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H. R. 5151

To designate as wilderness additional National Forest System lands in the Monongahela National Forest in the State of West Virginia, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 29, 2008

Mr. RAHALL (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. MOLLOHAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Wild Monongahela Act:
5 A National Legacy for West Virginia’s Special Places”.

1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS, MONONGAHELA NA-**
2 **TIONAL FOREST, WEST VIRGINIA.**

3 (a) DESIGNATION.—In furtherance of the purposes of
4 the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the following
5 Federal lands within the Monongahela National Forest in
6 the State of West Virginia are designated as wilderness
7 and as either a new component of the National Wilderness
8 Preservation System or as an addition to an existing com-
9 ponent of the National Wilderness Preservation System:

10 (1) Certain Federal land comprising approxi-
11 mately 5,242 acres, as generally depicted on the
12 map entitled “Wild Monongahela: A National Leg-
13 acy for West Virginia’s Special Places” and dated
14 December 31, 2007 (in this subsection referred to as
15 the “map”), which shall be known as the “Big Draft
16 Wilderness”.

17 (2) Certain Federal land comprising approxi-
18 mately 7,955 acres, as generally depicted on the
19 map, which shall be known as the “Cheat Mountain
20 Wilderness”.

21 (3) Certain Federal land comprising approxi-
22 mately 12,032 acres, as generally depicted on the
23 map and referred to as the “Cranberry Expansion”,
24 which shall be added to and administered as part of
25 the Cranberry Wilderness designated by section 1(1)
26 of Public Law 97–466 (96 Stat. 2538).

1 (4) Certain Federal land comprising approxi-
2 mately 7,215 acres, as generally depicted on the
3 map and referred to as the “Dolly Sods Expansion”,
4 which shall be added to and administered as part of
5 the Dolly Sods Wilderness designated by section
6 3(a)(13) of Public Law 93–622 (88 Stat. 2098).

7 (5) Certain Federal land comprising approxi-
8 mately 740 acres, as generally depicted on the map
9 and referred to as the “Dry Fork Expansion”, which
10 shall be added to and administered as part of the
11 Otter Creek Wilderness designated by section
12 3(a)(14) of Public Law 93–622 (88 Stat. 2098).

13 (6) Certain Federal land comprising approxi-
14 mately 6,820 acres, as generally depicted on the
15 map, which shall be known as the “Roaring Plains
16 West Wilderness”.

17 (7) Certain Federal land comprising approxi-
18 mately 7,124 acres, as generally depicted on the
19 map, which shall be known as the “Spice Run Wil-
20 derness”.

21 (b) MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

22 (1) FILING AND AVAILABILITY.—As soon as
23 practicable after the date of the enactment of this
24 Act, the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the
25 Chief of the Forest Service, shall file with the Com-

1 mittee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-
2 representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nu-
3 trition, and Forestry of the Senate a map and legal
4 description of each wilderness area designated or ex-
5 panded by subsection (a). The maps and legal de-
6 scriptions shall be on file and available for public in-
7 spection in the office of the Chief of the Forest Serv-
8 ice and the office of the Supervisor of the
9 Monongahela National Forest.

10 (2) FORCE AND EFFECT.—The maps and legal
11 descriptions referred to in this subsection shall have
12 the same force and effect as if included in this Act,
13 except that the Secretary may correct clerical and
14 typographical errors in the maps and descriptions.

15 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—Subject to valid existing
16 rights, the Federal lands designated as wilderness by sub-
17 section (a) shall be administered by the Secretary in ac-
18 cordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et
19 seq.).

20 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE OF WILDERNESS ACT.—With
21 respect to the Federal lands designated as wilderness by
22 subsection (a), any reference in the Wilderness Act (16
23 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) to the effective date of the Wilderness
24 Act shall be deemed to be a reference to the date of the
25 enactment of this Act.

1 (e) FISH AND WILDLIFE.—As provided in section
2 4(d)(7) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(7)),
3 nothing in this section affects the jurisdiction or responsi-
4 bility of the State of West Virginia with respect to wildlife
5 and fish.

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