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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DEGETTE (for herself and Mr. UDALL of Colorado) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## 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 AND DEFINITIONS.**

4       (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5       “Colorado Wilderness Act of 2001”.

6       (b) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this Act, the term  
7       “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior or the  
8       Secretary of Agriculture, as appropriate.

1 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONS TO THE WILDERNESS PRESERVATION**  
2 **SYSTEM.**

3 (a) ADDITIONS.—The following lands in the State of  
4 Colorado administered by the Bureau of Land Manage-  
5 ment or the United States Forest Service are hereby des-  
6 ignated as wilderness and, therefore, as components of the  
7 National Wilderness Preservation System:

8 (1) Certain lands in the Glenwood Springs Re-  
9 source Area which comprise approximately 40,424  
10 acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Roan  
11 Plateau Wilderness Proposal” dated February 1,  
12 2001, which shall be known as the Roan Plateau  
13 Wilderness.

14 (2) The following areas in the Glenwood  
15 Springs Resource Area and the White River Na-  
16 tional Forest:

17 (A) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
18 mately 22,170 acres, as generally depicted on a  
19 map entitled “Deep Creek Wilderness Pro-  
20 posal”, dated February 1, 2001, which shall be  
21 known as the Deep Creek Wilderness.

22 (B) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
23 mately 13,272 acres, as generally depicted on a  
24 map entitled “Flat Tops Addition Wilderness  
25 Proposal”, dated February 1, 2001, and which  
26 are hereby incorporated in and shall be deemed

1 to be a part of the Flat Tops Wilderness des-  
2 ignated by Public Law 94–146.

3 (3) The following lands in the Grand Junction  
4 Resource Area:

5 (A) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
6 mately 21,060 acres, as generally depicted on a  
7 map entitled “Bangs Canyon Wilderness Pro-  
8 posal”, dated February 1, 2001, which shall be  
9 known as the Bangs Canyon Wilderness.

10 (B) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
11 mately 25,805 acres, as generally depicted on a  
12 map entitled “Demaree Canyon Wilderness Pro-  
13 posal”, dated February 1, 2001, which shall be  
14 known as the Demaree Canyon Wilderness.

15 (C) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
16 mately 4,249 acres, as generally depicted on a  
17 map entitled “Granite Creek Wilderness Pro-  
18 posal”, dated February 1, 2001, which shall be  
19 known as the Granite Creek Wilderness.

20 (D) Certain lands in the Grand Junction  
21 Resource Area which comprise approximately  
22 14,563 acres, as generally depicted on a map  
23 entitled “Hunter Canyon Wilderness Proposal”,  
24 dated February 1, 2001, which shall be known  
25 as the Hunter Canyon Wilderness.

1           (E) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
2           mately 29,205 acres, as generally depicted on a  
3           map entitled “Little Bookcliffs Wilderness Pro-  
4           posal”, dated February 1, 2001, which shall be  
5           known as the Little Bookcliffs Wilderness.

6           (F) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
7           mately 26,836 acres, as generally depicted on a  
8           map entitled “The Palisade Wilderness Pro-  
9           posal”, dated February 1, 2001, which shall be  
10          known as The Palisade Wilderness.

11          (G) Certain lands which comprise approxi-  
12          mately 27,508 acres, as generally depicted on a  
13          map entitled “South Shale Ridge Wilderness  
14          Proposal”, dated February 1, 2001, which shall  
15          be known as the South Shale Ridge Wilderness.

16          (4) Certain lands in the Grand Junction and  
17          Uncompahgre Resource Areas and the Uncompahgre  
18          National Forest which comprise approximately  
19          84,452 acres, as generally depicted on a map enti-  
20          tled “Dominguez Canyons Wilderness Proposal”,  
21          dated February 1, 2001, which shall be known as  
22          the Dominguez Canyons Wilderness.

23          (5) Certain lands in the Grand Junction Re-  
24          source Area and the Uncompahgre National Forest  
25          which comprise approximately 39,039 acres, as gen-

1 erally depicted on a map entitled “Unaweep Wilder-  
2 ness Proposal”, dated February 1, 2001, which shall  
3 be known as the Unaweep Wilderness.

4 (6) Certain lands in the Grand Junction Re-  
5 source Area, the San Juan Resource Area, and the  
6 Manti-LaSal National Forest which comprise ap-  
7 proximately 30,084 acres, as generally depicted on a  
8 map entitled “Sewemup Mesa Wilderness Proposal”,  
9 dated February 1, 2001, which shall be known as  
10 the Sewemup Mesa Wilderness.

11 (7) Certain in the Gunnison Resource Area  
12 which comprise approximately 38,560 acres, as gen-  
13 erally depicted on a map entitled “Redcloud Peak  
14 Wilderness Proposal”, dated February 1, 2001,  
15 which shall be known as the Redcloud Peak Wilder-  
16 ness.

17 (8) Certain lands in the Gunnison Resource  
18 Area and the Gunnison National Forest and Rio  
19 Grande National Forest which comprise approxi-  
20 mately 72,332 acres, as generally depicted on a map  
21 entitled “Handies Peak Wilderness Proposal”, dated  
22 February 1, 2001, which shall be known as the  
23 Handies Peak Wilderness.

24 (9) Certain lands in the Kremmling Resource  
25 Area which comprise approximately 33 acres, as

1 generally depicted on a map entitled “Platte River  
2 Addition Wilderness Proposal”, dated February 1,  
3 2001, and which are hereby incorporated in and  
4 shall be deemed to be part of the Platte River Addi-  
5 tion Wilderness designated by Public Law 98–550.

6 (10) Certain lands in the Kremmling Resource  
7 Area, the Arapaho National Forest, and the Routt  
8 National Forest which comprise approximately  
9 119,615 acres, as generally depicted on a map enti-  
10 tled “Troublesome Wilderness Proposal”, dated Feb-  
11 ruary 1, 2001, which shall be known as the Trouble-  
12 some Wilderness.

13 (11) Certain lands in the Royal Gorge Resource  
14 Area and the Pike National Forest which comprise  
15 approximately 24,422 acres, as generally depicted on  
16 a map entitled “Browns Canyon Wilderness Pro-  
17 posal”, dated February 1, 2001, which shall be  
18 known as the Browns Canyon Wilderness.

19 (12) Certain lands in the Uncompahgre Re-  
20 source Area and the Grand Mesa National Forest  
21 which comprise approximately 10,723 acres as gen-  
22 erally depicted on a map entitled “Adobe Badlands  
23 Wilderness Area Proposal”, dated February 1, 2001,  
24 which shall be known as the Adobe Badlands Wil-  
25 derness.

1           (13) Certain lands in the Uncompahgre Re-  
2           source Area and the Uncompahgre National Forest  
3           which comprise approximately 14,476 acres, as gen-  
4           erally depicted on a map entitled “Roubideau Addi-  
5           tion Wilderness Proposal”, dated February 1, 2001,  
6           which shall be known as the Roubideau Wilderness.

7           (14) Certain lands in the San Juan Resource  
8           Area which comprise approximately 41,022 acres, as  
9           generally depicted on a map entitled “Dolores River  
10          Canyon Wilderness Proposal”, dated February 1,  
11          2001, which shall be known as the Dolores River  
12          Canyon Wilderness.

13          (b) MAPS AND DESCRIPTIONS.—As soon as prac-  
14          ticable after the date of enactment of this Act, the appro-  
15          priate Secretary shall file a map and a boundary descrip-  
16          tion of each area designated as wilderness by this Act with  
17          the Committee on Resources of the United States House  
18          of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and  
19          Natural Resources of the United States Senate. Each map  
20          and description shall have the same force and effect as  
21          if included in this Act, except that the appropriate Sec-  
22          retary is authorized to correct clerical and typographical  
23          errors in such boundary descriptions and maps. Such  
24          maps and boundary descriptions shall be on file and avail-  
25          able for public inspection in the Office of the Director of

1 the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the In-  
2 terior, and in the Office of the Chief of the Forest Service,  
3 Department of Agriculture, as appropriate.

4 (c) STATE AND PRIVATE LANDS.—Lands within the  
5 exterior boundaries of any wilderness area designated  
6 under this section that are owned by the State or by a  
7 private entity shall be included within such wilderness area  
8 if such lands are acquired by the United States. Such  
9 lands may be acquired by the United States only as pro-  
10 vided in the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 and fol-  
11 lowing).

12 **SEC. 3. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,  
14 lands designated as wilderness by this Act shall be man-  
15 aged by the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of  
16 the Interior, as appropriate, in accordance with the Wil-  
17 derness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) and this Act, except  
18 that, with respect to any wilderness areas designated by  
19 this Act, any reference in the Wilderness Act to the effec-  
20 tive date of the Wilderness Act shall be deemed to be a  
21 reference to the date of enactment of this Act.

22 (b) GRAZING.—Grazing of livestock in wilderness  
23 areas designated by this Act shall be administered in ac-  
24 cordance with the provisions of section 4(d)(4) of the Wil-  
25 derness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(4)), as further inter-

1 preted by section 108 of Public Law 96–560, and, the  
2 guidelines set forth in Appendix A of House Report 101–  
3 405 of the 101st Congress.

4 (c) STATE JURISDICTION.—As provided in section  
5 4(d)(7) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(7)),  
6 nothing in this Act shall be construed as affecting the ju-  
7 risdiction or responsibilities of the State of Colorado with  
8 respect to wildlife and fish in Colorado.

9 (d) WATER.—(1) With respect to each wilderness  
10 area designated by this Act, Congress hereby reserves a  
11 quantity of water sufficient to fulfill the purposes of this  
12 Act. The priority date of such reserved rights shall be the  
13 date of enactment of this Act.

14 (2) The appropriate Secretary and all other officers  
15 of the United States shall take steps necessary to protect  
16 the rights reserved by paragraph (1), including the filing  
17 by the Secretary of a claim for the quantification of such  
18 rights in any present or future appropriate stream adju-  
19 dication in the courts of the State of Colorado in which  
20 the United States is or may be joined and which is con-  
21 ducted in accordance with the McCarran Amendment (43  
22 U.S.C. 666).

23 (3) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as a relin-  
24 quishment or reduction of any water rights reserved or

1 appropriated by the United States in the State of Colorado  
2 on or before the date of enactment of this Act.

3 (4) The Federal water rights reserved by this Act are  
4 specific to the wilderness areas located in the State of Col-  
5 orado designated by this title. Nothing in this title related  
6 to reserved Federal water rights shall be construed as es-  
7 tablishing a precedent with regard to any future designa-  
8 tions, nor shall it constitute an interpretation of any other  
9 Act or any designation made pursuant thereto.

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