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To designate certain lands in the State of California as wilderness, and
for other purposes.

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Mr. LEWIS of California (for himself, Mr. MCCANDLESS, Mr. THOMAS of California, and Mr. HUNTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

To designate certain lands in the State of California as
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,*
3 This Act may be cited as the “California Desert and Em-
4 ployment Preservation Act of 1993”.

5 SEC. 2. The Congress finds that—

6 (a) many areas of undeveloped public land in
7 California and one parcel in Washoe County, Ne-
8 vada, administered by the Bureau of Land Manage-
9 ment have outstanding natural characteristics that
10 give them high value as wilderness and that can, if

1 properly managed, serve as an enduring resource of
2 wilderness for the benefit of the American people;

3 (b) it is in the national interest that these areas
4 be promptly designated as components of the Na-
5 tional Wilderness Preservation System in order to
6 preserve and maintain them as an enduring resource
7 of wilderness to be managed to promote and perpet-
8 uate their wilderness character and their specific
9 multiple values for natural systems biodiversity, wa-
10 tershed preservation, wildlife habitat protection, sce-
11 nic and historic preservation, scientific research and
12 educational use, primitive recreation, solitude, phys-
13 ical and mental challenge, and inspiration for the
14 benefit of present and future generations of the
15 American people; and

16 (c) certain areas of public lands located in Inyo
17 and Riverside Counties, California are appropriate
18 for transfer from the Bureau of Land Management
19 to the National Park Service as additions to the
20 Death Valley and Joshua Tree National Monuments.

21 SEC. 3. (a) As used in this Act, the term “public
22 lands” shall have the same meaning as defined in section
23 103(e) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act
24 of 1976.

1 (b) As used in this Act the term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of the Interior.

3 SEC. 4. (a) In furtherance of the purposes of the Wil-
4 derness Act, the following public lands are hereby des-
5 igned as wilderness, and therefore, as components of the
6 National Wilderness Preservation System:

7 (1) Certain public lands in the Bakersfield Dis-
8 trict of the Bureau of Land Management, California,
9 which comprise approximately fifteen thousand eight
10 hundred and ninety-seven acres, as generally de-
11 picted on a map entitled “Owens Peak Proposal”,
12 dated June 1988 (CA-010-026).

13 (2) Certain public lands in the Bakersfield Dis-
14 trict of the Bureau of Land Management, California,
15 which comprise approximately ten thousand seven
16 hundred and twenty-one acres, as generally depicted
17 on a map entitled “Sacatar Meadows Proposal”,
18 dated June 1988 (CA-010-027).

19 (3) Certain public lands in the Bakersfield Dis-
20 trict of the Bureau of Land Management, California,
21 which comprise approximately twenty eight thousand
22 two hundred and ninety-one acres, as generally de-
23 picted on a map entitled “Southern Inyo Proposal”,
24 dated June 1988 (CA-010-056).

1 (4) Certain public lands in the Bakersfield Dis-
2 trict of the Bureau of Land Management, California,
3 which comprise approximately one thousand nine
4 hundred and eighty-three acres, as generally de-
5 picted on a map entitled “Pinnacles Proposal”,
6 dated June 1988 (CA-040-303).

7 (5) Certain public lands in the Susanville Dis-
8 trict of the Bureau of Land Management, California,
9 which comprise approximately seven thousand four
10 hundred and forty-three acres, as generally depicted
11 on a map entitled “Pit River Canyon Proposal”,
12 dated June 1988 (CA-020-103).

13 (6) Certain public lands in the Susanville Dis-
14 trict of the Bureau of Land Management, California,
15 which comprise approximately seven thousand eight
16 hundred and eighty-nine acres, as generally depicted
17 on a map entitled “Tunnison Mountain Proposal”,
18 dated June 1988 (CA-020-311).

19 (7) Certain public lands in the Susanville Dis-
20 trict of the Bureau of Land Management, California,
21 which comprise approximately thirty seven thousand
22 and fifty-five acres located in Lassen County Califor-
23 nia, and five hundred and eighty-nine acres located
24 in Washoe County, Nevada, as generally depicted on
25 a map entitled “Skedaddle Proposal”, dated June

1 1988 (CA-020-612). However, the designation of
2 the Skedaddle Wilderness Area will in no way be
3 construed or used to restrain current or future ac-
4 tivities associated with the adjacent Sierra Army
5 Depot.

6 (8) Certain public lands in the Susanville Dis-
7 trict of the Bureau of Land Management, California,
8 which comprise approximately one thousand one
9 hundred and sixty-one acres, as generally depicted
10 on a map entitled "South Warner Proposal", dated
11 June 1988 (CA-020-708).

12 (9) Certain public lands in the Ukiah District
13 of the Bureau of Land Management, California,
14 which comprise approximately four thousand one
15 hundred and forty-three acres, as generally depicted
16 on a map entitled "Chemise Mountain Proposal",
17 dated June 1988 (CA-050-111).

18 (10) Certain public lands in the Ukiah District
19 of the Bureau of Land Management, California,
20 which comprise approximately twenty thousand two
21 hundred and forty-eight acres, as generally depicted
22 on a map entitled "King Range Proposal", dated
23 June 1988 (CA-050-112).

24 (11) Certain public lands in the California
25 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,

1 California, which comprise approximately three hun-
2 dred and forty-four acres, as generally depicted on
3 a map entitled “Agua Tibia Proposal”, dated June
4 1988 (CA-060-002).

5 (12) Certain public lands in the California
6 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
7 California, which comprise approximately twenty-two
8 thousand eight hundred and seventy-five acres, as
9 generally depicted on a map entitled “Sawtooth
10 Mountains Proposal”, dated June 1988 (CA-060-
11 024B).

12 (13) Certain public lands in the California
13 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
14 California, which comprise approximately fifteen
15 thousand four hundred and eight acres, as generally
16 depicted on a map entitled “Carrizo Gorge Pro-
17 posal”, dated June 1988 (CA-060-025A).

18 (14) Certain public lands in the California
19 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
20 California, which comprise approximately four thou-
21 sand three hundred and twenty-three acres, as gen-
22 erally depicted on a map entitled “Western Otay
23 Mountain Proposal”, dated June 1988 (CA-060-
24 028).

1 (15) Certain public lands in the California
2 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
3 California, which comprise approximately six thou-
4 sand seven hundred and eighty-three acres, as gen-
5 erally depicted on a map entitled “Southern Otay
6 Mountain Proposal”, dated June 1988 (CA-060-
7 029).

8 (16) Certain public lands in the California
9 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
10 California, which comprise approximately three hun-
11 dred ninety-two thousand six hundred forty-three
12 acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Sa-
13 line Valley Proposal”, dated June 1988 (CDCA-
14 117). Of this acreage approximately thirty thousand
15 two hundred and ninety-five acres are added to the
16 National Park System pursuant to section 4(a)(1) of
17 this Act.

18 (17) Certain public lands in the California
19 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
20 California, which comprise approximately two thou-
21 sand one hundred and fifty-four acres, as generally
22 depicted on a map entitled “Lower Saline Valley
23 Proposal”, dated June 1988 (CDCA-117A).

24 (18) Certain public lands in the California
25 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,

1 California, which comprise approximately thirty five
2 thousand seven hundred and ninety-two acres, as
3 generally depicted on a map entitled “Little Sand
4 Spring Proposal”, dated June 1988 (CDCA-119).
5 All of this acreage is hereby added to the National
6 Park System pursuant to section 4(a)(1) of this Act.

7 (19) Certain public lands in the California
8 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
9 California, which comprise approximately fifty eight
10 thousand three hundred and ninety-two acres, as
11 generally depicted on a map entitled “Inyo Moun-
12 tains Proposal”, dated June 1988 (CDCA-122).

13 (20) Certain public lands in the California
14 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
15 California, which comprise approximately twenty
16 thousand and thirty acres, as generally depicted on
17 a map entitled “Hunter Mountain Proposal”, dated
18 June 1988 (CDCA-123).

19 (21) Certain public lands in the California
20 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
21 California, which comprise approximately ninety
22 thousand six hundred and twenty-six acres, as gen-
23 erally depicted on a map entitled “Panamint Dunes
24 Proposal”, dated June 1988 (CDCA-127).

1 (22) Certain public lands in the California
2 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
3 California, which comprise approximately fourteen
4 thousand and seventy-nine acres, as generally de-
5 picted on a map entitled “Wild Rose Canyon Pro-
6 posal”, dated June 1988 (CDCA-134).

7 (23) Certain public lands in the California
8 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
9 California, which comprise approximately forty four
10 thousand five hundred and thirty-six acres, as gen-
11 erally depicted on a map entitled “Slate Range Pro-
12 posal”, dated June 1988 (CDCA-142).

13 (24) Certain public lands in the California
14 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
15 California, which comprise approximately twenty
16 three thousand four acres, as generally depicted on
17 a map entitled “Funeral Mountains Proposal”,
18 dated June 1988 (CDCA-143). Of this acreage ap-
19 proximately fifteen thousand seven hundred and sev-
20 enty-eight acres are added to the National Park Sys-
21 tem pursuant to section 4(a)(1) of this Act.

22 (25) Certain public lands in the California
23 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
24 California, which comprise approximately twenty two
25 thousand eight hundred and eleven acres, as gen-

1 erally depicted on a map entitled “Greenwater Valley
2 Proposal”, dated June 1988 (CDCA-148).

3 (26) Certain public lands in the California
4 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
5 California, which comprise approximately seventy
6 nine thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight acres,
7 as generally depicted on a map entitled “Nopah
8 Range Proposal”, dated June 1988 (CDCA-150).

9 (27) Certain public lands in the California
10 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
11 California, which comprise approximately one hun-
12 dred twenty one thousand nine hundred and twelve
13 acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled
14 “Owlshead Mountains Proposal”, dated June 1988
15 (CDCA-156).

16 (28) Certain public lands in the California
17 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
18 California, which comprise approximately thirty two
19 thousand one hundred and twenty-five acres, as gen-
20 erally depicted on a map entitled “Little Lake Can-
21 yon Proposal”, dated June 1988 (CDCA-157).

22 (29) Certain public lands in the California
23 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
24 California, which comprise approximately twenty six
25 thousand one hundred and thirteen acres, as gen-

1 erally depicted on a map entitled “Owens Peak Pro-
2 posal”, dated June 1988 (CDCA-158).

3 (30) Certain public lands in the California
4 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
5 California, which comprise approximately thirteen
6 thousand nine hundred and eight-six acres, as gen-
7 erally depicted on a map entitled “El Paso Moun-
8 tains Proposal”, dated June 1988 (CDCA-164).

9 (31) Certain public lands in the California
10 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
11 California, which comprise approximately twenty
12 nine thousand one hundred and thirteen acres, as
13 generally depicted on a map entitled “Golden Valley
14 Proposal”, dated June 1988 (CDCA-170).

15 (32) Certain public lands in the California
16 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
17 California, which comprise approximately twenty
18 thousand two hundred and ninety-one acres, as gen-
19 erally depicted on a map entitled “Newberry Moun-
20 tains Proposal”, dated June 1988 (CDCA-206).

21 (33) Certain public lands in the California
22 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
23 California, which comprise approximately seventeen
24 thousand six hundred and thirty acres, as generally

1 depicted on a map entitled “Rodman Mountains
2 Proposal”, dated June 1988 (CDCA-207);.

3 (34) Certain public lands in the California
4 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
5 California, which comprise approximately eleven
6 thousand six-eight acres, as generally depicted on a
7 map entitled “Bighorn Mountains Proposal”, dated
8 June 1988 (CDCA-217);.

9 (35) Certain public lands in the California
10 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
11 California, which comprise approximately six thou-
12 sand four hundred and ten acres, as generally de-
13 picted on a map entitled “Morongo Proposal”, dated
14 June 1988 (CDCA-218).

15 (36) Certain public lands in the California
16 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
17 California, which comprise approximately eleven
18 thousand one hundred and sixty-nine acres, as gen-
19 erally depicted on a map entitled “Whitewater Pro-
20 posal”, dated June 1988 (CDCA-218A).

21 (37) Certain public lands in the California
22 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
23 California, which comprise approximately thirty-four
24 thousand three hundred and sixty-nine acres, as gen-

1 erally depicted on a map entitled “Kingston Range
2 Proposal”, dated June 1988 (CDCA-222).

3 (38) Certain public lands in the California
4 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
5 California, which comprise approximately forty-one
6 thousand seven hundred and one acres, as generally
7 depicted on a map entitled “Cinder Cones Pro-
8 posal”, dated June 1988 (CDCA-239).

9 (39) Certain public lands in the California
10 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
11 California, which comprise approximately forty-six
12 thousand four hundred and five acres, as generally
13 depicted on a map entitled “Kelso Dunes Proposal”,
14 dated June 1988 (CDCA-250).

15 (40) Certain public lands in the California
16 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
17 California, which comprise approximately forty-three
18 thousand two hundred and thirty-two acres, as gen-
19 erally depicted on a map entitled “Bristol/Granite
20 Mountains Proposal”, dated June 1988 (CDCA-
21 256).

22 (41) Certain public lands in the California
23 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
24 California, which comprise approximately twenty-
25 four thousand two hundred and thirty-eight acres, as

1 generally depicted on a map entitled “South Provi-
2 dence Mountains Proposal”, dated June 1988
3 (CDCA-262).

4 (42) Certain public lands in the California
5 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
6 California, which comprise approximately fifty-nine
7 thousand six hundred and eighty-one acres, as gen-
8 erally depicted on a map entitled “Providence Moun-
9 tains Proposal”, dated June 1988 (CDCA-263).

10 (43) Certain public lands in the California
11 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
12 California, which comprise approximately forty-three
13 thousand five hundred and nineteen acres, as gen-
14 erally depicted on a map entitled “Castle Peaks Pro-
15 posal”, dated June 1988 (CDCA-266).

16 (44) Certain public lands in the California
17 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
18 California, which comprise approximately thirty-four
19 thousand eight hundred and fifty-four acres, as gen-
20 erally depicted on a map entitled “Fort Piute Pro-
21 posal”, dated June 1988 (CDCA-267).

22 (45) Certain public lands in the California
23 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
24 California, which comprise approximately one hun-
25 dred sixteen thousand four hundred and eighty

1 acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Tur-
2 tle Mountains Proposal”, dated June 1988 (CDCA-
3 307).

4 (46) Certain public lands in the California
5 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
6 California, which comprise approximately sixty-one
7 thousand eight hundred and fifty-three acres, as
8 generally depicted on a map entitled “Chemehuevi
9 Mountains Proposal”, dated June 1988 (CDCA-
10 310).

11 (47) Certain public lands in the Yuma, Arizona
12 District of the Bureau of Land Management, located
13 in California, which comprise approximately nine
14 hundred and thirty-eight acres, as generally depicted
15 on a map entitled “Chemehuevi/Needles Addition
16 Proposal”, dated June 1988 (AZ-050-004).

17 (48) Certain public lands in the California
18 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
19 located in California, which comprise approximately
20 seventy two thousand sixty-three acres, as generally
21 depicted on a map entitled “Whipple Mountains Pro-
22 posal”, dated June 1988 (CDCA-312).

23 (49) Certain public lands in the Yuma, Arizona,
24 District of the Bureau of Land Management, located
25 in California, which comprise approximately one

1 thousand three hundred and forty-three acres, as
2 generally depicted on a map entitled “Whipple
3 Mountains Addition Proposal”, dated June 1988
4 (AZ-050-010).

5 (50) Certain public lands in the California
6 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
7 California, which comprise approximately seventy-
8 five thousand six hundred and sixty-five acres, as
9 generally depicted on a map entitled “Palen/McCoy
10 Proposal”, dated June 1988 (CDCA-325).

11 (51) Certain public lands in the California
12 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
13 California, which comprise approximately fifty-two
14 thousand seven hundred and eighty-two acres, as
15 generally depicted on a map entitled “Coxcomb
16 Mountains Proposal”, dated June 1988 (CDCA-
17 328).

18 (52) Certain public lands in the California
19 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
20 California, which comprise approximately fifty-one
21 thousand four hundred and thirty-four acres, as gen-
22 erally depicted on a map entitled “Eagle Mountains
23 Proposal”, dated June 1988 (CDCA-334).

24 (53) Certain public lands in the California
25 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,

1 California, which comprise approximately forty-seven
2 thousand one hundred and forty acres, as generally
3 depicted on a map entitled “Santa Rosa Mountains
4 Proposal”, dated June 1988 (CDCA-341).

5 (54) Certain public lands in the California
6 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
7 California, which comprise approximately seven
8 thousand one hundred and ninety-nine acres, as gen-
9 erally depicted on a map entitled “Mecca Hills Pro-
10 posal”, dated June 1988 (CDCA-343).

11 (55) Certain public lands in the California
12 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
13 California, which comprise approximately twenty-
14 eight thousand two hundred and seven acres, as gen-
15 erally depicted on a map entitled “Orocopia Moun-
16 tains Proposal”, dated June 1988 (CDCA-344).

17 (56) Certain public lands in the California
18 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
19 California, which comprise approximately fifty-seven
20 thousand thirty acres, as generally depicted on a
21 map entitled “Chuckwalla Mountains Proposal”,
22 dated June 1988 (CDCA-348).

23 (57) Certain public lands in the California
24 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
25 California, which comprise approximately thirty-one

1 thousand four hundred and ninety-three acres, in-
2 cluding eight hundred and ninety-one acres adjacent
3 to the Wilderness Study Area, as generally depicted
4 on a map entitled “Julian Wash (formerly Indian
5 Pass) Proposal”, dated June 1988 (CDCA-355).

6 (58) Certain public lands in the California
7 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
8 California, which comprise approximately five thou-
9 sand four hundred and fifty-five acres, as generally
10 depicted on a map entitled “Gavilan (formerly
11 Picacho Peak) Proposal”, dated June 1988 (CDCA-
12 355A).

13 (59) Certain public lands in the California
14 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
15 California, which comprise approximately twenty-five
16 thousand seven hundred and sixteen acres, as gen-
17 erally depicted on a map entitled “North Algodones
18 Dunes Proposal”, dated June 1988 (CDCA-360).

19 (60) Certain public lands in the California
20 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
21 California, which comprise approximately twenty-six
22 thousand one hundred and twenty-eight acres, as
23 generally depicted on a map entitled “Jacumba Pro-
24 posal”, dated June 1988 (CDCA-368).

1 (61) Certain public lands in the California
2 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
3 California, which comprise approximately fifteen
4 thousand three hundred and fifty-nine acres, as gen-
5 erally depicted on a map entitled “Fish Creek Moun-
6 tains Proposal”, dated June 1988 (CDCA-372).

7 (62) Certain public lands in the Carson City,
8 Nevada, District of the Bureau of Land Manage-
9 ment, located in California, which comprise approxi-
10 mately five hundred and fifty acres, as generally de-
11 picted on a map entitled “Carson Iceberg Proposal”,
12 dated June 1988 (NV-030-532).

13 (b) The acreages cited in this Act are approximate.
14 In the event of discrepancies between acreages cited in this
15 Act and the acreages depicted on the referenced maps, the
16 maps shall control.

17 SEC. 5. As soon as practicable after enactment of this
18 Act, a map and a legal description for each designated
19 wilderness area and area added to the National Park Sys-
20 tem shall be filed by the Secretary with the Committee
21 on Energy and Natural Resources of the United States
22 Senate and the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs
23 of the House of Representatives, and each such map and
24 legal description shall have the same force and effect as
25 if included in this Act: *Provided*, That correction of cleri-

1 cal, and cartographic errors in each such legal description
2 and map may be made. Each such map and legal descrip-
3 tion shall be on file and available for public inspection in
4 the Offices of the Director and California State Director,
5 Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

6 SEC. 6. (a) Subject to valid existing rights, each wil-
7 derness area designated by section 4(a) of this Act shall
8 be administered by the Secretary of the Interior in accord-
9 ance with the provisions of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C.
10 1131 et seq.) and pursuant to the rules and regulations
11 promulgated in implementation thereof.

12 (b) The following lands are hereby added to the Na-
13 tional Park System:

14 (1) Certain public lands in the California
15 Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management,
16 California, which comprise approximately one hun-
17 dred and three thousand eight hundred acres, as de-
18 scribed in the Bureau of Land Management's Monu-
19 ment Environmental Impact Statement, 1989, and
20 generally depicted on maps entitled Proposed Addi-
21 tions to National Park System Death Valley Na-
22 tional Monument, 1989, are hereby incorporated in,
23 and shall be deemed to be a part of Death Valley
24 National Monument.

1 (2) Certain public lands which comprise ap-
2 proximately four thousand eight hundred acres, as
3 described in the Bureau of Land Management's
4 Monument Environmental Impact Statement, 1989,
5 and generally depicted on a map entitled: Proposed
6 Addition to National Park System Joshua Tree Na-
7 tional Monument, 1989, are hereby incorporated in,
8 and shall be deemed to be a part of Joshua Tree
9 National Monument.

10 (c) Upon enactment of this title, the lands described
11 in subsection (a) of this section, are, by operation of law
12 and without consideration, transferred to the administra-
13 tive jurisdiction of the National Park Service. The bound-
14 aries of the California Desert District; Death Valley Na-
15 tional Monument and Joshua Tree National Monument
16 are adjusted accordingly. The areas added to the National
17 Park System by this section shall be administered in ac-
18 cordance with the provisions of law generally applicable
19 to units of the National Park System.

20 (d) The Secretary shall, within a reasonable period
21 of time, prepare plans to manage each designated wilder-
22 ness area.

23 (e) For purposes of this Act, any reference in the Wil-
24 derness Act to the effective date of that Act shall be
25 deemed to be a reference to the effective date of this Act.

1 SEC. 7. Any lands within the boundaries of a wilder-
2 ness area established by this Act that are acquired by the
3 United States after the date of enactment of this Act shall
4 become part of the wilderness area within which they are
5 located and shall be managed in accordance with all the
6 provisions of this Act and other laws applicable to such
7 wilderness area.

8 SEC. 8. Except as otherwise provided in this Act, and
9 subject to valid existing rights, all Federal lands estab-
10 lished as wilderness by this Act and all lands within wil-
11 derness areas designated by this Act which are hereafter
12 acquired by the United States are hereby withdrawn from
13 all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the
14 public lands laws, including the mining, mineral leasing,
15 geothermal leasing, and material sales laws.

16 SEC. 9. (a) Nothing in this Act designating lands as
17 wilderness shall constitute or be construed to constitute
18 either an express or implied reservation of water or water
19 rights for wilderness purposes. The United States may ac-
20 quire such water rights as it deems necessary to carry out
21 its responsibilities on any lands designated as wilderness
22 pursuant to the substantive and procedural requirements
23 of the laws of the States of California and Nevada as ap-
24 propriate.

1 (b) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit
2 the exercise of water rights as provided under California
3 and Nevada State laws as appropriate.

4 SEC. 10. (a) Military aircraft testing and training ac-
5 tivities as well as demilitarization activities in California
6 are an important part of the national defense system of
7 the United States, and are essential in order to secure for
8 the American people of this and future generations an en-
9 during and viable national defense system.

10 (b) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to restrict,
11 forbid, or interfere with demilitarization activities and the
12 overflight of military aircraft over areas designated in this
13 Act as the components of the National Wilderness Preser-
14 vation System.

15 (c) The designation by this Act of wilderness areas
16 in the State of California shall not restrict military
17 overflights of wilderness areas for the purposes of military
18 testing and training.

19 (d) The fact that military overflights can be seen or
20 heard shall not preclude such activities over the wilderness
21 areas designated by this Act.

22 (e) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to restrict,
23 forbid, or interfere with demilitarization activities at Si-
24 erra Army Depot which is located adjacent to areas des-
25 igned in this Act as components of the National Wilder-

1 ness Preservation System and the fact that such demili-
2 tarization activities can be detected from within the adja-
3 cent wilderness areas shall not preclude such activities.

4 SEC. 11. In recognition of the past use of portions
5 of the wilderness areas designated by this Act by Indian
6 people for traditional cultural and religious purposes, the
7 Secretary shall assure access to the wilderness areas by
8 Indian people for traditional cultural and religious pur-
9 poses. In implementing this section, the Secretary, upon
10 the request of an appropriate Indian tribe or Indian reli-
11 gious community, may from time to time temporarily close
12 to general public use one or more specific portions of wil-
13 derness areas in order to protect the privacy of religious
14 cultural activities in such areas by Indian people. Any such
15 closure shall be made so as to affect the smallest prac-
16 ticable area for the minimum period necessary for such
17 purposes.

18 SEC. 12. The Congress finds and directs that all pub-
19 lic lands in the State of California administered by the
20 Bureau of Land Management have been adequately stud-
21 ied for wilderness designation pursuant to sections 202
22 and 603 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act
23 of 1976 and those lands not designated as wilderness by
24 this Act are no longer subject to the requirements con-
25 tained in section 603 of the Federal Land Policy and Man-

1 agement Act of 1976 for management of wilderness study
2 areas in a manner that does not impair the suitability of
3 such areas for preservation as wilderness and shall be
4 managed for their other resource values in accordance
5 with land management plans developed pursuant to the
6 Federal Land Policy and Management Act; or as part of
7 the National Park System pursuant to section 6 of this
8 Act.

9 SEC. 13. There are authorized to be appropriated
10 such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions
11 of this Act.

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