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S. 152

To direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to jointly conduct a study of certain land adjacent to the Walnut Canyon National Monument in the State of Arizona.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 6, 2009

Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. KYL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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 “Walnut Canyon Study
5 Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-
2 titled “Walnut Canyon Proposed Study Area” and
3 dated July 17, 2007.

4 (2) SECRETARIES.—The term “Secretaries”
5 means the Secretary of the Interior and the Sec-
6 retary of Agriculture, acting jointly.

7 (3) STUDY AREA.—The term “study area”
8 means the area identified on the map as the “Wal-
9 nut Canyon Proposed Study Area”.

10 **SEC. 3. STUDY.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretaries shall conduct a
12 study of the study area to assess—

13 (1) the suitability and feasibility of designating
14 all or part of the study area as an addition to Wal-
15 nut Canyon National Monument, in accordance with
16 section 8(e) of Public Law 91–383 (16 U.S.C. 1a–
17 5(c));

18 (2) continued management of the study area by
19 the Forest Service; or

20 (3) any other designation or management op-
21 tion that would provide for—

22 (A) protection of resources within the
23 study area; and

24 (B) continued access to, and use of, the
25 study area by the public.

1 (b) CONSULTATION.—The Secretaries shall provide
2 for public comment in the preparation of the study, includ-
3 ing consultation with appropriate Federal, State, and local
4 governmental entities.

5 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the
6 date on which funds are made available to carry out this
7 Act, the Secretaries shall submit to the Committee on En-
8 ergy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Com-
9 mittee on Natural Resources of the House of Representa-
10 tives a report that describes—

11 (1) the results of the study; and

12 (2) any recommendations of the Secretaries.

13 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
14 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-
15 essary to carry out this Act.

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