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# S. 2463

To designate as wilderness certain National Forest System land in the State of New Hampshire.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 28, 2006

Mr. SUNUNU (for himself and Mr. GREGG) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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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 cited as the “New Hampshire Wil-  
5       derness Act of 2006”.

6       **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7       In this Act:

8               (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
9       the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the  
10       Chief of the Forest Service.

1           (2) STATE.—The term “State” means the State  
2           of New Hampshire.

3 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS.**

4           In accordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C.  
5 1131 et seq.), the following Federal land in the State is  
6 designated as wilderness and as components of the Na-  
7 tional Wilderness Preservation System:

8           (1) Certain Federal land managed by the For-  
9           est Service, comprising approximately 23,700 acres,  
10          as generally depicted on the map entitled “Proposed  
11          Wild River Wilderness—White Mountain National  
12          Forest”, dated February 6, 2006, which shall be  
13          known as the “Wild River Wilderness”.

14          (2) Certain Federal land managed by the For-  
15          est Service, comprising approximately 10,800 acres,  
16          as generally depicted on the map entitled “Proposed  
17          Sandwich Range Wilderness Additions—White  
18          Mountain National Forest”, dated February 6,  
19          2006, and which are incorporated in the Sandwich  
20          Range Wilderness, as designated by the New Hamp-  
21          shire Wilderness Act of 1984 (Public Law 98–323;  
22          98 Stat. 259).

23 **SEC. 4. MAP AND DESCRIPTION.**

24          (a) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after the  
25 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall file a

1 map and a legal description of each wilderness area des-  
2 ignated by section 3 with the committees of appropriate  
3 jurisdiction in the Senate and the House of Representa-  
4 tives.

5 (b) FORCE AND EFFECT.—A map and legal descrip-  
6 tion filed under subsection (a) shall have the same force  
7 and effect as if included in this Act, except that the Sec-  
8 retary may correct clerical and typographical errors in the  
9 map and legal description.

10 (c) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—Each map and legal de-  
11 scription filed under subsection (a) shall be filed and made  
12 available for public inspection in the Office of the Chief  
13 of the Forest Service.

14 **SEC. 5. ADMINISTRATION.**

15 (a) ADMINISTRATION.—Subject to valid existing  
16 rights, each wilderness area designated under this section  
17 shall be administered by the Secretary in accordance  
18 with—

19 (1) the Federal Land Policy and Management  
20 Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); and

21 (2) the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et  
22 seq.).

23 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE OF WILDERNESS ACT.—With  
24 respect to any wilderness area designated by this Act, any  
25 reference in the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.)

1 to the effective date of the Wilderness Act shall be deemed  
2 to be a reference to the date of enactment of this Act.

3 (c) FISH AND WILDLIFE.—As provided in section  
4 4(d)(7) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(7)),  
5 nothing in this Act affects any jurisdiction or responsi-  
6 bility of the State with respect to wildlife and fish in the  
7 State.

8 (d) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,  
9 all Federal land in the wilderness areas designated by sec-  
10 tion 3 are withdrawn from—

11 (1) all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal  
12 under the public land laws;

13 (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining  
14 laws; and

15 (3) disposition under the mineral leasing laws  
16 (including geothermal leasing laws).

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