

110TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 3513

AN ACT

To amend the Oregon Wilderness Act of 1984 to designate the Copper Salmon Wilderness and to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the North and South Forks of the Elk River in the State of Oregon as wild or scenic rivers, 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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Copper Salmon Wilder-
5 ness Act of 2008”.

6 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF THE COPPER SALMON WILDER-**
7 **NESS.**

8 (a) DESIGNATION.—Section 3 of the Oregon Wilder-
9 ness Act of 1984 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; Public Law 98–
10 328) is amended—

11 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by
12 striking “eight hundred fifty-nine thousand six hun-
13 dred acres” and inserting “871,593 acres”;

14 (2) in paragraph (29), by striking the period at
15 the end and inserting “; and”; and

16 (3) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(30) certain land in the Siskiyou National
18 Forest, comprising approximately 11,922 acres, as
19 generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Copper
20 Salmon Wilderness Proposal’ and dated April 1,
21 2008, to be known as the ‘Copper Salmon Wilder-
22 ness’.”.

23 (b) MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

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

1 Agriculture (referred to in this Act as the “Sec-
2 retary”) shall file a map and a legal description of
3 the Copper Salmon Wilderness with—

4 (A) the Committee on Energy and Natural
5 Resources of the Senate; and

6 (B) the Committee on Natural Resources
7 of the House of Representatives.

8 (2) FORCE OF LAW.—The map and legal de-
9 scription filed under paragraph (1) shall have the
10 same force and effect as if included in this Act, ex-
11 cept that the Secretary may correct typographical
12 errors in the map and legal description.

13 (3) BOUNDARY.—If the boundary of the Copper
14 Salmon Wilderness shares a border with a road, the
15 Secretary may only establish an offset that is not
16 more than 150 feet from the centerline of the road.

17 (4) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—Each map and
18 legal description filed under paragraph (1) shall be
19 on file and available for public inspection in the ap-
20 propriate offices of the Forest Service.

21 **SEC. 3. WILD AND SCENIC RIVER DESIGNATIONS, ELK**
22 **RIVER, OREGON.**

23 Section 3(a)(76) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act
24 (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)(76)) is amended—

1 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),
2 by striking “19-mile segment” and inserting “28.2-
3 mile segment”;

4 (2) in subparagraph (A), by striking “; and”
5 and inserting a period; and

6 (3) by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting
7 the following:

8 “(B)(i) The approximately 0.6-mile seg-
9 ment of the North Fork Elk from its source in
10 sec. 21, T. 33 S., R. 12 W., Willamette Merid-
11 ian, downstream to 0.01 miles below Forest
12 Service Road 3353, as a scenic river.

13 “(ii) The approximately 5.5-mile segment
14 of the North Fork Elk from 0.01 miles below
15 Forest Service Road 3353 to its confluence with
16 the South Fork Elk, as a wild river.

17 “(C)(i) The approximately 0.9-mile seg-
18 ment of the South Fork Elk from its source in
19 the southeast quarter of sec. 32, T. 33 S., R.
20 12 W., Willamette Meridian, downstream to
21 0.01 miles below Forest Service Road 3353, as
22 a scenic river.

23 “(ii) The approximately 4.2-mile segment
24 of the South Fork Elk from 0.01 miles below

1 (b) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—As soon as
2 practicable after the date of the enactment of this Act,
3 the Secretary shall file with the Committee on Natural Re-
4 sources of the House of Representatives and the Com-
5 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate
6 a map and legal description of potential wilderness area
7 designated by subsection (a). The map and legal descrip-
8 tion shall have the same force and effect as if included
9 in this Act, except that the Secretary may correct clerical
10 and typographical errors in the map and description. In
11 the case of any discrepancy between the acreage specified
12 in subsection (a) and the map, the map shall control. The
13 map and legal description shall be on file and available
14 for public inspection in the Office of the Chief of the For-
15 est Service.

16 (c) MANAGEMENT.—Except as provided in subsection
17 (d) and subject to valid existing rights, the Secretary shall
18 manage the potential wilderness area designated by sub-
19 section (a) as wilderness until its designated as wilderness
20 under subsection (e).

21 (d) ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—For the purposes of imple-
23 menting the planned ecological restoration approved
24 by the Decision Notice and Finding of No Signifi-
25 cant Impact for the Environmental Assessment for

1 the Coastal Healthy Forest Treatments, dated May
2 25, 2007, the Secretary may use motorized equip-
3 ment and mechanized transport in the potential wil-
4 derness area until its designated as wilderness under
5 subsection (e).

6 (2) LIMITATION.—To the maximum extent
7 practicable, the Secretary shall use the minimum
8 tool or administrative practice necessary to accom-
9 plish ecological restoration under paragraph (1) with
10 the least amount of adverse impact on wilderness
11 character and resources.

12 (e) EVENTUAL WILDERNESS DESIGNATION.—The
13 potential wilderness area designated by subsection (a)
14 shall be designated as wilderness on the earlier of—

15 (1) the date on which the Secretary publishes in
16 the Federal Register notice that the conditions in
17 the potential wilderness area that are incompatible
18 with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.)
19 have been removed; or

20 (2) the date that is 10 years after the date of
21 the enactment of this Act.

22 (f) INCORPORATION INTO COPPER SALMON WILDER-
23 NESS; ADMINISTRATION.—On its designation as wilder-
24 ness under subsection (e), the potential wilderness area
25 designated by subsection (a) shall be—

1 (1) incorporated into the Copper Salmon Wil-
2 derness; and

3 (2) administered in accordance with the Wilder-
4 ness Act, the Oregon Wilderness Act of 1984, and
5 other laws applicable to the Copper Salmon Wilder-
6 ness, except that, with respect to the potential wil-
7 derness area, any reference in the Wilderness Act to
8 the effective date of that Act shall be deemed to be
9 a reference to the date on which the lands are des-
10 ignated as wilderness under subsection (e).

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Attest:

Clerk.

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