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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 “Rio Grande Designation*  
5 *Act of 1994”.*

1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF SCENIC RIVER.**

2 *Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16*  
 3 *U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by adding at the end the follow-*  
 4 *ing new paragraph:*

5 “( ) *RIO GRANDE, NEW MEXICO.—The main stem*  
 6 *from the southern boundary of the segment of the Rio*  
 7 *Grande designated pursuant to paragraph (4), downstream*  
 8 *approximately 12 miles to the west section line of Section*  
 9 *15, Township 23 North, Range 10 East, to be administered*  
 10 *by the Secretary of the Interior as a scenic river.”*

11 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF STUDY RIVER.**

12 *(a) STUDY.—Section 5(a) of the Wild and Scenic Riv-*  
 13 *ers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(a)) is amended by adding at the*  
 14 *end the following new paragraph:*

15 “( ) *RIO GRANDE, NEW MEXICO.—The segment from*  
 16 *the west section line of Section 15, Township 23 North,*  
 17 *Range 10 East, downstream approximately 8 miles to the*  
 18 *southern line of the northwest quarter of Section 34, Town-*  
 19 *ship 23 North, Range 9 East.”*

20 *(b) STUDY REQUIREMENTS.—Section 5(b) of such Act*  
 21 *(16 U.S.C. 1276(b)) is amended by adding at the end the*  
 22 *following new paragraph:*

23 “( ) *The study of the Rio Grande in New Mexico*  
 24 *shall be completed and the report submitted not later than*  
 25 *3 years after the date of enactment of this paragraph.”*

1 **SEC. 4. RIO GRANDE CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD.**

2 *As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of*  
 3 *this Act, the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the*  
 4 *Director of the Bureau of Land Management, shall take ap-*  
 5 *propriate steps to obtain the views of the residents of the*  
 6 *village of Pilar and of those persons who are the owners*  
 7 *of property adjoining the river segments described in sec-*  
 8 *tions 2 and 3 concerning implementation of this Act, and*  
 9 *to assure that those views will be considered in connection*  
 10 *with preparation of a comprehensive management plan for*  
 11 *the segment designated by section 2 and the study required*  
 12 *by section 3.*

13 **SEC. 5. WITHDRAWAL OF ORILLA VERDE RECREATION**  
 14 **AREA.**

15 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights, the*  
 16 *lands described in subsection (b) are withdrawn from—*

17 *(1) all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal*  
 18 *under the public land laws;*

19 *(2) location, entry, and patent under the mining*  
 20 *laws; and*

21 *(3) disposition under all laws pertaining to min-*  
 22 *eral and geothermal leasing.*

23 *(b) LANDS.—*

24 *(1) DESCRIPTION.—The lands referred to in sub-*  
 25 *section (a) comprise an area known as the “Orilla*  
 26 *Verde Recreation Area”, including—*

