

107TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2656

To designate certain lands in the State of Colorado as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, and for other purposes.

---

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 26, 2001

Ms. DEGETTE (for herself and Mr. UDALL of Colorado) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

---

## A BILL

To designate certain lands in the State of Colorado as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, and for other purposes.

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 AND DEFINITIONS.**

4       (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5       “Colorado Wilderness Act of 2001”.

6       (b) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this Act, the term  
7       “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior or the  
8       Secretary of Agriculture, as appropriate.

1 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONS TO THE WILDERNESS PRESERVATION**  
2 **SYSTEM.**

3 (a) ADDITIONS.—The following lands in the State of  
4 Colorado administered by the Bureau of Land Manage-  
5 ment or the United States Forest Service are hereby des-  
6 ignated as wilderness and, therefore, as components of the  
7 National Wilderness Preservation System:

8 (1) The following areas in the Glenwood  
9 Springs Resource Area:

10 (A) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
11 mately 40,424 acres, as generally depicted on a  
12 map entitled “Roan Plateau Wilderness Pro-  
13 posal” dated February 1, 2001, which shall be  
14 known as the Roan Plateau Wilderness.

15 (B) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
16 mately 15,141 acres, as generally depicted on a  
17 map entitled “Bull Gulch Wilderness Proposal”  
18 dated February 1, 2001, which shall be known  
19 as the Bull Gulch Wilderness.

20 (C) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
21 mately 16,225 acres, as generally depicted on a  
22 map entitled “Castle Peak Wilderness Pro-  
23 posal” dated July 25, 2001, which shall be  
24 known as the Castle Peak Wilderness.

25 (D) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
26 mately 316 acres, as generally depicted on a

1 map entitled “Maroon Bells Snowmass Wilder-  
2 ness Proposal” dated February 1, 2001, which  
3 shall be known as the Maroon Bells Wilderness.

4 (E) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
5 mately 11,681 acres, as generally depicted on a  
6 map entitled “Grand Hogback Wilderness Pro-  
7 posal” dated July 25, 2001, which shall be  
8 known as the Grand Hogback Wilderness.

9 (2) The following areas in the Glenwood  
10 Springs Resource Area and the White River Na-  
11 tional Forest:

12 (A) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
13 mately 22,170 acres, as generally depicted on a  
14 map entitled “Deep Creek Wilderness Pro-  
15 posal”, dated February 1, 2001, which shall be  
16 known as the Deep Creek Wilderness.

17 (B) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
18 mately 13,272 acres, as generally depicted on a  
19 map entitled “Flat Tops Addition Wilderness  
20 Proposal”, dated February 1, 2001, and which  
21 are hereby incorporated in and shall be deemed  
22 to be a part of the Flat Tops Wilderness des-  
23 ignated by Public Law 94–146.

24 (C) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
25 mately 25,259 acres, as generally depicted on a

1 map entitled “Thompson Creek Wilderness Pro-  
2 posal” dated February 1, 2001, which shall be  
3 known as the Thompson Creek Wilderness.

4 (3) The following lands in the Grand Junction  
5 Resource Area:

6 (A) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
7 mately 21,060 acres, as generally depicted on a  
8 map entitled “Bangs Canyon Wilderness Pro-  
9 posal”, dated February 1, 2001, which shall be  
10 known as the Bangs Canyon Wilderness.

11 (B) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
12 mately 25,805 acres, as generally depicted on a  
13 map entitled “Demaree Canyon Wilderness Pro-  
14 posal”, dated February 1, 2001, which shall be  
15 known as the Demaree Canyon Wilderness.

16 (C) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
17 mately 4,249 acres, as generally depicted on a  
18 map entitled “Granite Creek Wilderness Pro-  
19 posal”, dated February 1, 2001, which shall be  
20 known as the Granite Creek Wilderness.

21 (D) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
22 mately 14,563 acres, as generally depicted on a  
23 map entitled “Hunter Canyon Wilderness Pro-  
24 posal”, dated February 1, 2001, which shall be  
25 known as the Hunter Canyon Wilderness.

1           (E) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
2           mately 29,205 acres, as generally depicted on a  
3           map entitled “Little Bookcliffs Wilderness Pro-  
4           posal”, dated February 1, 2001, which shall be  
5           known as the Little Bookcliffs Wilderness.

6           (F) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
7           mately 26,836 acres, as generally depicted on a  
8           map entitled “The Palisade Wilderness Pro-  
9           posal”, dated February 1, 2001, which shall be  
10          known as The Palisade Wilderness.

11          (G) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
12          mately 27,508 acres, as generally depicted on a  
13          map entitled “South Shale Ridge Wilderness  
14          Proposal”, dated February 1, 2001, which shall  
15          be known as the South Shale Ridge Wilderness.

16          (H) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
17          mately 15,660 acres, as generally depicted on a  
18          map entitled “Cow Ridge Wilderness Proposal”,  
19          dated July 25, 2001, which shall be known as  
20          the Cow Ridge Wilderness.

21          (4) Certain lands in the Grand Junction and  
22          Uncompahgre Resource Areas and the Uncompahgre  
23          National Forest which comprise approximately  
24          84,452 acres, as generally depicted on a map enti-  
25          tled “Dominguez Canyons Wilderness Proposal”,

1       dated February 1, 2001, which shall be known as  
2       the Dominguez Canyons Wilderness.

3               (5) Certain lands in the Grand Junction Re-  
4       source Area and the Uncompahgre National Forest  
5       which comprise approximately 39,039 acres, as gen-  
6       erally depicted on a map entitled “Unaweep Wilder-  
7       ness Proposal”, dated February 1, 2001, which shall  
8       be known as the Unaweep Wilderness.

9               (6) Certain lands in the Grand Junction Re-  
10      source Area, the San Juan Resource Area, and the  
11      Manti-LaSal National Forest which comprise ap-  
12      proximately 30,084 acres, as generally depicted on a  
13      map entitled “Sewemup Mesa Wilderness Proposal”,  
14      dated February 1, 2001, which shall be known as  
15      the Sewemup Mesa Wilderness.

16              (7) Certain in the Gunnison Resource Area  
17      which comprise approximately 38,560 acres, as gen-  
18      erally depicted on a map entitled “Redcloud Peak  
19      Wilderness Proposal”, dated February 1, 2001,  
20      which shall be known as the Redcloud Peak Wilder-  
21      ness.

22              (8) Certain lands in the Gunnison Resource  
23      Area and the Gunnison National Forest and Rio  
24      Grande National Forest which comprise approxi-  
25      mately 72,332 acres, as generally depicted on a map

1 entitled “Handies Peak Wilderness Proposal”, dated  
2 February 1, 2001, which shall be known as the  
3 Handies Peak Wilderness.

4 (9) Certain lands in the Kremmling Resource  
5 Area which comprise approximately 33 acres, as  
6 generally depicted on a map entitled “Platte River  
7 Addition Wilderness Proposal”, dated February 1,  
8 2001, and which are hereby incorporated in and  
9 shall be deemed to be part of the Platte River Addi-  
10 tion Wilderness designated by Public Law 98–550.

11 (10) Certain lands in the Kremmling Resource  
12 Area, the Arapaho National Forest, and the Routt  
13 National Forest which comprise approximately  
14 119,615 acres, as generally depicted on a map enti-  
15 tled “Troublesome Wilderness Proposal”, dated Feb-  
16 ruary 1, 2001, which shall be known as the Trouble-  
17 some Wilderness.

18 (11) Certain lands in the Royal Gorge Resource  
19 Area and the Pike National Forest which comprise  
20 approximately 24,422 acres, as generally depicted on  
21 a map entitled “Browns Canyon Wilderness Pro-  
22 posal”, dated February 1, 2001, which shall be  
23 known as the Browns Canyon Wilderness.

24 (12) Certain lands in the Uncompahgre Re-  
25 source Area and the Grand Mesa National Forest

1 which comprise approximately 10,723 acres as gen-  
2 erally depicted on a map entitled “Adobe Badlands  
3 Wilderness Area Proposal”, dated February 1, 2001,  
4 which shall be known as the Adobe Badlands Wil-  
5 derness.

6 (13) Certain lands in the Uncompahgre Re-  
7 source Area and the Uncompahgre National Forest  
8 which comprise approximately 14,476 acres, as gen-  
9 erally depicted on a map entitled “Roubideau Addi-  
10 tion Wilderness Proposal”, dated February 1, 2001,  
11 which shall be known as the Roubideau Wilderness.

12 (14) The following areas in the San Juan Re-  
13 source Area:

14 (A) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
15 mately 25,876 acres, as generally depicted on a  
16 map entitled “Cross Canyon Wilderness Pro-  
17 posal” dated February 1, 2001, which shall be  
18 known as the Cross Canyon Wilderness.

19 (B) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
20 mately 41,022 acres, as generally depicted on a  
21 map entitled “Dolores River Canyon Wilderness  
22 Proposal”, dated February 1, 2001, which shall  
23 be known as the Dolores River Canyon Wilder-  
24 ness.

1 (C) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
2 mately 4,806 acres, as generally depicted on a  
3 map entitled “Mares Tail Canyon Wilderness  
4 Proposal” dated February 1, 2001, which shall  
5 be known as the Mares Tail Wilderness.

6 (D) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
7 mately 33,394 acres, as generally depicted on a  
8 map entitled “McKenna Peak Wilderness Pro-  
9 posal” dated February 1, 2001, which shall be  
10 known as the McKenna Peak Wilderness.

11 (E) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
12 mately 23,543 acres, as generally depicted on a  
13 map entitled “San Luis Hills Wilderness Pro-  
14 posal” dated February 1, 2001, which shall be  
15 known as the San Luis Hills Wilderness.

16 (F) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
17 mately 14,572 acres, as generally depicted on a  
18 map entitled “Weber-Menefee Mountain Wilder-  
19 ness Proposal” dated February 1, 2001, which  
20 shall be known as the Weber-Menefee Mountain  
21 Wilderness.

22 (15) The following areas in the Little Snake  
23 Resource Area:

24 (A) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
25 mately 50,381 acres, as generally depicted on a

1 map entitled “Cold Spring Mountain Wilder-  
2 ness Proposal”, dated February 1, 2001, which  
3 shall be known as the Cold Spring Mountain  
4 Wilderness.

5 (B) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
6 mately 18,027 acres, as generally depicted on a  
7 map entitled “Cross Mountain Wilderness Pro-  
8 posal” dated February 1, 2001, which shall be  
9 known as the Cross Mountain Wilderness.

10 (C) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
11 mately 33,906 acres, as generally depicted on a  
12 map entitled “Diamond Breaks Wilderness Pro-  
13 posal”, dated February 1, 2001, which shall be  
14 known as the Diamond Breaks Wilderness.

15 (D) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
16 mately 29,628 acres, as generally depicted on a  
17 map entitled “Dinosaur Wilderness Proposal”  
18 dated February 1, 2001, which shall be known  
19 as the Dinosaur Wilderness.

20 (E) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
21 mately 86,330 acres, as generally depicted on a  
22 map entitled “Vermillion Basin Wilderness Pro-  
23 posal”, dated February 1, 2001, which shall be  
24 known as the Vermillion Basin Wilderness.

1 (F) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
2 mately 12,414 acres, as generally depicted on a  
3 map entitled “Yampa River Wilderness Pro-  
4 posal” dated February 1, 2001, which shall be  
5 known as the Yampa River Wilderness.

6 (16) Certain lands in the Royal Gorge Resource  
7 Area which comprise approximately 17,319 acres, as  
8 generally depicted on a map entitled “McIntyre Hills  
9 Wilderness Proposal”, dated February 1, 2001,  
10 which shall be known as the McIntyre Wilderness.

11 (17) Certain lands in the Royal Gorge Resource  
12 Area and the Pike National Forest which comprise  
13 approximately 38,424 acres, as generally depicted on  
14 a map entitled “Beaver Creek Wilderness Proposal”,  
15 dated February 1, 2001, which shall be known as  
16 the Beaver Creek Wilderness.

17 (18) Certain lands in the San Juan Resource  
18 Area and the San Juan National which comprise ap-  
19 proximately 31,971 acres, as generally depicted on a  
20 map entitled “Snaggletooth Wilderness Proposal”,  
21 dated February 1, 2001, which shall be known as  
22 the Snaggletooth Wilderness.

23 (19) Certain lands in the San Luis Resource  
24 Area which comprise approximately 10,866 acres, as  
25 generally depicted on a map entitled “Rio Grande

1 Wilderness Proposal”, dated February 1, 2001,  
2 which shall be known as the Rio Grande Wilderness.

3 (20) The following areas in the White River  
4 Area:

5 (A) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
6 mately 22,394 acres, as generally depicted on a  
7 map entitled “Black Mountain-Windy Gulch  
8 Wilderness Proposal”, dated February 1, 2001,  
9 which shall be known as the Black Mountain-  
10 Windy Gulch Wilderness.

11 (B) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
12 mately 16,736 acres, as generally depicted on a  
13 map entitled “Bull Canyon Wilderness Pro-  
14 posal” dated February 1, 2001, which shall be  
15 known as the Bull Canyon Wilderness.

16 (C) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
17 mately 24,930 acres, as generally depicted on a  
18 map entitled “Oil Spring Mountain Wilderness  
19 Proposal”, dated February 1, 2001, which shall  
20 be known as the Oil Spring Mountain Wilder-  
21 ness.

22 (D) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
23 mately 20,853 acres, as generally depicted on a  
24 map entitled “Pinyon Ridge Wilderness Pro-

1           posal” dated February 1, 2001, which shall be  
2           known as the Pinyon Ridge Wilderness.

3           (E) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
4           mately 30,645 acres, as generally depicted on a  
5           map entitled “Skull Creek Wilderness Pro-  
6           posal”, dated February 1, 2001, which shall be  
7           known as the Skull Creek Wilderness.

8           (21) Certain lands in the Royal Gorge Resource  
9           Area and the San Isabel National Forest which com-  
10          prise approximately 44,376 acres, as generally de-  
11          picted on a map entitled “Grape Creek Wilderness  
12          Proposal”, dated February 1, 2001, which shall be  
13          known as the Grape Creek Wilderness.

14          (b) MAPS AND DESCRIPTIONS.—As soon as prac-  
15          ticable after the date of enactment of this Act, the appro-  
16          priate Secretary shall file a map and a boundary descrip-  
17          tion of each area designated as wilderness by this Act with  
18          the Committee on Resources of the United States House  
19          of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and  
20          Natural Resources of the United States Senate. Each map  
21          and description shall have the same force and effect as  
22          if included in this Act, except that the appropriate Sec-  
23          retary is authorized to correct clerical and typographical  
24          errors in such boundary descriptions and maps. Such  
25          maps and boundary descriptions shall be on file and avail-

1 able for public inspection in the Office of the Director of  
2 the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the In-  
3 terior, and in the Office of the Chief of the Forest Service,  
4 Department of Agriculture, as appropriate.

5 (c) STATE AND PRIVATE LANDS.—Lands within the  
6 exterior boundaries of any wilderness area designated  
7 under this section that are owned by the State or by a  
8 private entity shall be included within such wilderness area  
9 if such lands are acquired by the United States. Such  
10 lands may be acquired by the United States only as pro-  
11 vided in the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 and fol-  
12 lowing).

13 **SEC. 3. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,  
15 lands designated as wilderness by this Act shall be man-  
16 aged by the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of  
17 the Interior, as appropriate, in accordance with the Wil-  
18 derness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) and this Act, except  
19 that, with respect to any wilderness areas designated by  
20 this Act, any reference in the Wilderness Act to the effec-  
21 tive date of the Wilderness Act shall be deemed to be a  
22 reference to the date of enactment of this Act.

23 (b) GRAZING.—Grazing of livestock in wilderness  
24 areas designated by this Act shall be administered in ac-  
25 cordance with the provisions of section 4(d)(4) of the Wil-

1 derness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(4)), as further inter-  
2 preted by section 108 of Public Law 96–560, and, the  
3 guidelines set forth in Appendix A of House Report 101–  
4 405 of the 101st Congress.

5 (c) STATE JURISDICTION.—As provided in section  
6 4(d)(7) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(7)),  
7 nothing in this Act shall be construed as affecting the ju-  
8 risdiction or responsibilities of the State of Colorado with  
9 respect to wildlife and fish in Colorado.

10 (d) WATER.—(1) With respect to each wilderness  
11 area designated by this Act, Congress hereby reserves a  
12 quantity of water sufficient to fulfill the purposes of this  
13 Act. The priority date of such reserved rights shall be the  
14 date of enactment of this Act.

15 (2) The appropriate Secretary and all other officers  
16 of the United States shall take steps necessary to protect  
17 the rights reserved by paragraph (1), including the filing  
18 by the Secretary of a claim for the quantification of such  
19 rights in any present or future appropriate stream adju-  
20 dication in the courts of the State of Colorado in which  
21 the United States is or may be joined and which is con-  
22 ducted in accordance with the McCarran Amendment (43  
23 U.S.C. 666).

24 (3) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as a relin-  
25 quishment or reduction of any water rights reserved or

1 appropriated by the United States in the State of Colorado  
2 on or before the date of enactment of this Act.

3 (4) The Federal water rights reserved by this Act are  
4 specific to the wilderness areas located in the State of Col-  
5 orado designated by this title. Nothing in this title related  
6 to reserved Federal water rights shall be construed as es-  
7 tablishing a precedent with regard to any future designa-  
8 tions, nor shall it constitute an interpretation of any other  
9 Act or any designation made pursuant thereto.

○