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To designate certain lands in the State of Colorado as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, and for other purposes.

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Mr. HEFLEY (for himself, Mr. MCINNIS, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. SCHAEFER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural 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 “Colorado Wilderness
5 Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONS TO THE WILDERNESS PRESERVATION**
7 **SYSTEM.**

8 (a) ADDITIONS.—The following lands in the State of
9 Colorado are hereby designated as wilderness and, there-

1 fore, as components of the National Wilderness Preserva-
2 tion System:

3 (1) Certain lands in the Gunnison Basin Re-
4 source Area administered by the Bureau of Land
5 Management which comprise approximately 1,470
6 acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled
7 “American Flats Additions to the Big Blue Wilder-
8 ness—Proposal”, dated May 1991, and which are
9 hereby incorporated in and shall be deemed to be a
10 part of the Big Blue Wilderness designated by Pub-
11 lic Law 96–560.

12 (2) Certain lands in the Gunnison Resource
13 Area administered by the Bureau of Land Manage-
14 ment which comprise approximately 140 acres, as
15 generally depicted on a map entitled “Larson Creek
16 Addition to the Big Blue Wilderness—Proposal”,
17 dated May 1991, and which are hereby incorporated
18 in and shall be deemed to be a part of the Big Blue
19 Wilderness designated by Public Law 96–560.

20 (3) Certain lands in the Pike and San Isabel
21 National Forests which comprise approximately
22 40,150 acres, as generally depicted on a map enti-
23 tled “Buffalo Peaks Wilderness—Proposal”, dated
24 May 1991, and which shall be known as the Buf-
25 falo Peaks Wilderness.

1 (4) Certain lands in the Gunnison National
2 Forest and in the Bureau of Land Management
3 Powderhorn Primitive Area which comprise approxi-
4 mately 60,100 acres as generally depicted on a map
5 entitled “Powderhorn Wilderness—Proposal”, dated
6 May 1991, and which shall be known as the
7 Powderhorn Wilderness.

8 (5) Certain lands in the Routt National Forest
9 which comprise approximately 17,300 acres, as gen-
10 erally depicted on a map entitled “Davis Peak Addi-
11 tions to the Mount Zirkel Wilderness Proposal”,
12 dated May 1991, and which are hereby incorporated
13 in and shall be deemed to be a part of the Mount
14 Zirkel Wilderness designated by Public Law 88-555.

15 (6) Certain lands in the San Isabel National
16 Forest which comprise approximately 22,040 acres
17 as generally depicted on a map entitled “Greenhorn
18 Mountain Wilderness—Proposal”, dated May 1991,
19 and which shall be known as the Greenhorn Moun-
20 tain Wilderness.

21 (7) Certain lands in the Grand Mesa,
22 Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests
23 which comprise approximately 32,000 acres as gen-
24 erally depicted on a map entitled “Fossil Ridge

1 Wilderness Proposal”, dated May 1991, and which
2 shall be known as the Fossil Ridge Wilderness Area.

3 (8) Certain lands within the Pike and San Isa-
4 bel National Forests which comprise approximately
5 13,830 acres, as generally depicted on a map enti-
6 tled “Lost Creek Wilderness Proposal”, dated May
7 1991, which are hereby incorporated in and shall be
8 deemed to be a part of the Lost Creek Wilderness
9 designated by Public Law 96-560: *Provided*, That
10 the Secretary of Agriculture (hereinafter in this Act
11 referred to as the “Secretary”) is authorized to ac-
12 quire, only by donation or exchange, various mineral
13 reservations held by the State of Colorado within the
14 boundaries of the Lost Creek Wilderness additions
15 designated by this Act.

16 (9) Certain lands in the Grand Mesa,
17 Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests
18 which comprise approximately 5,000 acres, as gen-
19 erally depicted on a map entitled “Oh-Be-Joyful Ad-
20 dition to the Raggeds Wilderness—Proposal”, dated
21 May 1991, and which are hereby incorporated in
22 and shall be deemed to be a part of the Raggeds
23 Wilderness designated by Public Law 96-560.

24 (10) Certain lands in the San Juan National
25 Forest which comprise approximately 56,000 acres,

1 as generally depicted on a map entitled “Piedra Wil-
2 derness”, dated July 1991 and which shall be known
3 as the Piedra Wilderness: *Provided*, That no motor-
4 ized travel shall be permitted on Forest Service trail
5 number 535, except for snowmobile travel during pe-
6 riods of adequate snow cover.

7 (11) Certain lands in the Grand Mesa,
8 Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests
9 which comprise approximately 18,000 acres, as
10 generally depicted on a map entitled “Roubideau
11 Wilderness—Proposal”, dated May 1991, and which
12 shall be known as the Roubideau Wilderness.

13 (12) Certain lands in the Rio Grande National
14 Forest which comprise approximately 207,330 acres,
15 as generally depicted on a map entitled “Sangre de
16 Cristo Wilderness—Proposal”, dated May 1991, and
17 which shall be known as the Sangre de Cristo
18 Wilderness.

19 (13) Certain lands in the Routt National Forest
20 which comprise approximately 44,000 acres, as gen-
21 erally depicted on a map entitled “Service Creek
22 Wilderness Proposal”, dated May 1991, which shall
23 be known as the Sarvis Creek Wilderness: *Provided*,
24 That the Secretary is authorized to acquire by pur-
25 chase, donation, or exchange, lands or interests

1 therein within the boundaries of the Sarvis Creek
2 Wilderness only with the consent of the owner there-
3 of.

4 (14) Certain lands in the San Juan National
5 Forest which comprise approximately 15,920 acres
6 as generally depicted on a map entitled “South San
7 Juan Expansion Wilderness—Proposal”, (V-Rock
8 Trail and Montezuma Peak), dated May 1991, and
9 which are hereby incorporated in and shall be
10 deemed to be a part of the South San Juan Wilder-
11 ness designated by Public Law 96-560.

12 (15) Certain lands in the White River National
13 Forest which comprise approximately 8,330 acres, as
14 generally depicted on a map entitled “Spruce Creek
15 Additions to the Hunter-Fryingpan Wilderness—
16 Proposal”, dated May 1991, and which are hereby
17 incorporated in and shall be deemed to be a part of
18 the Hunter Fryingpan Wilderness designated by
19 Public Law 95-327: *Provided*, That no right, or
20 claim of right, to the diversion and use of the waters
21 of Hunter Creek, the Fryingpan or Roaring Fork
22 Rivers, or any tributaries of said creeks or rivers, by
23 the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project, Public Law 87-
24 590, and the reauthorization thereof by Public Law
25 93-493, as modified as proposed in the September

1 1959 report of the Bureau of Reclamation entitled
2 “Ruedi Dam and Reservoir, Colorado,” and as fur-
3 ther modified and described in the description of the
4 proposal contained in the final environmental state-
5 ment for said project, dated April 16, 1975, under
6 the laws of the State of Colorado, shall be preju-
7 diced, expanded, diminished, altered, or affected by
8 this Act. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to
9 expand, abate, impair, impede, or interfere with the
10 construction, maintenance, or repair of said
11 Fryingpan-Arkansas Project facilities, nor the oper-
12 ation thereof, pursuant to the Operating Principles,
13 House Document 187, Eighty-third Congress, and
14 pursuant to the water laws of the State of Colorado:
15 *And provided further,* That nothing in this Act shall
16 be construed to impede, limit, or prevent the use of
17 the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project of its diversion sys-
18 tems to their full extent.

19 (16) Certain lands in the Arapaho National
20 Forest which comprise approximately 7,630 acres, as
21 generally depicted on a map entitled “St. Louis
22 Peak Wilderness—Proposal”, dated May 1991, and
23 which shall be known as Byers Peak Wilderness.

24 (17) Certain lands in the Grand Mesa,
25 Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests and

1 in the Bureau of Land Management Montrose Dis-
2 trict which comprise approximately 16,740 acres, as
3 generally depicted on a map entitled “Tabeguache
4 Wilderness—Proposal”, dated May 1991, and which
5 shall be known as the Tabeguache Wilderness.

6 (18) Certain lands in the Arapaho National
7 Forest which comprise approximately 12,300 acres,
8 as generally depicted on a map entitled “Vasquez
9 Peak Wilderness—Proposal”, dated May 1991, and
10 which shall be known as the Vasquez Peak Wilder-
11 ness.

12 (19) Certain lands in the San Juan National
13 Forest which comprise approximately 28,740 acres,
14 as generally depicted on a map entitled “West Nee-
15 dle Wilderness and Weminuche Wilderness Addi-
16 tion—Proposal”, dated May 1991, and which are
17 hereby incorporated in and shall be deemed to be a
18 part of the Weminuche Wilderness designated by
19 Public Law 93-632.

20 (20) Certain lands in the Rio Grande National
21 Forest which comprise approximately 23,100 acres,
22 as generally depicted on a map entitled “Wheeler
23 Additions to the La Garita Wilderness—Proposal”,
24 dated May 1991, and which shall be incorporated

1 into and shall be deemed to be a part of the La
2 Garita Wilderness.

3 (21) Certain lands in the Arapaho National
4 Forest which comprise approximately 12,100 acres,
5 as generally depicted on a map entitled “Williams
6 Fork Wilderness—Proposal”, dated May 1991, and
7 which shall be known as the Farr Wilderness.

8 (22) Certain lands in the Arapaho National
9 Forest which comprise approximately 6,400 acres, as
10 generally depicted on a map entitled “Bowen Gulch
11 Additions to Never Summer Wilderness—Proposal”,
12 dated May 1991, which are hereby incorporated into
13 and shall be deemed to be a part of the Never Sum-
14 mer Wilderness.

15 (b) MAPS AND DESCRIPTION.—As soon as prac-
16 ticable after the date of enactment of this Act, the appro-
17 priate Secretary shall file a map and a legal description
18 of each area designated as wilderness by this Act with the
19 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Unit-
20 ed States Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources
21 of the United States House of Representatives. Each map
22 and description shall have the same force and effect as
23 if included in this Act, except that the Secretary is author-
24 ized to correct clerical and typographical errors in such
25 legal descriptions and maps. Such maps and legal descrip-

1 tions shall be on file and available for public inspection
2 in the Office of the Chief of the Forest Service, Depart-
3 ment of Agriculture and the Office of the Director of the
4 Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior,
5 as appropriate.

6 **SEC. 3. WATER RIGHTS.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

8 (1) since virtually all of the lands designated as
9 wilderness by this Act lie at the headwaters of
10 streams and rivers that arise on those lands, the
11 designation of these lands as wilderness poses few,
12 if any, conflicts with existing water users in view of
13 the provisions of this Act, and the land management
14 agencies can protect these wilderness lands and their
15 water-related resources without asserting either im-
16 plied or express reserved water rights;

17 (2) these particular headwaters areas are not
18 appropriate for new water projects;

19 (3) while the Piedra Wilderness designated by
20 section 2(a)(10) of this Act is located downstream of
21 numerous State-granted conditional and absolute
22 water rights, the Forest Service can adequately pro-
23 tect the water-related resources of this wilderness
24 area by working in coordination with the Colorado
25 Water Conservation Board through a contractual

1 agreement between the Secretary and the Board (as
2 provided in subsection (e) of this section) to protect
3 and enforce instream flow filings established pursu-
4 ant to the provisions of section 37-92-102(3) of the
5 Colorado Revised Statutes by the Colorado Water
6 Court for Division 7; and

7 (4) the water-related values of the existing
8 Platte River Wilderness will be adequately protected
9 by the terms of the equitable apportionment decree
10 that the United States Supreme Court has issued
11 for allocation of the waters of the North Platte River
12 and its tributaries.

13 (b) WATER RIGHTS.—(1) Nothing in this Act or any
14 other Act of Congress shall constitute or be construed to
15 constitute either an express or implied reservation of water
16 or water rights arising from—

17 (A) wilderness designation for the lands des-
18 ignated as wilderness by this Act;

19 (B) the establishment of the Fossil Ridge Na-
20 tional Conservation Area pursuant to section 6 of
21 this Act; or

22 (C) the establishment of the Bowen Gulch
23 Backcountry Recreation Area pursuant to section 7
24 of this Act.

1 (2) The United States may acquire such water rights
2 as it deems necessary to carry out its responsibilities on
3 any lands designated as wilderness by this Act pursuant
4 to the substantive and procedural requirements of the
5 State of Colorado: *Provided*, That nothing in this Act shall
6 be construed to authorize the use of eminent domain to
7 acquire water rights for such lands.

8 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no
9 officer of the United States shall authorize or issue a per-
10 mit for the development of a new water resource facility
11 within the wilderness areas designated by this Act: *Pro-*
12 *vided*, That nothing in this Act shall affect irrigation,
13 pumping and transmission facilities, and water facilities
14 in existence within the boundaries of such wilderness
15 areas, nor shall anything in this Act be construed to limit
16 operation, maintenance, repair, modification or replace-
17 ment of existing facilities as provided in paragraph (f) of
18 this section.

19 (c) PIEDRA WILDERNESS.—The Secretary shall enter
20 into an agreement with the Colorado Water Conservation
21 Board to protect and enforce instream flow filings estab-
22 lished pursuant to the provisions of section 37–92–102(3)
23 of the Colorado Revised Statutes by the Water Court of
24 Water Division 7 of the State of Colorado, and neither
25 the United States nor any other person shall assert any

1 rights for water in the Piedra River for wilderness pur-
2 poses except those established pursuant to the provisions
3 of section 37-92-102(3) of the Colorado Revised Statutes
4 by the Water Court of Water Division 7 of the State of
5 Colorado.

6 (d) NORTH PLATTE RIVER.—Notwithstanding the
7 provisions of this Act or any prior Acts of Congress to
8 the contrary, neither the United States nor any other per-
9 son shall assert any rights which may be determined to
10 have been established for waters of the North Platte River
11 for purposes of the Platte River Wilderness established by
12 Public Law 98-550, located on the Colorado-Wyoming
13 State boundary, to the extent such rights would limit the
14 use or development of water within Colorado by present
15 and future holders of valid water rights in the North
16 Platte River and its tributaries, to the full extent allowed
17 under interstate compact or United States Supreme Court
18 equitable decree. Any such rights shall be junior and sub-
19 ordinate to use or development of Colorado's full entitle-
20 ment to interstate waters of the North Platte River and
21 its tributaries within Colorado allowed under interstate
22 compact or United States Supreme Court equitable decree.

23 (e) INTERSTATE COMPACTS.—Nothing in this Act
24 shall be deemed to alter, modify, or amend any interstate
25 compact or equitable apportionment decree affecting the

1 allocation of water between or among the State of Colo-
2 rado and other States nor the full use and development
3 of such waters, and nothing in this title shall affect or
4 limit the use or development by holders of valid water
5 rights of Colorado's full apportionment of such waters.

6 (f) ACCESS.—Reasonable access shall be allowed to
7 existing water diversion, carriage, storage and ancillary fa-
8 cilities within the wilderness areas designated by this Act,
9 including motorized access where necessary and customar-
10 ily employed on existing routes. The present diversion, car-
11 riage and storage capacity of existing water facilities, and
12 the present condition of existing access routes, may be op-
13 erated, maintained, repaired and replaced as necessary to
14 maintain serviceable conditions: *Provided*, That, unless au-
15 thorized by applicable statute: (i) the original function and
16 impact of an existing facility or access route on wilderness
17 values shall not be increased as a result of changes in op-
18 eration; (ii) existing facilities and access routes shall be
19 maintained and repaired when necessary to prevent in-
20 creased impacts on wilderness values; and (iii) the original
21 function and impact of existing facilities and access routes
22 on wilderness values shall not be increased subsequent to
23 maintenance, repair, or replacement.

24 (g) PRECEDENTS.—Nothing in this section shall be
25 construed as establishing a precedent with regard to any

1 future wilderness designations, nor shall it constitute an
2 interpretation of any other Act or any wilderness designa-
3 tion made pursuant thereto.

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

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—(1) Subject to valid existing
6 rights, each wilderness area designation by this Act shall
7 be administered by the Secretary or the Secretary of the
8 Interior, as appropriate, in accordance with the Wilder-
9 ness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) and this Act, except
10 that, with respect to any wilderness areas designated by
11 this Act, any reference in the Wilderness Act to the effec-
12 tive date of the Wilderness Act shall be deemed to be a
13 reference to the date of enactment of this Act.

14 (2) Administrative jurisdiction over those lands des-
15 igned as wilderness pursuant to paragraphs (1), (2), and
16 (12) of section 2(a) of this Act, and which, as of the date
17 of enactment of this Act, are administered by the Bureau
18 of Land Management, is hereby transferred to the Forest
19 Service.

20 (b) GRAZING.—(1) Grazing of livestock in wilderness
21 areas designated by this Act shall be administered in ac-
22 cordance with the provisions of section 4(d)(4) of the Wil-
23 derness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(4)), as further inter-
24 preted by section 108 of Public Law 96–560.

1 (2) REVIEW.—The Secretary of the Interior is di-
2 rected to review all policies, practices, and regulations of
3 the Bureau of Land Management-administered wilderness
4 areas in Colorado to ensure that such policies, practices,
5 and regulations full conform with and implement the in-
6 tent of Congress regarding grazing in such areas as such
7 intent is expressed in this Act.

8 (c) STATE JURISDICTION.—As provided in section
9 4(d)(7) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(7)),
10 nothing in this Act shall be construed as affecting the ju-
11 risdiction or responsibilities of the State of Colorado with
12 respect to wildlife and fish in Colorado.

13 (d) REPEAL OF WILDERNESS STUDY AND FURTHER
14 PLANNING AREAS STATUS.—(1) Public Law 96-560 is
15 amended by striking sections 105(c) and 106(b).

16 (2) Section 2(e) of the Endangered American Wilder-
17 ness Act of 1978 (92 Stat. 41) is amended by striking
18 “Subject to” and all that follows through “System”.

19 (e) BUFFER ZONES.—Congress does not intend that
20 the designation by this Act of wilderness area areas in the
21 State of Colorado creates or implies the creation of protec-
22 tive perimeters or buffer zones around any wilderness
23 area. The fact that non-wilderness activities or uses can
24 be seen or heard from within a wilderness areas shall not,

1 of itself, preclude such activities or uses up to the bound-
2 ary of the wilderness area.

3 **SEC. 5. WILDERNESS REVIEW CONCERNS.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

5 (1) the Department of Agriculture has ade-
6 quately met the wilderness study requirements of
7 Public Law 96–560, Public Law 95–237, and sec-
8 tion 12(g) of Public Law 98–141;

9 (2) the initial Land and Resource Management
10 Plans and associated environmental impact state-
11 ments (hereinafter referred to as “land and resource
12 management plans”) for the National Forests in the
13 State of Colorado have been completed as required
14 by section 6 of the Forest and Rangeland Renewable
15 Resources Planning Act of 1976;

16 (3) the Department of Agriculture, with sub-
17 stantial public input, has reviewed the wilderness po-
18 tential of these and other areas; and

19 (4) the Congress has made its own examination
20 of National Forest System roadless areas in the
21 State of Colorado and of the environmental impacts
22 associated with alternative allocations of such areas.

23 (b) On the basis of such review, the Congress hereby
24 determines and directs that—

1 (1) with respect to the National Forest System
2 lands in the State of Colorado that were reviewed by
3 the Department of Agriculture in wilderness studies
4 conducted pursuant to Public Law 95–237, Public
5 Law 96–560, and section 12(g) of Public Law 98–
6 141, and the initial land and resource management
7 plans, such reviews shall be deemed for the purposes
8 of the initial land and resource management plans
9 required for such lands by the Forest and Range-
10 land Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974, as
11 amended by the National Forest Management Act of
12 1976, to be an adequate consideration of the suit-
13 ability of such lands for inclusion in the National
14 Wilderness Preservation System and the Department
15 of Agriculture shall not be required to review the
16 wilderness option prior to the revision of the plans
17 but shall review the wilderness option when the
18 plans are revised, which revisions will ordinarily
19 occur on a 10-year cycle, or at least every 15 years,
20 unless prior to such time the Secretary finds that
21 conditions in a unit have significantly changed;

22 (2) except as may be specifically provided in
23 sections 6 and 7 of this Act, those areas in the State
24 of Colorado referred to in subparagraph (1) of this
25 subsection which were not designated as wilderness

1 shall be managed for multiple use in accordance with
2 land and resource management plans pursuant to
3 section 6 of the Forest and Rangeland Renewable
4 Resources Planning Act of 1974, as amended by the
5 National Forest Management Act of 1976: *Provided,*
6 That such areas need not be managed for the pur-
7 pose of protecting their suitability for wilderness
8 designation prior to or during revision of the initial
9 land and resource management plans;

10 (3) in the event that revised land and resource
11 management plans in the State of Colorado are im-
12 plemented pursuant to section 6 of the Forest and
13 Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of
14 1974, as amended by the National Forest Manage-
15 ment Act of 1976, and other applicable laws, areas
16 not recommended for wilderness designation need
17 not be managed for the purpose of protecting their
18 suitability for wilderness designation prior to or dur-
19 ing revision of such plans, and areas recommended
20 for wilderness designation shall be managed for the
21 purpose of protecting their suitability for wilderness
22 designation as may be required by the Forest and
23 Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of
24 1974, as amended by the National Forest Manage-
25 ment Act of 1976, and other applicable law; and

1 (4) unless expressly authorized by Congress, the
2 Department of Agriculture shall not conduct any
3 further statewide roadless area review and evalua-
4 tion of National Forest System lands in the State of
5 Colorado for the purpose of determining their suit-
6 ability for inclusion in the National Wilderness Pres-
7 ervation System.

8 (c) REVISIONS.—As used in this section, and as pro-
9 vided in section 6 of the Forest and Rangeland Renewable
10 Resources Planning Act of 1974, as amended by the Na-
11 tional Forest Management Act of 1976, the term “revi-
12 sion” shall not include an amendment to a plan.

13 (d) APPLICATION OF SECTION.—The provisions of
14 this section shall also apply to those National Forest Sys-
15 tem roadless lands in the State of Colorado that are less
16 than 5,000 acres in size.

17 **SEC. 6. FOSSIL RIDGE NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA.**

18 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—(1) In order to conserve, pro-
19 tect, and enhance the scenic, wildlife, recreational, and
20 other natural resource values of the Fossil Ridge area,
21 there is hereby established the Fossil Ridge National Con-
22 servation Area (hereinafter referred to as the “conserva-
23 tion area”).

24 (2) The conservation area shall consist of certain
25 lands in the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison

1 National Forests, Colorado, which comprise approximately
2 43,900 acres as generally depicted as “Area A” on a map
3 entitled “Fossil Ridge Wilderness Proposal”, dated May
4 1991.

5 (b) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary shall admin-
6 ister the conservation area in accordance with this section
7 and the laws and regulations generally applicable to the
8 National Forest System.

9 (c) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
10 all lands within the conservation area are hereby with-
11 drawn from all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal
12 under the public land laws, from location, entry, and pat-
13 ent under the mining laws, and from disposition under the
14 mineral and geothermal leasing laws, including all amend-
15 ments thereto.

16 (d) TIMBER HARVESTING.—No timber harvesting
17 shall be allowed within the conservation area except for
18 the minimum necessary to protect the forest from insects
19 and disease, and for public safety.

20 (e) LIVESTOCK GRAZING.—The designation of the
21 conservation area shall not be construed to prohibit, or
22 change the administration of, the grazing of livestock
23 within the conservation area.

24 (f) DEVELOPMENT.—No developed campgrounds
25 shall be constructed within the conservation area. After

1 the date of enactment of this Act, no new roads or trails
2 may be constructed within the conservation area.

3 (g) OFF-ROAD RECREATION.—Motorized travel shall
4 be permitted within the conservation area only on those
5 designated trails and routes existing as of July 1, 1991.

6 **SEC. 7. BOWEN GULCH BACKCOUNTRY RECREATION AREA.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—(1) There is hereby estab-
8 lished in the Arapaho National Forest, Colorado, the
9 Bowen Gulch backcountry recreation area (hereinafter re-
10 ferred to as the “backcountry recreation area”).

11 (2) The backcountry recreation area shall consist of
12 certain lands in the Arapaho National Forest, Colorado,
13 which comprise approximately 6,800 acres as generally de-
14 picted as “Area A” on a map entitled “Bowen Gulch Addi-
15 tions to Never Summer Wilderness Proposal”, dated May,
16 1991.

17 (b) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary shall admin-
18 ister the backcountry recreation area in accordance with
19 this section and the laws and regulations generally appli-
20 cable to the National Forest System.

21 (c) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
22 all lands within the backcountry recreation area are here-
23 by withdrawn from all forms of entry, appropriation, or
24 disposal under the public land laws, from location, entry,
25 and patent under the mining laws, and from disposition

1 under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws, including
2 all amendments thereto.

3 (d) DEVELOPMENT.—No developed campgrounds
4 shall be constructed within the backcountry recreation
5 area. After the date of enactment of this Act, no new roads
6 or trails may be constructed within the backcountry recre-
7 ation area.

8 (e) TIMBER HARVESTING.—No timber harvesting
9 shall be allowed within the backcountry recreation area ex-
10 cept for the minimum necessary to protect the forest from
11 insects and disease, and for public safety.

12 (f) MOTORIZED TRAVEL.—Motorized travel shall be
13 permitted within the backcountry recreation area only on
14 those designated trails and routes existing as of July 1,
15 1991 and only during periods of adequate snow cover. At
16 all other times, mechanized, nonmotorized travel shall be
17 permitted within the backcountry recreation area.

18 (g) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—During the preparation of
19 the revision of the Land and Resource Management Plan
20 for the Arapaho National Forest, the Forest Service shall
21 develop a management plan for the backcountry recreation
22 area, after providing for public consultation.

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