

Public Law 95-249
95th Congress

An Act

Mar. 27, 1978
[S. 1671]

To designate the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness, Custer and Gallatin National Forests, in the State of Montana.

Absaroka-
Beartooth
Wilderness,
Mont.
Designation.
16 USC 1132
note.
16 USC 1132.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in accordance with section 3(b) of the Wilderness Act (78 Stat. 890), the area classified as the Beartooth and Absaroka Primitive Areas, with the proposed additions thereto and deletions therefrom, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness", dated February 1978, which is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, is hereby designated as the "Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness", within and as part of the Custer and Gallatin National Forests, comprising an area of approximately nine hundred and four thousand five hundred acres.

Map and
description,
filing with
congressional
committees.

SEC. 2. As soon as practicable after this Act takes effect, the Secretary of Agriculture shall file a map and legal description of the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness with the Energy and Natural Resources Committee of the Senate and the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, and such description shall have the same force and effect as if included in this Act: *Provided, however,* That correction of clerical and typographical errors in such legal description and map may be made.

Administration.

SEC. 3. The Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness shall be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture in accordance with the provisions of the Wilderness Act governing areas designated by that Act as wilderness areas, except that any reference in such provisions to the effective date of the Wilderness Act shall be deemed to be a reference to the effective date of this Act.

SEC. 4. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as affecting in any manner or to any extent any claim by Park County, Montana, and Sweet Grass County, Montana, to a right-of-way from Cooke City, Montana, to Boulder, or to affect in any manner or to any extent the relative rights and liabilities between the parties in connection with Cause numbered 76-125-BLG, Park County, Montana, and Sweet Grass County, Montana, versus United States of America, et al., filed in the United States District Court for the District of Montana, Billings Division, on October 4, 1976. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as abating such cause or as amending or otherwise affecting or modifying the provision of law pursuant to which such cause was filed.

SEC. 5. The previous classification of the Beartooth and Absaroka Primitive Areas is hereby abolished.

Approved March 27, 1978.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

HOUSE REPORT No. 95-927 (Comm. on Interior and Insular Affairs).
SENATE REPORT No. 95-624 (Comm. on Energy and Natural Resources).
CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 124 (1978):
Feb. 10, considered and passed Senate.
Mar. 14, considered and passed House.
WEEKLY COMPILATION OF PRESIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS, Vol. 14, No. 13:
Mar. 27, Presidential statement.

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To amend the Act of October 2, 1968, an Act to establish a Redwood National Park in the State of California, and for other purposes.

Mar. 27, 1978
[H.R. 3813]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

TITLE I

SEC. 101. (a) In order to protect existing irreplaceable Redwood National Park resources from damaging upslope and upstream land uses, to provide a land base sufficient to insure preservation of significant examples of the coastal redwood in accordance with the original intent of Congress, and to establish a more meaningful Redwood National Park for the use and enjoyment of visitors, the Act entitled "An Act to establish a Redwood National Park in the State of California, and for other purposes", approved October 2, 1968 (82 Stat. 931), is amended as follows:

(1) In subsection 2(a) after "September 1968," insert "and the area indicated as 'Proposed Additions' on the map entitled 'Additional Lands, Redwood National Park, California', numbered 167-80005-D and dated March 1978."

(2) In section 2, subsection (a), delete "fifty-eight thousand" and substitute "one hundred and six thousand" and delete the period at the end of the subsection and add "and publicly owned highways and roads." In section 2, subsection (b), delete "by donation only". At the end of section 2, insert the following new subsection "(c)":

"(c) Within the area outside the boundaries of Redwood National Park indicated as the 'Park Protection Zone' on the map entitled 'Proposed Additions, Redwood National Park, California', numbered 167-80005-D and dated March 1978, the Secretary is authorized to acquire lands and interests in land: *Provided*, That lands may be acquired from a willing seller or upon a finding by the Secretary that failure to acquire all or a portion of such lands could result in physical damage to park resources and following notice to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the United States Senate and the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the House of Representatives. Any lands so acquired shall be managed in a manner which will maximize the protection of the resources of Redwood National Park, and in accordance with the Act of October 21, 1976 (90 Stat. 2743). Acquisition of a parcel of land under the authority of this subsection shall not as a result of such acquisition diminish the right of owners of adjacent lands to the peaceful use and enjoyment of their land and shall not confer authority upon the Secretary to acquire additional lands except as provided in this subsection."

(3) In subsection 3(a), delete the period at the end of the second sentence and add the following: "which donation of lands or interest in lands may be accepted in the discretion of the Secretary subject to such preexisting reverters and other conditions as may appear in the

Redwood
National Park,
expansion.
Employment
program.

16 USC 79a.
Boundaries.
16 USC 79b.

Park Protection
Zone, land
acquisition.

Notice to
congressional
committees.

43 USC 1701
note.

16 USC 79c.