

# Union Calendar No. 245

106<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2632

[Report No. 106-422, Part I]

To designate certain Federal lands in the Talladega National Forest in the State of Alabama as the Dugger Mountain Wilderness.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 1999

Mr. RILEY 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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Reported from the Committee on Resources

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Committee on Agriculture discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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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 “Dugger Mountain Wil-  
5 derness Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF DUGGER MOUNTAIN WILDER-**  
7 **NESS, ALABAMA.**

8        (a) DESIGNATION.—In furtherance of the purposes of  
9 the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), certain Fed-  
10 eral lands in the Talladega National Forest in the State  
11 of Alabama, which comprise approximately 9,200 acres,  
12 as generally depicted on a map entitled “Proposed Dugger  
13 Mountain Wilderness” and dated July 2, 1999, are hereby  
14 designated as wilderness and, therefore, as a component  
15 of the National Wilderness Preservation System, and shall  
16 be known as the Dugger Mountain Wilderness.

17        (b) MAP AND DESCRIPTION.—As soon as practicable  
18 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
19 of Agriculture shall submit to Congress a map and a  
20 boundary description of the area designated as wilderness  
21 by this section. The map and description shall have the  
22 same force and effect as if included in this Act, except  
23 that the Secretary may correct clerical and typographical  
24 errors in the map and description. A copy of the map and  
25 description shall be on file and available for public inspec-

1 tion in the Office of the Chief of the Forest Service and  
2 in the office of the Supervisor of National Forest System  
3 lands in Alabama.

4 (c) MANAGEMENT.—Subject to valid existing rights,  
5 lands designated as wilderness by this section shall be  
6 managed by the Secretary of Agriculture in accordance  
7 with the provisions of the Wilderness Act governing areas  
8 designated by that Act as wilderness, except that, with re-  
9 spect to the wilderness area designated by this section, any  
10 reference in the Wilderness Act to the effective date of  
11 the Wilderness Act shall be deemed to be a reference to  
12 the date of the enactment of this Act.

13 (d) TREATMENT OF DUGGER MOUNTAIN FIRE  
14 TOWER.—The Forest Service shall have two years, begin-  
15 ning on the date of the enactment of this Act, in which  
16 to use ground-based mechanical and motorized equipment  
17 to disassemble and remove from the wilderness area des-  
18 igned by this section the Dugger Mountain fire tower,  
19 which has been scheduled for removal by the Forest Serv-  
20 ice, and any supporting structures. The road to the fire  
21 tower shall be open to motorized vehicles during this pe-  
22 riod only for the purpose of removing the tower and sup-  
23 porting structures, after which time the road shall be per-  
24 manently closed to motorized use. The Forest Service shall  
25 follow the provisions of the National Historic Preservation

1 Act (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.) in the determination and exe-  
2 cution of the removal of the tower and supporting struc-  
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