

JUNE 5, 2008

Additional sponsors: Ms. LEE and Mr. TOWNS

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on July 12, 2007]

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 *This Act may be cited as the “Sequoia and Kings Can-*
3 *yon 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. 1131*
12 *et seq.), the following areas in the State are designated as*
13 *wilderness areas and as components of the National Wilder-*
14 *ness Preservation System:*

15 (1) *JOHN KREBS WILDERNESS.*—

16 (A) *DESIGNATION.*—*Certain land in Se-*
17 *quoia 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 pre-*
25 *clude operation and maintenance of the existing*
26 *Hockett Meadow Cabin and Quinn Patrol Cabin*

1 *in the same manner and degree in which the*
2 *cabins were operated and maintained on the day*
3 *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, Min-*
7 *eral King Valley; or*

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

10 (D) *POTENTIAL WILDERNESS ADDITIONS.*—

11 *The designation of the potential wilderness addi-*
12 *tions under subparagraph (A) shall not prohibit*
13 *the operation, maintenance, and repair of the*
14 *small check dams and water impoundments on*
15 *Lower Franklin Lake, Crystal Lake, Upper Mon-*
16 *arch Lake, and Eagle Lake. The Secretary is au-*
17 *thorized to allow the use of helicopters for the op-*
18 *eration, maintenance, and repair of the small*
19 *check dams and water impoundments on Lower*
20 *Franklin Lake, Crystal Lake, Upper Monarch*
21 *Lake, and Eagle Lake. The potential wilderness*
22 *additions shall be designated as wilderness and*
23 *incorporated into the John Krebs Wilderness es-*
24 *tablished by this Act upon termination of the*
25 *non-conforming uses.*

1 (2) *SEQUOIA-KINGS CANYON WILDERNESS ADDI-*
2 *TION.—Certain land in Sequoia and Kings Canyon*
3 *National Parks, California, comprising approxi-*
4 *mately 45,186 acres as generally depicted on the map*
5 *titled “Sequoia-Kings Canyon Wilderness Addition”,*
6 *numbered 102/60015a, and dated March 10, 2008, is*
7 *incorporated in, and shall be considered to be a part*
8 *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 ad-*
12 *ministered by the Secretary in accordance with the Wilder-*
13 *ness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), except that any reference*
14 *in the Wilderness Act to the effective date of the Wilderness*
15 *Act shall be considered to be a reference to the date of enact-*
16 *ment 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 Sec-*
21 *retary shall file a map and legal description of each*
22 *area designated as wilderness by this Act with—*

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

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

3 (2) *FORCE AND EFFECT.*—*The map and legal de-*
4 *scription filed under paragraph (1) shall have the*
5 *same force and effect as if included in this Act, except*
6 *that the Secretary may correct any clerical or typo-*
7 *graphical 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 the*
11 *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 a*
20 *protective perimeter or buffer zone around an area*
21 *designated as wilderness by this Act.*

22 (2) *ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE WILDERNESS.*—*Nothing*
23 *in this Act precludes authorized activities conducted*
24 *outside of the areas designated as wilderness by this*
25 *Act by cabin owners (or their designees) in the Min-*

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

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

9 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

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

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