

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3513

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.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2007

Mr. DEFAZIO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Natural Resources

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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 “Copper Salmon Wilder-
5 ness Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds the following:

3 (1) The proposed Copper Salmon Wilderness,
4 totaling approximately 13,700 acres, includes a sig-
5 nificant portion of an inventoried roadless area that
6 is located adjacent to the Grassy Knob Wilderness
7 already protected by the Oregon Wilderness Act of
8 1984.

9 (2) The proposed Copper Salmon Wilderness
10 contains the North and South Forks of the Elk
11 River, as well as the upper Middle Fork of the Sixes
12 River and tributaries of the South Fork of the
13 Coquille River.

14 (3) The Elk River is designated as a Tier 1
15 Key Watershed, and the fisheries of the Elk River
16 are known as one of the best salmon and steelhead
17 producers in the continental United States, pro-
18 ducing more salmon per square meter than most riv-
19 ers outside of Alaska.

20 (4) Wilderness designation of the proposed Cop-
21 per Salmon Wilderness will provide permanent pro-
22 tection for the last remaining stands of mammoth
23 Port Orford Cedars in the Elk River watershed and
24 is needed to conserve the environment in south west-
25 ern Oregon.

1 (5) Local communities in the area of the pro-
2 posed Copper Salmon Wilderness have passed reso-
3 lutions supporting the wilderness designation, and
4 the master plan for the economic stability of Curry
5 County, Oregon, recognizes ecotourism and recre-
6 ation as primary sources of income.

7 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF THE COPPER SALMON WILDER-**
8 **NESS, OREGON.**

9 Section 3 of the Oregon Wilderness Act of 1984
10 (Public Law 98–328; 98 Stat. 272; 16 U.S.C. 1132 note)
11 is amended—

12 (1) in the matter before paragraph (1), by
13 striking “eight hundred fifty-nine thousand six hun-
14 dred acres” and inserting “873,300 acres”;

15 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
16 graph (29) and inserting “; and”; and

17 (3) by adding at the end the following new
18 paragraph:

19 “(30) certain lands in the Siskiyou National
20 Forest, which comprise approximately 13,700 acres,
21 as generally depicted on a map entitled ‘Proposed
22 Copper Salmon Wilderness Area’, and which shall be
23 known as the Copper Salmon Wilderness.”.

1 **SEC. 4. WILD AND SCENIC RIVER DESIGNATIONS, ELK**
2 **RIVER, OREGON.**

3 Section 3(a)(76) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act
4 (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)(76)) is amended—

5 (1) in the matter before subparagraph (A), by
6 striking “19-mile segment” and inserting “29-mile
7 segment”;

8 (2) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-
9 graph (A); and

10 (3) by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting
11 the following new subparagraphs:

12 “(B) the approximately 0.4-mile segment
13 of the North Fork Elk from its source in sec-
14 tion 21, township 33 south, range 12 west, Wil-
15 lamette meridian downstream to 0.01 miles
16 downstream of Forest Service Road 3353 as a
17 scenic river;

18 “(C) the approximately 5.3-mile segment
19 of the North Fork Elk from 0.01 miles down-
20 stream of Forest Service Road 3353 down-
21 stream to its confluence with the South Fork
22 Elk as a wild river;

23 “(D) the approximately 0.9-mile segment
24 of the South Fork Elk from its source in sec-
25 tion 32, township 33 south, range 12 west, Wil-
26 lamette meridian downstream to 0.01 miles

1 downstream of Forest Service Road 3353 as a
2 scenic river;

3 “(E) the approximately 4.2-mile segment
4 of the South Fork Elk from 0.01 miles down-
5 stream of Forest Service Road 3353 down-
6 stream to its confluence with the North Fork
7 Elk as a wild river;”.

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