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1ST SESSION**S. 272****[Report No. 109-34]**

To designate certain National Forest System land in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 3, 2005

Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

MARCH 10, 2005

Reported by Mr. DOMENICI, with amendments and an amendment to the title
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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Caribbean National
3 Forest Act of 2005”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) MAP.—The term “map” means the map
7 dated April 13, ~~2004~~ 2004, and entitled “El Toro
8 Proposed Wilderness Area”.

9 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
10 the Secretary of Agriculture.

11 **SEC. 3. WILDERNESS DESIGNATION, CARIBBEAN NATIONAL**
12 **FOREST, PUERTO RICO.**

13 (a) EL TORO WILDERNESS.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—In furtherance of the pur-
15 poses of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. ~~1113~~ 1131
16 et seq.), the approximately 10,000 acres of land in
17 the Caribbean National Forest/Luquillo Experi-
18 mental Forest in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
19 ~~described in~~ *as generally depicted on* the map are
20 designated as wilderness and as a component of the
21 National Wilderness Preservation System.

22 (2) DESIGNATION.—The land designated in
23 paragraph (1) shall be known as the El Toro Wilder-
24 ness.

1 (3) WILDERNESS BOUNDARIES.—The El Toro
2 Wilderness shall consist of the land ~~described in~~ *gen-*
3 *erally depicted* on the map.

4 (b) MAP AND BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after
6 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
7 shall—

8 (A) prepare a boundary description of the
9 El Toro Wilderness; and

10 (B) submit the map and the boundary de-
11 scription to the Committee on Energy and Nat-
12 ural Resources of the Senate and the Com-
13 mittee on Resources of the House of Represent-
14 atives.

15 (2) PUBLIC INSPECTION AND TREATMENT.—
16 The map and the boundary description prepared
17 under paragraph (1)(A)—

18 (A) shall be on file and available for public
19 inspection in the office of the Chief of the For-
20 est Service; and

21 (B) shall have the same force and effect as
22 if included in this Act.

23 (3) ERRORS.—The Secretary may correct cler-
24 ical and typographical errors in the map and the

1 boundary description prepared under paragraph
2 (1)(A).

3 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing
5 rights, the Secretary shall administer the El Toro
6 Wilderness in accordance with the Wilderness Act
7 (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) and this Act.

8 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE OF WILDERNESS ACT.—

9 With respect to the El Toro Wilderness, any ref-
10 erence in the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et
11 seq.) to the effective date of that Act shall be
12 deemed to be a reference to the date of the enact-
13 ment of this Act.

14 (d) SPECIAL MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS.—Con-

15 sistent with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.),
16 nothing in this Act precludes the installation and mainte-
17 nance of hydrologic, meteorological, climatological, or at-
18 mospheric data collection and remote transmission facili-
19 ties, or any combination of those facilities, in any case in
20 which the Secretary determines that the facilities are es-
21 sential to the scientific research purposes of the Luquillo
22 Experimental Forest.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to designate certain National Forest System land in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System.”.

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