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S. 1843

To designate certain Federal land in the Talladega National Forest, Alabama, as the “Dugger Mountain Wilderness”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 2, 1999

Mr. SESSIONS introduced the following bill; which was read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed

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 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.—There is designated as wilder-
9 ness and as a component of the National Wilderness Pres-
10 ervation System, in accordance with the Wilderness Act

1 (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), certain Federal land in the
2 Talladega National Forest, Alabama, comprising approxi-
3 mately 9,200 acres, as generally depicted on the map enti-
4 tled “Proposed Dugger Mountain Wilderness”, dated July
5 2, 1999, to be known as the “Dugger Mountain Wilder-
6 ness”.

7 (b) MAP AND DESCRIPTION.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after
9 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
10 Agriculture (referred to in this Act as the “Sec-
11 retary”) shall submit to Congress a map and de-
12 scription of the boundaries of the Dugger Mountain
13 Wilderness.

14 (2) FORCE AND EFFECT.—The map and de-
15 scription shall have the same force and effect as if
16 included in this Act, except that the Secretary may
17 correct clerical and typographical errors in the map
18 and description.

19 (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—A copy of the map
20 and description shall be on file and available for
21 public inspection in the office of—

22 (A) the Chief of the Forest Service; and

23 (B) the Supervisor of National Forest Sys-
24 tem land located in the State of Alabama.

25 (c) MANAGEMENT.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing
2 rights, land designated as wilderness by this Act
3 shall be managed by the Secretary in accordance
4 with the applicable provisions of the Wilderness Act
5 (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.).

6 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE EXCEPTION.—With re-
7 spect to the Dugger Mountain Wilderness, any ref-
8 erence in the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et
9 seq.) to the effective date of that Act shall be consid-
10 ered to be a reference to the date of enactment of
11 this Act.

12 (d) TREATMENT OF DUGGER MOUNTAIN FIRE
13 TOWER.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after
15 the date of enactment of this Act, the Forest Service
16 shall disassemble and remove from the Dugger
17 Mountain Wilderness the Dugger Mountain fire
18 tower (including any supporting structures).

19 (2) EQUIPMENT.—The Forest Service may use
20 ground-based mechanical and motorized equipment
21 to carry out paragraph (1).

22 (3) FIRE TOWER ROAD.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—The road to the fire
24 tower shall be open to motorized vehicles during
25 the period required to carry out paragraph (1)

1 only for the purpose of removing the tower (in-
2 cluding any supporting structures).

3 (B) PERMANENT CLOSURE.—After the pe-
4 riod referred to in subparagraph (A), the road
5 to the fire tower shall be permanently closed to
6 motorized use.

7 (4) APPLICABLE LAW.—The Forest Service
8 shall carry out paragraph (1) in accordance with the
9 National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470
10 et seq.).

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