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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2007

Mr. WYDEN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and 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 Congress finds that—

3 (1) the proposed Copper Salmon Wilderness,
4 comprising 13,700 acres, includes a significant por-
5 tion of an inventoried roadless area adjacent to the
6 Grassy Knob Wilderness area protected by the Or-
7 egon Wilderness Act of 1984 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note;
8 Public Law 98–328);

9 (2) the proposed Copper Salmon Wilderness in-
10 cludes—

11 (A) the North Fork and South Fork of the
12 Elk River;

13 (B) the upper Middle Fork of the Sixes
14 River; and

15 (C) tributaries of the South Fork of
16 Coquille River;

17 (3) the Elk River is designated as a Tier 1 Key
18 Watershed;

19 (4) the fisheries of the Elk River are recognized
20 as 1 of the best salmon and steelhead producers in
21 the 48 contiguous States, producing more salmon
22 per square meter than most rivers outside the State
23 of Alaska;

24 (5) designation of the proposed Wilderness
25 would provide permanent protection for the last re-

1 maintaining mammoth Port Orford Cedars in the Elk
2 River watershed;

3 (6) the protection of the proposed Copper Salm-
4 on Wilderness is supported by the local communities
5 near the proposed Wilderness, which have passed
6 resolutions supporting the designation of the pro-
7 posed Wilderness;

8 (7) the master plan for the economic stability of
9 Curry County, Oregon, includes ecotourism and
10 recreation as primary sources of income; and

11 (8) permanent protection for the proposed Cop-
12 per Salmon Wilderness is needed to conserve the en-
13 vironment in southwestern Oregon.

14 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF THE COPPER SALMON WILDER-**
15 **NESS.**

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

18 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by
19 striking “eight hundred fifty-nine thousand six hun-
20 dred acres” and inserting “873,300 acres”;

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

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

24 “(30) certain land in the Siskiyou National
25 Forest, comprising approximately 13,700 acres, as

1 generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Proposed
2 Copper Salmon Wilderness Area’, to be known as
3 the ‘Copper Salmon Wilderness’.’.

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

6 Section 3(a)(76) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act
7 (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)(76)) is amended—

8 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),
9 by striking “19-mile segment” and inserting “29-
10 mile segment”;

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

13 (3) by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting
14 the following:

15 “(B) The approximately 0.4-mile segment of
16 the North Fork Elk from the source of the North
17 Fork Elk in sec. 21, T. 33 S., R. 12 W., of the Wil-
18 lamette Meridian, downstream to 0.01 miles down-
19 stream of Forest Service Road 3353, as a scenic
20 river.

21 “(C) The approximately 5.3-mile segment of the
22 North Fork Elk from 0.01 miles downstream of For-
23 est Service Road 3353 downstream to its confluence
24 with the South Fork Elk, as a wild river.

1 “(D) The approximately 0.9-mile segment of
2 the South Fork Elk from the source of the North
3 Fork Elk in sec. 32, T. 33 S., R. 12 W., of the Wil-
4 lamette Meridian, downstream to 0.01 miles down-
5 stream of Forest Service Road 3353, as a scenic
6 river.

7 “(E) The approximately 4.2-mile segment of
8 the South Fork Elk from 0.01 miles downstream of
9 Forest Service Road 3353 downstream to the con-
10 fluence with the North Fork Elk, as a wild river.”.

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