

**Calendar No. 659**110<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION**S. 2034****[Report No. 110-307]**

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**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES**

SEPTEMBER 10, 2007

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

APRIL 10, 2008

Reported by Mr. BINGAMAN, with an amendment and an amendment to the title

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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.**

4        This Act may be cited as the “Copper Salmon Wilder-  
 5 ness Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7        Congress finds that—

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

14            (2) the proposed Copper Salmon Wilderness in-  
 15 cludes—

16                    (A) the North Fork and South Fork of the  
 17 Elk River;

18                    (B) the upper Middle Fork of the Sixes  
 19 River; and

20                    (C) tributaries of the South Fork of  
 21 Coquille River;

22            (3) the Elk River is designated as a Tier 1 Key  
 23 Watershed;

24            (4) the fisheries of the Elk River are recognized  
 25 as 1 of the best salmon and steelhead producers in

1 the 48 contiguous States, producing more salmon  
 2 per square meter than most rivers outside the State  
 3 of Alaska;

4 (5) designation of the proposed Wilderness  
 5 would provide permanent protection for the last re-  
 6 maining mammoth Port Orford Cedars in the Elk  
 7 River watershed;

8 (6) the protection of the proposed Copper Salm-  
 9 on Wilderness is supported by the local communities  
 10 near the proposed Wilderness, which have passed  
 11 resolutions supporting the designation of the pro-  
 12 posed Wilderness;

13 (7) the master plan for the economic stability of  
 14 Curry County, Oregon, includes ecotourism and  
 15 recreation as primary sources of income; and

16 (8) permanent protection for the proposed Cop-  
 17 per Salmon Wilderness is needed to conserve the en-  
 18 vironment in southwestern Oregon.

19 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF THE COPPER SALMON WILDER-**  
 20 **NESS.**

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

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

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

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

4           “(30) certain land in the Siskiyou National  
5           Forest, comprising approximately 13,700 acres, as  
6           generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Proposed  
7           Copper Salmon Wilderness Area’, to be known as  
8           the ‘Copper Salmon Wilderness’.”.

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

11           Section 3(a)(76) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act  
12   (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)(76)) is amended—

13           (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),  
14           by striking “19-mile segment” and inserting “29-  
15           mile segment”;

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

18           (3) by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting  
19           the following:

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

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

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

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

15 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

16           *This Act may be cited as the “Copper Salmon Wilder-*  
17 *ness Act”.*

18 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF THE COPPER SALMON WILDER-**

19 **NESS.**

20           *(a) DESIGNATION.—Section 3 of the Oregon Wilderness*  
21 *Act of 1984 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; Public Law 98-328) is*  
22 *amended—*

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

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

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

4           “(30) *certain land in the Siskiyou National For-*  
 5 *est, comprising approximately 13,700 acres, as gen-*  
 6 *erally depicted on the map entitled ‘Proposed Copper*  
 7 *Salmon Wilderness Area’ and dated December 7,*  
 8 *2007, to be known as the ‘Copper Salmon Wilder-*  
 9 *ness’.*”.

10       **(b) MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—**

11           (1) *IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after*  
 12 *the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Ag-*  
 13 *riculture (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”)*  
 14 *shall file a map and a legal description of the Copper*  
 15 *Salmon Wilderness with—*

16                   (A) *the Committee on Energy and Natural*  
 17 *Resources of the Senate; and*

18                   (B) *the Committee on Natural Resources of*  
 19 *the House of Representatives.*

20           (2) *FORCE OF LAW.—The map and legal descrip-*  
 21 *tion filed under paragraph (1) shall have the same*  
 22 *force and effect as if included in this Act, except that*  
 23 *the Secretary may correct typographical errors in the*  
 24 *map and legal description.*

1           (3) *BOUNDARY.*—*If the boundary of the Copper*  
 2           *Salmon Wilderness shares a border with a road, the*  
 3           *Secretary may only establish an offset that is not*  
 4           *more than 150 feet from the centerline of the road.*

5           (4) *PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.*—*Each map and legal*  
 6           *description filed under paragraph (1) shall be on file*  
 7           *and available for public inspection in the appropriate*  
 8           *offices of the Forest Service.*

9   **SEC. 3. WILD AND SCENIC RIVER DESIGNATIONS, ELK**  
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 17           *and inserting a period; and*

18           (3) *by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting*  
 19           *the following:*

20                   *“(B)(i) The approximately 0.6-mile segment*  
 21                   *of the North Fork Elk from its source in sec. 21,*  
 22                   *T. 33 S., R. 12 W., Willamette Meridian, down-*  
 23                   *stream to 0.01 miles below Forest Service Road*  
 24                   *3353, as a scenic river.*

1           “(i) The approximately 5.5-mile segment of  
2           the North Fork Elk from 0.01 miles below Forest  
3           Service Road 3353 to its confluence with the  
4           South Fork Elk, as a wild river.

5           “(C)(i) The approximately 0.9-mile segment  
6           of the South Fork Elk from its source in the  
7           southeast quarter of sec. 32, T. 33 S., R. 12 W.,  
8           Willamette Meridian, downstream to 0.01 miles  
9           below Forest Service Road 3353, as a scenic  
10          river.

11          “(i) The approximately 4.2-mile segment of  
12          the South Fork Elk from 0.01 miles below Forest  
13          Service Road 3353 to its confluence with the  
14          North Fork Elk, as a wild river.”.

15 **SEC. 4. PROTECTION OF TRIBAL RIGHTS.**

16          (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Nothing in this Act shall be con-  
17          strued as diminishing any right of any Indian tribe.

18          (b) *MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.*—The Sec-  
19          retary shall seek to enter into a memorandum of under-  
20          standing with the Coquille Indian Tribe regarding access  
21          to the Copper Salmon Wilderness to conduct historical and  
22          cultural activities.

Amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Or-  
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Forks of the Elk River in the State of Oregon as additions to the Elk Wild and Scenic River, and for other purposes.”.

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