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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WILLIAMS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## 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 referred to as “The Montana Wil-  
5       derness Act of 1995”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

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

1           (1) Many areas of undeveloped National Forest  
2 System lands in the State of Montana possess out-  
3 standing natural characteristics which give them  
4 high values as wilderness and will, if properly pre-  
5 served, contribute as an enduring resource of wild  
6 lands for the benefit of the American people.

7           (2) The existing Department of Agriculture  
8 Land and Resource Management Plans for Forest  
9 System lands in the State of Montana have identi-  
10 fied areas which, on the basis of their land form,  
11 ecosystem, associated wildlife, and location will help  
12 to fulfill the National Forest System's share of a  
13 quality National Wilderness Preservation System.

14           (3) The existing Department of Agriculture  
15 Land and Resource Management Plans for National  
16 Forest System lands in the State of Montana and  
17 the related congressional review of such lands have  
18 also identified areas that do not possess outstanding  
19 wilderness attributes or possess outstanding energy,  
20 mineral, timber, grazing, dispersed recreation, or  
21 other values. Such areas should not be designated as  
22 components of the National Wilderness Preservation  
23 System.

24           (4) Montanans and those interested in Mon-  
25 tana's wildlands have been fully involved in the for-

1       mulation of this wilderness proposal. That the wil-  
2       derness designations recommended in this legislation  
3       have been developed with the support of Montana  
4       wilderness advocates and is therefore the product of  
5       years of negotiations.

6       (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are to—

7           (1) designate certain National Forest System  
8       lands in the State of Montana as components of the  
9       National Wilderness Preservation System, in fur-  
10      therance of the purposes of the Wilderness Act (16  
11      U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), in order to preserve the wilder-  
12      ness character of the land and to protect watersheds  
13      and wildlife habitat, preserve scenic and historic re-  
14      sources, and promote scientific research, primitive  
15      recreation, solitude, and physical and mental chal-  
16      lenge; and

17           (2) ensure that certain other National Forest  
18      System lands in the State of Montana will be made  
19      available for uses other than wilderness in accord-  
20      ance with applicable national forest laws, planning  
21      procedures, and the provisions of this Act.

22   **SEC. 3. WILDERNESS DESIGNATIONS.**

23       (a) DESIGNATION.—In furtherance of the purposes of  
24      the Wilderness Act of 1964, the following lands in the  
25      State of Montana are designated as wilderness and, there-

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

3 (1) Certain lands in the Beaverhead, Bitterroot,  
4 and Deerlodge National Forests, which comprise ap-  
5 proximately 31,600 acres, as generally depicted on a  
6 map entitled “Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness Addi-  
7 tions—Proposed” (North Big Hole, Storm Lake,  
8 Upper East Fork), dated March 1994, and which  
9 are hereby incorporated in and shall be deemed to  
10 be a part of the Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness.

11 (2) Certain lands in the Beaverhead National  
12 Forest, which comprise approximately 33,000 acres,  
13 as generally depicted on a map entitled “Italian  
14 Peaks Wilderness—Proposed”, dated March 1994,  
15 and which shall be known as the Italian Peaks Unit  
16 of the Howard Zahnizer Great Divide Wilderness.

17 (3) Certain lands in the Beaverhead National  
18 Forest, which comprise approximately 84,920 acres,  
19 as generally depicted on a map entitled “East Pio-  
20 neer Wilderness—Proposed”, dated March 1994,  
21 and which shall be known as the East Pioneer Wil-  
22 derness.

23 (4) Certain lands in the Beaverhead National  
24 Forest, Montana, comprising approximately 40,000  
25 acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “West

1 Big Hole Wilderness—Proposed”, dated March  
2 1994, and which shall be known as the West Big  
3 Hole Unit of the Howard Zahnizer Great Divide  
4 Wilderness.

5 (5) Certain lands in the Bitterroot, Deerlodge,  
6 and Lolo National Forests, which comprise approxi-  
7 mately 76,600 acres, as generally depicted on a map  
8 entitled “Stony Mountain Wilderness—Proposed”,  
9 dated March 1994, and which shall be known as the  
10 Stony Mountain Wilderness. The provisions of sec-  
11 tion 4 of this Act shall not apply to the portion of  
12 such lands within the drainage of the Burnt Fork.

13 (6) Certain lands in the Bitterroot and Lolo  
14 National Forests, which comprise approximately  
15 55,500 acres, as generally depicted on maps entitled  
16 “Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness Additions—Pro-  
17 posed”, dated March 1994, and which are hereby in-  
18 corporated in and shall be deemed to be a part of  
19 the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness.

20 (7) Certain lands in the Custer National For-  
21 est, which comprise approximately 13,700 acres, as  
22 generally depicted on a map entitled “Pryor Moun-  
23 tains Wilderness—Proposed”, dated March 1994,  
24 and which shall be known as the Pryor Mountains  
25 Wilderness.

1           (8) Certain lands in the Custer National For-  
2 est, which comprise approximately 28,000 acres, as  
3 generally depicted on a map entitled “Custer Absa-  
4 roka Beartooth Wilderness Additions—Proposed”  
5 (Burnt Mountain, Timberline Creek, Stateline, Line  
6 Creek Plateau, and Mystic Lake), dated March  
7 1994, and which are hereby incorporated in and  
8 shall be deemed to be a part of the Absaroka  
9 Beartooth Wilderness.

10           (9) Certain lands in the Deerlodge and Helena  
11 National Forests, which comprise approximately  
12 26,800 acres, as generally depicted on a map enti-  
13 tled “Blackfoot Meadow-Electric Peak Wilderness—  
14 Proposed”, dated March 1994, and which shall be  
15 known as the Blackfoot Meadow Unit of the Howard  
16 Zahnizer Great Divide Wilderness.

17           (10) Certain lands in the Flathead and  
18 Kootenai National Forests, which comprise approxi-  
19 mately 120,400 acres, as generally depicted on a  
20 map entitled “North Fork Wilderness—Proposed  
21 (Tuchuck, Thompson-Seton, and Mount Hefty)”,  
22 dated March 1994, and which shall be known as the  
23 North Fork Wilderness.

24           (11) Certain lands in the Flathead, Helena,  
25 Lolo, and Lewis and Clark National Forests, which

1       comprise approximately 261,440 acres, as generally  
2       depicted on maps entitled “Arnold Bolle Additions to  
3       the Bob Marshall Wilderness—Proposed” (Silver  
4       King-Falls Creek, Renshaw, Clearwater-Monture,  
5       Deep Creek, Teton High Peak, Volcano Reef, Slip-  
6       pery Bill, Limestone Cave, Choteau Mountain, and  
7       Crown Mountain, Lost Jack, Spotted Bear), dated  
8       March 1994, which shall be known as the Arnold  
9       Bolle-Bob Marshall Wilderness Additions and are in-  
10      corporated in and shall be deemed to be a part of  
11      the Bob Marshall Wilderness.

12           (12) Certain lands in the Flathead National  
13      Forest, which comprise approximately 960 acres, as  
14      generally depicted on a map entitled “Mission Moun-  
15      tains Wilderness Additions—Proposed”, dated  
16      March 1994, and which are hereby incorporated in  
17      and shall be deemed to be a part of the Mission  
18      Mountain Wilderness.

19           (13) Certain lands in the Flathead and Lolo  
20      National Forests, comprising approximately 175,500  
21      acres, as generally depicted on maps entitled “Jewel  
22      Basin/Swan Wilderness—Proposed”, dated March  
23      1994. Those lands contiguous to the west slope of  
24      the Bob Marshall Wilderness referred to in this  
25      paragraph are hereby incorporated in and shall be

1 deemed to be a part of the Bob Marshall Wilderness,  
2 while the remaining lands shall be known as the  
3 Swan Crest Wilderness, the boundaries of which are  
4 depicted on the map referenced in this paragraph.

5 (14) Certain lands in the Gallatin National  
6 Forest, which comprise approximately 14,440 acres,  
7 as generally depicted on a map entitled “Gallatin  
8 Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness Additions—Pro-  
9 posed” (Dexter Point, Tie Creek and Mt. Rae),  
10 dated March 1994, and which are hereby incor-  
11 porated in and shall be deemed to be a part of the  
12 Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness.

13 (15) Certain lands in the Gallatin and Beaver-  
14 head National Forests, which comprise approxi-  
15 mately 20,400 acres, as generally depicted on a map  
16 entitled “Lee Metcalf Cowboys Heaven Addition—  
17 Proposed”, dated March 1994, and which are hereby  
18 incorporated in and shall be deemed to be a part of  
19 the Lee Metcalf Wilderness.

20 (16) Certain lands in the Gallatin National  
21 Forest, which comprise approximately 18,300 acres,  
22 as generally depicted on a map entitled “Earthquake  
23 Wilderness—Proposed”, dated March 1994, and  
24 which shall be known as the Earthquake Unit of the  
25 Howard Zahnizer Great Divide Wilderness.

1           (17) Certain lands in the Helena National For-  
2           est, which comprise approximately 22,900 acres, as  
3           generally depicted on a map entitled “Camas Creek  
4           Wilderness—Proposed”, dated March 1994, and  
5           which shall be known as the Camas Creek Wilder-  
6           ness.

7           (18) Certain lands in the Helena National For-  
8           est, which comprise approximately 15,000 acres, as  
9           generally depicted on a map entitled “Mount Baldy  
10          Wilderness—Proposed”, dated March 1994, and  
11          which shall be known as the Mount Baldy Wilder-  
12          ness.

13          (19) Certain lands in the Helena National For-  
14          est, Montana, which comprise approximately 10,000  
15          acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled  
16          “Gates of the Mountains Wilderness Additions—  
17          Proposed” (Big Log), dated March 1994, and which  
18          are hereby incorporated in and shall be deemed to  
19          be part of the Gates of the Mountain Wilderness.

20          (20) Certain lands in the Helena National For-  
21          est, which comprise approximately 10,700 acres, as  
22          generally depicted on a map entitled “Black Moun-  
23          tain Wilderness—Proposed”, dated March 1994, and  
24          which shall be known as the Black Mountain Unit  
25          of the Howard Zahniser Great Divide Wilderness.

1           (21) Certain lands in the Kootenai National  
2 Forest, which comprise approximately 39,620 acres,  
3 as generally depicted on a map entitled “Cabinet  
4 Mountains Wilderness Additions—Proposed”, dated  
5 March 1994, and which are hereby incorporated in  
6 and shall be deemed to be part of the Cabinet Moun-  
7 tains Wilderness.

8           (22) Certain lands in the Kaniksu and Kootenai  
9 National Forest, which comprise approximately  
10 52,000 acres, as generally depicted on a map enti-  
11 tled “Scotchman Peaks Wilderness—Proposed”,  
12 dated March 1994, which shall be known as the  
13 Scotchman Peaks Wilderness.

14           (23) Certain lands in the Kootenai National  
15 Forest which comprise approximately 42,000 acres,  
16 as generally depicted on a map entitled “Yaak Wil-  
17 derness—Proposed” (Roderick Mountain, Grizzly  
18 Peak, Dark Mountain), dated March 1994, which  
19 shall be known as the Yaak Wilderness.

20           (24) Certain lands in the Kootenai and Lolo  
21 National Forests, which comprise approximately  
22 17,900 acres, as generally depicted on a map enti-  
23 tled “Cataract Peak Wilderness—Proposed”, dated  
24 March 1994, which shall be known as the Cataract  
25 Peak Wilderness.

1           (25) Certain lands in the Lolo National Forest,  
2           which comprise approximately 19,400 acres, as gen-  
3           erally depicted on a map entitled “Cube Iron/Mount  
4           Silcox Wilderness—Proposed”, dated March 1994,  
5           which shall be known as the Cube Iron/Mount Silcox  
6           Wilderness.

7           (26) Certain lands in the Lolo National Forest,  
8           which comprise approximately 94,700 acres, as gen-  
9           erally depicted on a map entitled “Great Burn Wil-  
10          derness—Proposed”, dated March 1994, which shall  
11          be known as the Great Burn Wilderness.

12          (27) Certain lands in the Lolo National Forest,  
13          which comprise approximately 60,100 acres, as gen-  
14          erally depicted on a map entitled “Quigg Peak Wil-  
15          derness—Proposed”, dated March 1994, which shall  
16          be known as the Quigg Peak Wilderness.

17          (28) Certain lands in the Kootenai National  
18          Forest, which comprise approximately 24,600 acres,  
19          as generally depicted on a map entitled “Trout  
20          Creek Wilderness—Proposed”, dated March 1994,  
21          and which shall be known as the Trout Creek Wil-  
22          derness.

23          (29) Certain lands in the Helena National For-  
24          est, which comprise approximately 21,700 acres, as  
25          generally depicted on a map entitled “Nevada Moun-

1       tain Wilderness—Proposed”, dated March 1994, and  
2       which shall be known as the Nevada Mountain Unit  
3       of the Howard Zahnizer Great Divide Wilderness.

4               (30) Certain lands in the Helena National For-  
5       est, which comprise approximately 56,100 acres, as  
6       generally depicted on a map entitled “Elkhorn Wil-  
7       derness—Proposed”, dated March 1994, and which  
8       shall be known as the Elkhorn Wilderness.

9               (31) Certain lands in the Gallatin National  
10      Forest, which comprise approximately 500 acres, as  
11      generally depicted on a map entitled “North Absa-  
12      roka Wilderness Addition—Proposed (Republic  
13      Mountain)”, dated March 1994, and which are here-  
14      by incorporated in and shall be deemed a part of the  
15      North Absaroka Wilderness.

16              (32) Certain lands in the Beaverhead National  
17      Forest, which comprises approximately 90,000 acres,  
18      as generally depicted on a map entitled “Snowcrest  
19      Wilderness—Proposed”, dated March 1994 and  
20      shall be known as the Snowcrest Wilderness.

21              (33) Certain lands in the Beaverhead National  
22      Forest, which comprise approximately 4,700 acres,  
23      as generally depicted on a map entitled “Mount Jef-  
24      ferson Wilderness—Proposed”, dated March 1994

1 and shall be known as the Mount Jefferson Unit of  
2 the Howard Zahnizer Great Divide Wilderness.

3 (34) Certain lands in the Deerlodge National  
4 Forest which comprise about 30,300 acres, as gen-  
5 erally, depicted on a map entitled “Flint Creek Wil-  
6 derness—Proposed”, dated March 1994 and shall be  
7 known as the Flint Creek Wilderness.

8 (35) Certain lands in the Gallatin and Lewis  
9 and Clark National Forests, which comprise approxi-  
10 mately 34,800 acres, as generally depicted on a map  
11 entitled “Crazy Mountain Wilderness—Proposed”,  
12 dated March 1994 and shall be known as the Crazy  
13 Mountain Wilderness.

14 (36) Certain lands in the Beaverhead and  
15 Deerlodge National Forests, which comprise approxi-  
16 mately 19,500 acres, as generally depicted on a map  
17 entitled “Tobacco Roots Wilderness—Proposed”,  
18 dated March 1994, and shall be known as the To-  
19 bacco Roots Wilderness.

20 (b) MAPS AND DESCRIPTIONS.—(1) The Secretary of  
21 Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as the “Secretary”)  
22 shall file the maps referred to in this section and legal  
23 descriptions of each wilderness area designated by this  
24 section with the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-  
25 sources of the United States Senate and the Committee

1 on Resources of the United States House of Representa-  
2 tives, and each such map and legal description shall have  
3 the same force and effect as if included in this Act.

4 (2) The Secretary may correct clerical and typo-  
5 graphical errors in the maps and legal descriptions sub-  
6 mitted pursuant to this section.

7 (3) Each map and legal description referred to in this  
8 section shall be on file and available for public inspection  
9 in the office of the Chief of the Forest Service, Washing-  
10 ton, D.C. and at the office of the Regional Forester of  
11 the Northern Region.

12 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—Subject to valid existing  
13 rights, each wilderness area designated by this section  
14 shall be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture in  
15 accordance with the provisions of the Wilderness Act of  
16 1964, except that, with respect to any area designated in  
17 this section, any reference to the effective date of the Wil-  
18 derness Act shall be deemed to be a reference to the date  
19 of enactment of this Act.

20 (d) WILDERNESS AREA PERIMETERS.—Congress  
21 does not intend that the designation of wilderness areas  
22 in this section will lead to the creation of protective perim-  
23 eters or buffer zones around such areas. The fact that  
24 nonwilderness activities or uses can be seen or heard from  
25 areas within a wilderness area shall not, of itself, preclude

1 such activities or uses up to the boundary of the wilder-  
2 ness area.

3 (e) GRAZING.—The grazing of livestock, where estab-  
4 lished prior to the date of enactment of this Act, in wilder-  
5 ness areas designated in this section shall be administered  
6 in accordance with section 4(d)(4) of the Wilderness Act  
7 of 1964 and section 108 of an Act entitled “An Act to  
8 designate certain National Forest System Lands in the  
9 States of Colorado, South Dakota, Missouri, South Caro-  
10 lina, and Louisiana for inclusion in the National Wilder-  
11 ness Preservation System, and for other purposes” (94  
12 Stat. 3271; 16 U.S.C. 1133 note).

13 (f) STATE FISH AND GAME AUTHORITY.—In accord-  
14 ance with section 4(d)(7) of the Wilderness Act of 1964,  
15 nothing in this Act shall be construed as affecting the ju-  
16 risdiction or responsibilities of the State of Montana with  
17 respect to wildlife and fish in the national forests of Mon-  
18 tana.

19 (g) HUNTING.—Nothing in this Act or the Wilder-  
20 ness Act of 1964 shall be construed to prohibit hunting  
21 within the wilderness areas designated in this section.

22 (h) COLLECTION DEVICES.—(1) Within the wilder-  
23 ness areas designated in this section, maintenance and re-  
24 placement of essential hydrological, meteorological, or cli-  
25 matological collection devices and ancillary facilities are

1 permitted, subject to such conditions as the Secretary  
2 deems desirable.

3 (2) Access to the devices and facilities described in  
4 paragraph (1) shall be by the least intrusive practicable  
5 means available as determined by the Secretary. Access,  
6 installation, and maintenance shall be compatible with the  
7 provisions of the Wilderness Act.

8 (i) FACA.—The provisions of the Federal Advisory  
9 Committee Act notwithstanding, the wilderness managing  
10 agencies are hereby authorized to use citizen advisory  
11 groups, task forces, and ad hoc committees among the  
12 public involvement techniques employed to assist the agen-  
13 cies in the development of wilderness management direc-  
14 tion.

15 **SEC. 4. WATER.**

16 (a) FINDINGS, PURPOSES, AND DEFINITIONS.—(1)  
17 The Congress finds that—

18 (A) the lands designated as wilderness by this  
19 Act are located at the headwaters of the streams  
20 and rivers on those lands, with no actual or pro-  
21 posed water resource facilities located upstream  
22 from such lands and no opportunities for diversion,  
23 storage, or other uses of water occurring outside  
24 such lands that would adversely affect the wilderness  
25 values of such lands;

1           (B) the lands designated as wilderness by this  
2 Act are not suitable for use for development of new  
3 water resource facilities, or for the expansion of ex-  
4 isting water resource facilities; and

5           (C) therefore, it is possible to provide for prop-  
6 er management and protection of the water-related  
7 wilderness values of such lands in ways different  
8 from those utilized in other legislation designating  
9 as wilderness lands not sharing the attributes of the  
10 lands designated as wilderness by this Act.

11       (2) The purpose of this section is to protect the  
12 water-related wilderness values of the lands designated as  
13 wilderness by this Act by means other than those based  
14 on a Federal reserved water right.

15       (3) As used in this section—

16           (A) the term “water resource facility” means ir-  
17 rigation and pumping facilities, reservoirs, water  
18 conservation works, aqueducts, canals, ditches, pipe-  
19 lines, wells, hydropower projects, and transmission  
20 and other ancillary facilities, and other water diver-  
21 sion, storage, and carriage structures; and

22           (B) the term “historic”, used with reference to  
23 rates of flow, quantities of use, or timing or fre-  
24 quency of use of water, means the pattern of actual

1 average annual use or operation of a facility prior to  
2 the date of enactment of this Act.

3 (b) RESTRICTION ON CLAIMS AND CLARIFICATION OF  
4 EFFECT.—(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of  
5 law, no court or agency shall have any jurisdiction under  
6 any Act of Congress (including the “McCarran Amend-  
7 ment”, 43 U.S.C. 666) to consider any claim on behalf  
8 of the United States asserted by the Secretary or by any  
9 other person to or for water or water rights in the State  
10 of Montana based on any construction of any portion of  
11 this Act, or the designation of any lands as wilderness by  
12 this Act, as constituting an express or implied reservation  
13 of water or water rights.

14 (2)(A) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as a  
15 disclaimer, relinquishment, or reduction of any water  
16 rights held or claimed by the United States in the State  
17 of Montana on or before the date of enactment of this  
18 Act.

19 (B) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as con-  
20 stituting an interpretation of any other Act or any des-  
21 ignation made by or pursuant thereto.

22 (C) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as estab-  
23 lishing a precedent with regard to any future wilderness  
24 designations.

1           (c) PROHIBITION OF NEW OR EXPANDED  
2 PROJECTS.—(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of  
3 law, on and after the date of enactment of this Act neither  
4 the President nor any other officer, employee, or agent  
5 of the United States shall fund, assist, authorize, or issue  
6 a license or permit for, or exempt from licensing or permit-  
7 ting—

8                   (A) the development of any new water resource  
9 facility within the lands designated as wilderness or  
10 for wilderness study by this Act; or

11                   (B) the enlargement of a water resource facility  
12 or the expansion of the historic rate of diversion,  
13 quantity of use, or timing or frequency of use of a  
14 water resource facility that is located within or that  
15 would adversely affect the wilderness values of lands  
16 designated as wilderness or for wilderness study by  
17 this Act.

18           (2) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this sec-  
19 tion, nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect or  
20 limit operation, maintenance, repair, modification, or re-  
21 placement without enlargement of water resource facilities  
22 in existence on the date of enactment of this Act located  
23 within the boundaries of the lands designated as wilder-  
24 ness or for wilderness study by this Act.

1           (d) ACCESS AND OPERATION.—(1) Subject to the  
2 provisions of this subsection, the Secretary shall allow rea-  
3 sonable access to water resource facilities in existence on  
4 the date of enactment of this Act located within lands des-  
5 ignated as wilderness or for wilderness study by this Act,  
6 including motorized access where necessary and customar-  
7 ily employed on routes existing as of the date of enactment  
8 of this Act.

9           (2) Subject to the provisions of this subsection, the  
10 Secretary, to the extent required for the continued exercise  
11 of any valid water rights associated with such facilities,  
12 shall allow the present diversion, carriage, and storage ca-  
13 pacity of water resource facilities existing on the date of  
14 enactment of this Act located within lands designated as  
15 wilderness or for wilderness study by this Act, and access  
16 routes to such facilities existing and customarily employed  
17 as of such date, to be operated, maintained, repaired, and  
18 replaced as necessary to maintain the present function, de-  
19 sign, and serviceable operation of such facilities and  
20 routes, so long as such activities have no greater adverse  
21 impacts on wilderness values than as of the date of enact-  
22 ment of this Act.

23           (3) Water resource facilities, and access routes serv-  
24 ing such facilities, existing on the date of enactment of  
25 this Act shall be maintained and repaired when and to

1 the extent necessary to prevent increased adverse impacts  
2 on wilderness values.

3 (4) There shall be no enlargement in the historic rate  
4 of diversion, quantity of use, or timing or frequency of  
5 use of water resource facilities existing on the date of en-  
6 actment of this Act located within lands designated as wil-  
7 derness or for wilderness study by this Act.

8 (e) MONITORING AND IMPLEMENTATION.—(1) The  
9 Secretary of Agriculture shall monitor the operation of  
10 and access to water resource facilities within the bound-  
11 aries of the lands designated as wilderness and for wilder-  
12 ness study by this Act, and shall take all steps that the  
13 Secretary finds necessary or desirable in order to further  
14 the protection of the resources and values of such lands  
15 and to implement the provisions of this section, including,  
16 to the extent consistent with this Act, the utilization of  
17 any procedures available under Federal or State law, in-  
18 cluding laws of the State of Montana concerning either  
19 the utilization of water or the establishment, adjudication,  
20 and administration of water rights.

21 (2) In implementing subsection (d)(3), the Secretary  
22 may require the owners of water resource facilities or par-  
23 ties entitled to use access routes to perform necessary  
24 maintenance or repairs, and may require the relocation or  
25 removal of such facilities or such routes if such necessary

1 maintenance or repairs are not performed or not feasible  
2 or such facilities or routes are no longer in use.

3 (f) APPLICATION TO OTHER AREAS.—Solely for pur-  
4 poses of implementation of subsections (c), (d), and (e)  
5 of this section, lands in Montana which as of the date of  
6 enactment of this Act are managed as wilderness study  
7 areas pursuant to Public Law 95–150 shall be deemed to  
8 have been designated for wilderness study by this Act, and  
9 such lands shall be managed pursuant to the provisions  
10 of such subsections in addition to other applicable provi-  
11 sions of law.

12 **SEC. 5. SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS.**

13 (a) DESIGNATIONS.—For the purposes of conserving,  
14 protecting and enhancing the exceptional scenic, fish and  
15 wildlife, biological, educational and recreational values of  
16 certain National Forest System lands in the State of Mon-  
17 tana, the following designations are made:

18 (1) The Mount Helena National Education and  
19 Recreation Area located in the Helena National For-  
20 est, comprising approximately 5,220 acres, as gen-  
21 erally depicted on a map entitled “Mount Helena  
22 National Education and Recreation Area—Pro-  
23 posed”, dated March 1994.

24 (2) The Hyalite National Education and Recre-  
25 ation Area located in the Gallatin National Forest,

1 comprising approximately 18,900 acres, as generally  
2 depicted on a map entitled “Hyalite National Edu-  
3 cation and Recreation Area—Proposed”, dated  
4 March 1994.

5 (3) The Northwest Peak National Recreation  
6 Area located in the Kaniksu and Kootenai National  
7 Forests, comprising approximately 16,700 acres, as  
8 generally depicted on a map entitled “Northwest  
9 Peak National Recreation and Scenic Area—Pro-  
10 posed”, dated March 1994.

11 (4) The Buckhorn Ridge National Recreation  
12 Area located in the Kaniksu and Kootenai National  
13 Forests, comprising approximately 22,600 acres, as  
14 generally depicted on a map entitled “Buckhorn  
15 Ridge National Recreation Area—Proposed”, dated  
16 March 1994.

17 (5) The West Big Hole National Recreation  
18 Area located in the Beaverhead National Forest,  
19 comprising approximately 90,000 acres, as generally  
20 depicted on a map entitled “West Big Hole National  
21 Recreation Area—Proposed”, dated March 1994,  
22 and which shall be known as the West Big Hole Na-  
23 tional Recreation Area.

24 (6) The LeBeau Natural Area located on the  
25 Kootenai and Flathead National Forests comprising

1 approximately 5,350 acres, as generally depicted on  
2 a map entitled “LeBeau Natural Area—Proposed”,  
3 dated March 1994.

4 (7) The Ross Creek Cedars Natural Area lo-  
5 cated on the Kootenai National Forest comprising  
6 approximately 700 acres, as generally depicted on a  
7 map entitled “Ross Creek Cedars Natural Area—  
8 Proposed”, dated March 1994.

9 (8) The McIntire Natural Area located on the  
10 Kootenai National Forest comprising approximately  
11 75,000 acres, as generally depicted on a map enti-  
12 tled “McIntire Natural Area—Proposed”, dated  
13 March 1994.

14 (b) MAPS AND BOUNDARY DESCRIPTIONS.—The Sec-  
15 retary shall file a map and boundary description for each  
16 area referred to in this section with the Committee on En-  
17 ergy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, and  
18 the Committee on Resources, United States House of Rep-  
19 resentatives, and each such map and boundary description  
20 shall have the same force and effect as if included in this  
21 Act: *Provided*, That the Secretary may correct clerical and  
22 typographical errors in such maps and boundary descrip-  
23 tions. Each such map and boundary description shall be  
24 on file and available for public inspection in the office of

1 the Chief of the Forest Service and the office of the Re-  
2 gional Forester of the Northern Region.

3 (c) MANAGEMENT.—(1) Except as otherwise may be  
4 provided in this subsection, the Secretary shall administer  
5 the areas designated in subsection (a) so as to achieve the  
6 purposes of their designation and in accordance with the  
7 laws and regulations applicable to the National Forest  
8 System.

9 (2) Subject to valid existing rights, all federally  
10 owned lands within the areas designated in subsection (a)  
11 are hereby withdrawn from all forms of entry, appropria-  
12 tion and disposal under the mining and public land laws,  
13 and disposition under the geothermal and mineral leasing  
14 laws.

15 (3) Commercial timber harvesting is prohibited in the  
16 areas designated by this section with the following excep-  
17 tions:

18 (A) Nothing in this Act shall preclude such  
19 measures which the Secretary, in his discretion,  
20 deems necessary in the event of fire, or infestation  
21 of insects or disease.

22 (B) Fuel wood, post and pole gathering may be  
23 permitted.

24 (C) Commercial timber harvesting may be per-  
25 mitted in the Hyalite National Recreation and Edu-

1 cation Area, but must be compatible with the pur-  
2 poses of its designation.

3 (4) Where the Secretary determines that such use is  
4 compatible with the purposes for which an area is des-  
5 ignated, the use of motorized equipment may be permitted  
6 in the areas subject to applicable law and applicable land  
7 and resource management plans.

8 (5) The grazing of livestock, where established prior  
9 to the date of enactment of this Act may be permitted  
10 to continue subject to applicable law and regulations of  
11 the Secretary.

12 (d) NATIONAL EDUCATION AND RECREATION AREAS  
13 AND NATURAL AREAS.—(1) The Secretary shall manage  
14 the Mount Helena and Hyalite National Education and  
15 Recreation Areas with a focus on education. All manage-  
16 ment activities shall be conducted in a manner that pro-  
17 vides the public with an opportunity to become better in-  
18 formed about natural resource protection and manage-  
19 ment.

20 (2) The Secretary shall manage the LeBeau,  
21 McIntire and Ross Creek Cedars Natural Areas for the  
22 enhancement of biodiversity and scientific study. These  
23 forests' unique natural qualities are to be the focus of the  
24 area's management.

1 (e) LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANS.—  
2 Those areas established pursuant to subsection (a) shall  
3 be administered as components of the national forests  
4 wherein they are located. Land and resource management  
5 plans for the affected national forests prepared in accord-  
6 ance with the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources  
7 Planning Act, as amended by the National Forest Man-  
8 agement Act, shall be amended to be consistent with the  
9 purposes for which the areas are designated. The provi-  
10 sions of the national forest land and resource management  
11 plan, relating to each area designated by this section, shall  
12 also be available to the public in a document separate from  
13 the rest of the forest plan.

14 **SEC. 6. WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS.**

15 (a) DESIGNATION.—The following areas are hereby  
16 designated as wilderness study areas and shall be man-  
17 aged in accordance with the provisions of this section:

18 (1) Certain lands on the Gallatin National For-  
19 est, comprising approximately 21,500 acres, as gen-  
20 erally depicted on a map entitled “Sawtooth Moun-  
21 tain Wilderness Study Area—Proposed”, dated Sep-  
22 tember 1992.

23 (2) Certain lands in the Lolo National Forest  
24 which comprise approximately 22,000 acres, as gen-  
25 erally depicted on a map entitled “Sheep Mountain

1 Wilderness Study Area—Proposed”, dated Novem-  
2 ber 1991.

3 (3) Certain lands in the Lewis and Clark and  
4 Gallatin National Forests, which comprise approxi-  
5 mately 111,700 acres, as generally depicted on a  
6 map entitled “Crazy Mountain Wilderness Study  
7 Area—Proposed”, dated October 1992. The Forest  
8 Service shall complete a study of public and private  
9 land consolidation alternatives for this area which  
10 shall be submitted to the appropriate committees of  
11 Congress 2 years after the date of the enactment of  
12 this Act.

13 (4) Certain lands in the Gallatin National For-  
14 est, which comprise approximately 4,500 acres, as  
15 generally depicted on a map entitled “South Cotton-  
16 wood Wilderness Study Area—Proposed,” dated  
17 September, 1992, and shall be managed as part of  
18 the Gallatin Wilderness Study Area in accordance  
19 with Public Law 95–150.

20 (5) Certain lands in the Lewis and Clark Na-  
21 tional Forest which comprise approximately 100,000  
22 acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Ten-  
23 derfoot-Deep Creek Wilderness—Proposed”, dated  
24 March 1994.

1           (b) REPORT.—When the forest plans are revised, the  
2 Secretary shall submit a report to the Committee on En-  
3 ergy and Natural Resources of the United States Senate  
4 and the Committee on Resources of the United States  
5 House of Representatives containing recommendations as  
6 to whether the areas designated in subsection (a) should  
7 be added as components of the National Wilderness Pres-  
8 ervation System.

9           (c) MANAGEMENT.—Subject to valid existing rights,  
10 the wilderness study areas designated in subsection (a)  
11 shall be managed to protect their suitability for inclusion  
12 in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

13           (d) MAPS.—The Secretary shall file a map and  
14 boundary description for each area referred to in this sec-  
15 tion with the Committee on Resources, United States  
16 House of Representatives, and the Committee on Energy  
17 and Natural Resources, United States Senate, and each  
18 such map and boundary description shall have the same  
19 force and effect as if included in this Act: *Provided*, That  
20 correction of clerical and typographical errors in these  
21 maps may be made. Each map and boundary description  
22 shall be on file and available for public inspection in the  
23 office of the Chief of the Forest Service and the Regional  
24 Forester of the Northern Region.

1 **SEC. 7. BADGER-TWO MEDICINE AREA.**

2 (a) WITHDRAWAL.—(1) Subject to valid existing  
3 rights including rights held by the Blackfeet Nation under  
4 existing treaties and statute, all federally owned lands as  
5 depicted on a map entitled “Badger-Two Medicine Area”,  
6 dated September 1991, comprising approximately 116,600  
7 acres, are withdrawn from all forms of entry, appropria-  
8 tion, and disposal under the mining and public land laws  
9 and from disposition under the geothermal and mineral  
10 leasing laws. Until otherwise directed by Congress, the  
11 Secretary shall manage this area so as to protect its wil-  
12 derness qualities.

13 (2) Nothing in this section shall preclude the gather-  
14 ing of timber by the Blackfeet Nation in exercise of and  
15 consistent with valid treaty rights within the Badger-Two  
16 Medicine Area.

17 (3)(A) With respect to oil and gas leases on Federal  
18 lands within the Badger-Two Medicine Area, no surface  
19 disturbance shall be permitted pursuant to such leases  
20 until Congress determines otherwise.

21 (B) Notwithstanding any other law, the term of any  
22 oil and gas lease subject to the limitations imposed by this  
23 section shall be extended for a period of time equal to the  
24 term that such limitation remains in effect.

25 (b) REVIEW.—The Secretary shall conduct a review  
26 of the area referred to in subsection (a) as to its availabil-

1 ity for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation  
2 System and in accordance with the provisions of this sub-  
3 section. Not later than 5 years after the date of enactment  
4 of this Act, the Secretary shall report to Congress. In con-  
5 ducting this review:

6           (1) The Secretary shall establish a committee  
7           composed of 2 representatives from the Blackfeet  
8           Nation, as well as one representative from the Na-  
9           tional Park Service, one representative from the  
10          Forest Service, and representatives of various con-  
11          cerned user groups, including proportional represen-  
12          tation for environmental groups, industry groups  
13          and other interested parties. The Committee shall  
14          not exceed eleven members. The Blackfeet Tribal  
15          Business Council shall choose the 2 Tribal rep-  
16          resentatives. The Blackfeet Tribal Business Council  
17          shall conduct a public meeting to receive rec-  
18          ommendations of the community regarding the selec-  
19          tion of these members. The committee shall regu-  
20          larly advise the Secretary during the preparation of  
21          the report required in this subsection and submit its  
22          findings to Congress concurrently with those of the  
23          Secretary.

24           (2) Special consideration shall be given to the  
25          religious, wilderness and wildlife uses of the area,

1 taking into account any treaties the United States  
2 has entered into with the Blackfeet Nation.

3 (3) In consultation with the committee, the Sec-  
4 retary shall establish a process to provide informa-  
5 tion to the Blackfeet Nation and interested public  
6 about options for future designation of the Badger-  
7 Two Medicine Area.

8 (c) RIGHTS.—Nothing in this section shall be con-  
9 strued to diminish, prejudice, add to, or otherwise affect  
10 the treaty rights of the Blackfeet Nation or the rights of  
11 the United States.

12 (d) MAP AND BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION.—(1) The  
13 Secretary shall file a map and boundary description of the  
14 area designated by this section with the Committee on En-  
15 ergy and Natural Resources, United States Senate and  
16 Committee on Resources of the United States House of  
17 Representatives and such map and boundary description  
18 shall have the same force and effect as if included in this  
19 Act.

20 (2) The Secretary may correct clerical and typo-  
21 graphical errors in the map and boundary description sub-  
22 mitted pursuant to this section.

23 (3) The map and boundary description referred to in  
24 this section shall be on file and available for public inspec-  
25 tion in the office of the Chief of the Forest Service and

1 the office of the Regional Forester of the Northern Re-  
2 gion.

3 **SEC. 8. LANDS ADMINISTERED BY BUREAU OF LAND MAN-**  
4 **AGEMENT.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress has reviewed the suit-  
6 ability of a portion of the Axolotl Lakes Wilderness Study  
7 Area (MT-076-069, BLM Wilderness Study Number) as  
8 generally depicted on a map entitled “Released portion of  
9 Axolotl Lakes WSA”, dated September 1992, for wilder-  
10 ness designation and finds that this portion has been suffi-  
11 ciently studied for wilderness pursuant to section 603 of  
12 the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976  
13 (43 U.S.C. 1782).

14 (b) DIRECTION.—The area described in subsection  
15 (a) shall no longer be subject to the requirement of section  
16 603(c) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act  
17 of 1976 pertaining to management in a manner that does  
18 not impair suitability for preservation as wilderness.

19 (c) ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION.—Those lands  
20 designated as wilderness pursuant to section 3(a) of this  
21 Act, which, as of the date of enactment of this Act, are  
22 administered by the Secretary of the Interior as public  
23 lands (as defined in the Federal Land Policy and Manage-  
24 ment Act of 1976), are hereby transferred to the jurisdic-  
25 tion of the Secretary of Agriculture, and shall be added

1 to and managed as part of the National Forest System,  
2 and the boundaries of the adjacent National Forests are  
3 hereby modified to include such lands.

4 (d) LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND.—For  
5 purposes of section 7 of the Land and Water Conservation  
6 Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 4601–9), the boundaries  
7 of affected National Forests, as modified by this section,  
8 shall be considered to be the boundaries of such National  
9 Forests as if they were the boundaries of the National  
10 Forests as of January 1, 1965. Money appropriated from  
11 the Land and Water Conservation Fund shall be available  
12 for the acquisition of lands, waters, and interests therein  
13 in furtherance of the purposes of this Act.

14 **SEC. 9. MONTANA ECOSYSTEM AND ECONOMICS STUDY.**

15 (a) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this section:

16 (1) The term “ecosystem” means a dynamic  
17 complex of plant, animal and microorganism commu-  
18 nities and their nonliving environment interacting as  
19 a functional unit.

20 (2) The term “Northern Rockies” means Fed-  
21 eral lands and resources in the State of Montana.

22 (3) The term “Panel” means the independent  
23 scientific panel for the study of the Northern Rock-  
24 ies ecosystem established under subsection (b).

1 (b) INDEPENDENT SCIENTIFIC PANEL FOR THE  
2 STUDY OF THE NORTHERN ROCKIES ECOSYSTEM.—

3 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The President shall es-  
4 tablish an independent scientific panel for the study  
5 of the Northern Rockies. The Panel shall conduct  
6 the study and submit the reports and recommenda-  
7 tions required by subsection (c).

8 (2) MEMBERSHIP.—(A) The Panel established  
9 under this subsection shall be composed of 11 mem-  
10 bers, appointed by the President, from a list of can-  
11 didates to be developed and submitted to the Presi-  
12 dent by the National Academy of Sciences and lists  
13 from well-established professional societies with an  
14 interest in the environmental sciences.

15 (B) Each member of the Panel shall be a recog-  
16 nized expert in the field for which the member is  
17 considered for appointment and shall be free of eco-  
18 nomic conflict of interest with regard to the subject  
19 of this section. Each member also shall have re-  
20 search experience in the Northern Rockies region or  
21 otherwise be familiar with the issues and ecology of  
22 the region. As a whole, membership of the Panel  
23 shall represent an appropriately broad diversity of  
24 disciplines, and members shall have recognized expe-

1 rience in natural sciences, economics, and adminis-  
2 trative policy.

3 (C) The list of candidates provided by the Na-  
4 tional Academy of Sciences shall consist of at least  
5 twice as many nominees as positions available in  
6 each category specified in this section.

7 (D) The Panel shall work cooperatively with all  
8 relevant State and Federal agencies, university re-  
9 search stations and departments, and Indian tribes.

10 (E) The Panel may establish, at its discretion,  
11 such subregional review teams and working groups  
12 as it deems necessary to complete its tasks in a  
13 timely and professional manner.

14 (3) PAY AND EXPENSES.—(A) Except as pro-  
15 vided in subparagraph (B), members of the Panel  
16 established under this subsection shall each be paid  
17 at a rate not to exceed, and consistent with, the rate  
18 paid to employees of the United States performing  
19 similar duties and with similar qualifications for  
20 each day (including travel time) during which they  
21 are engaged in the actual performance of duties  
22 vested in the Panel. While away from their homes or  
23 regular places of business in the performance of  
24 services for the Panel, members of the Panel shall  
25 be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu

1 of subsistence, in the same manner as persons em-  
2 ployed intermittently in Government service are al-  
3 lowed expenses under section 5703 of title 5, United  
4 States Code.

5 (B) Other than reimbursement of expenses pur-  
6 suant to subparagraph (A), members of the Panel  
7 who are full-time officers or employees of the United  
8 States shall receive no additional pay, allowances, or  
9 benefits by reason of their service on the Panel.

10 (4) CHAIRPERSON.—The Chairperson of the  
11 Panel shall be appointed by the President.

12 (5) AGENCY ASSISTANCE.—Upon request of the  
13 Panel, the head of any Federal agency shall provide  
14 facilities, equipment, personnel, and other types of  
15 support to the Panel to assist the Panel in carrying  
16 out its duties under this Act.

17 (6) TERMINATION.—The Panel shall terminate  
18 30 days after the submission of the final report  
19 under subsection (c).

20 (c) STUDY OF ECOSYSTEMS MANAGEMENT OF THE  
21 NORTHERN ROCKIES.—

22 (1) STUDY.—(A) The Panel shall define the  
23 boundaries of, and map, the ecosystems of the  
24 Northern Rockies, including any corridors the Panel  
25 deems necessary to connect isolated ecosystems. In

1 making the determination of ecosystem boundaries,  
2 the Panel shall consider—

3 (i) restoration and maintenance of natural  
4 biological diversity;

5 (ii) productivity on a long-term, sustain-  
6 able basis of essential natural ecological ele-  
7 ments, functions, and successional processes;

8 (iii) preservation of the integrity of genetic  
9 stocks of native communities of plants and ani-  
10 mals, with an emphasis on areas of high species  
11 richness and endemism;

12 (iv) restoration or maintenance or protec-  
13 tion of high water quality instream flows and  
14 watersheds (or riparian areas) sufficient to pro-  
15 tect fish and wildlife;

16 (v) maintaining biological connectivity be-  
17 tween and among physiographic provinces; and

18 (vi) maintenance of long-term, sustainable  
19 outputs of economically valuable natural re-  
20 sources.

21 (B)(i) The Panel shall define the essential man-  
22 agement purpose and biological function and desired  
23 condition of the ecosystems defined under subpara-  
24 graph (A). In conjunction with carrying out sub-  
25 paragraph (A), the Panel shall assess the ecological

1 status and trends, including, where appropriate, lev-  
2 els of risks associated with applicable management  
3 alternatives of water quality, riparian areas, and  
4 fisheries; uncommon, rare, threatened, and endan-  
5 gered species; rangelands; soils; and late successional  
6 old growth forest.

7 (ii) The Panel shall analyze the timber quan-  
8 tity, quality, and growth on the existing timber base  
9 as well as the success of reforestation in the region  
10 to date, probable rates of reforestation success in the  
11 future, and their effect on timber supply and related  
12 issues.

13 (C) The Panel shall gather and display in a  
14 useful form biological data from each of the  
15 ecosystems defined under subparagraph (A).

16 (D) The Panel shall identify gaps in important  
17 research areas and contract for or otherwise obtain  
18 research necessary in the short term to accomplish  
19 the duties of the Panel under this section.

20 (E) The Panel shall analyze Federal land own-  
21 ership patterns and associated Federal land manage-  
22 ment mandates and practices within the ecosystems  
23 identified in subparagraph (A) and identify those  
24 mandates and practices which are inconsistent or in-

1 compatible with ecosystem management levels of risk  
2 identified under subparagraph (B).

3 (F) The Panel shall identify opportunities to  
4 encourage sustainable economic use of the natural  
5 resources of the ecosystems identified by the Panel  
6 and the sustainable economic outputs identified in  
7 subparagraph (A)(vi), in a manner consistent with  
8 the goals and purposes of those ecosystems. Special  
9 emphasis shall be placed on the identification of op-  
10 portunities for the maintenance and growth of small  
11 businesses and the establishment of new small busi-  
12 nesses consistent with the goals and purposes of  
13 those ecosystems. In making these recommendations,  
14 the Panel should consider opportunities to improve  
15 environmental conditions that could permit an ex-  
16 pansion of the sustainable contribution of commodity  
17 and noncommodity uses and outputs of natural re-  
18 sources, including but not limited to each of the fol-  
19 lowing:

20 (i) Increasing desirable natural vegetative  
21 growth through reforestation with native spe-  
22 cies, thinning and other timber stand modifica-  
23 tions, prescribed burning, and seeding or plant-  
24 ing native grasses, forbs, and shrubs.

1           (ii) Improving the quality of other biological  
2 resources (such as species diversity and animal  
3 populations) through habitat restoration,  
4 extended timber rotations, alternative timber  
5 harvesting and bidding systems, and different  
6 standards and methods for road construction,  
7 maintenance, closure, and eradication.

8           (iii) Enhancing the quality of non-biological  
9 resources (such as recreation trails and developments,  
10 watersheds and streams), through  
11 site restoration and rehabilitation, demand  
12 management (such as user regulation and enforcement,  
13 marketing to shift timing and location of uses) and investment  
14 in recreational use.

15       (2) RECOMMENDATIONS.—The Panel shall submit  
16 recommendations on each of the following:

17           (A) Specific, implementable steps for management  
18 of the ecosystems defined under paragraph (1)(A), including  
19 removal of inconsistent or incompatible mandates and practices  
20 identified under paragraph (1)(E).

21           (B) Ways to better monitor the resources within  
22 the ecosystems.

23           (C) Ways to create or improve direct cooperation  
24 between scientists both within and  
25

1 without the Federal Government and Federal  
2 land managers.

3 (D) Methods, including incentives by which  
4 State and private landowners might coopera-  
5 tively manage their lands in a manner compat-  
6 ible with Federal lands located within the  
7 ecosystems.

8 (E) Other institutional or legislative  
9 changes the Panel determines will promote  
10 sound ecosystem management.

11 (3) REPORTS.—(A) Not later than 6 months  
12 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Panel  
13 shall submit an interim report to the President and  
14 the Congress. The report shall discuss the progress  
15 of the Panel in carrying out this section and shall  
16 include—

17 (i) a description of any ecosystems defined  
18 and mapped under paragraph (1) (A) and (B);

19 (ii) summaries of the biological data gath-  
20 ered to date under paragraph (1)(C); and

21 (iii) the additional research obtained under  
22 paragraph (1)(D).

23 (B) Not later than 30 months after the date of  
24 enactment of this Act, the Panel shall submit a final  
25 report to the President and the Congress which con-

1 tains a description of its activities under this section  
2 and includes the findings, analyses, and rec-  
3 ommendations made under this section.

4 (C) The reports submitted to the Congress  
5 under this paragraph shall be submitted to the Com-  
6 mittee on Resources of the House of Representatives  
7 and the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-  
8 sources of the Senate.

9 **SEC. 10. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.**

10 (a) REDESIGNATION.—(1) Those lands comprising  
11 the Rattlesnake National Recreation Area and Wilderness,  
12 as designated in Public Law 96–476 are hereby redesi-  
13 gnated as the “Rattlesnake National Education and Recre-  
14 ation Area and Wilderness”.

15 (2) Those lands comprising 200 acres, as generally  
16 depicted on a map entitled “West Pioneers Study Dele-  
17 tion—Proposed”, are hereby released from study under  
18 Public Law 95–150.

19 (b) WITHDRAWAL.—(1) Those lands comprising ap-  
20 proximately 27,000 acres, as generally depicted on a map  
21 entitled “Gibson Reservoir Mineral Withdrawal Area—  
22 Proposed”, dated October 1992, are hereby withdrawn  
23 from all forms of entry, appropriation and disposal under  
24 the mining and public land laws, and disposition under  
25 the geothermal and mineral leasing laws.

1           (2) The Secretary shall file a map and boundary de-  
2      scription of the area designated by this subsection with  
3      the committees identified in this subsection and such map  
4      and boundary description shall have the same force and  
5      effect as if included in this Act.

6           (3) The Secretary may correct clerical and typo-  
7      graphical errors in the map and boundary description sub-  
8      mitted pursuant to this subsection.

9           (4) The map and boundary description referred to in  
10     this subsection shall be on file and available for public in-  
11     spection in the office of the Chief of the Forest Service  
12     and the office of the Regional Forester of the Northern  
13     Region.

14          (c) ACREAGES.—All acreages cited in this Act are ap-  
15     proximate and in the event of discrepancies between cited  
16     acreage and the lands depicted on referenced maps, the  
17     maps shall control.

18          (d) ACCESS.—It is the policy of Congress that the  
19     Forest Service affirm or acquire and maintain reasonable  
20     public access to National Forest System lands in the State  
21     of Montana.

22          (e) SCAPEGOAT AND GREAT BEAR WILDERNESS  
23     NAMES.—In order to consolidate existing contiguous wil-  
24     derness areas, those lands comprising the Great Bear Wil-  
25     derness Area designated by Public Law 95–946 and any

1 amendments thereto and the Scapegoat Wilderness Area  
2 designated by Public Law 92-395 and any amendments  
3 thereto are hereby incorporated in and deemed to be a  
4 part of the Bob Marshall Wilderness. The designations of  
5 the Great Bear Wilderness and Scapegoat Wilderness  
6 shall refer to units within the Bob Marshall Wilderness.

7 **SEC. 11. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

8       There are authorized to be appropriated such sums  
9 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

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