

Union Calendar No. 201

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2075

[Report No. 115–281]

To adjust the eastern boundary of the Deschutes Canyon-Steelhead Falls Wilderness Study Area in the State of Oregon to facilitate fire prevention and response activities in order to protect adjacent private property, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 6, 2017

Mr. WALDEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

AUGUST 29, 2017

Reported with amendments, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on April 6, 2017]

A BILL

To adjust the eastern boundary of the Deschutes Canyon-Steelhead Falls Wilderness Study Area in the State of Oregon to facilitate fire prevention and response activities in order to protect adjacent private property, and for other purposes.

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 “Crooked River Ranch*
5 *Fire Protection Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 *Congress finds the following:*

8 (1) *The Crooked River Ranch is an unincor-*
9 *porated community with a population of 5,000 resi-*
10 *dents.*

11 (2) *The current lands located adjacent to Crook-*
12 *ed River Ranch are managed by the Bureau of Land*
13 *Management and are classified as a Wilderness Study*
14 *Area.*

15 (3) *There is currently only one entrance/exit to*
16 *the Crooked River Ranch.*

17 (4) *Jefferson County and Crooked River Ranch*
18 *have determined that the Wilderness Study Area*
19 *lands are in the highest risk category for exposure to*
20 *devastating wildfire due to overstocked juniper stands*
21 *under the federally mandated and locally promul-*
22 *gated Jefferson County Community Wildfire Protec-*
23 *tion Plan (CWPP).*

1 (5) *The current Wilderness Study Area classi-*
 2 *fication prevents mechanical fire prevention activities*
 3 *within the overstocked juniper stands.*

4 (6) *Advancing this proposed legislation will*
 5 *greatly enhance the life and safety of people and*
 6 *property by reducing the extreme fire threat to these*
 7 *lands.*

8 **SEC. 3. BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT, DESCHUTES CANYON-**
 9 **STEELHEAD FALLS AND DESCHUTES CANYON**
 10 **WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS, OREGON.**

11 (a) *BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED.—The Sec-*
 12 *retary of the Interior shall adjust the eastern boundary of*
 13 *the Deschutes Canyon-Steelhead Falls Wilderness Study*
 14 *Area and the Deschutes Canyon Wilderness Study Area in*
 15 *the State of Oregon to exclude approximately 832 acres, as*
 16 *depicted on the map entitled “Deschutes Canyon-Steelhead*
 17 *Falls Wilderness Study Area” and dated April 6, 2017, in*
 18 *order to facilitate fire prevention and response activities on*
 19 *the excluded public lands and adjacent private property.*

20 (b) *EFFECT OF EXCLUSION.—Effective on the date of*
 21 *the enactment of this Act, the public lands to be excluded*
 22 *from the Deschutes Canyon-Steelhead Falls Wilderness*
 23 *Study Area and the Deschutes Canyon Wilderness Study*
 24 *Area pursuant to subsection (a) are no longer subject to*

- 1 *section 603(c) of the Federal Land Policy and Management*
- 2 *Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1782(c)).*

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to adjust the eastern boundary of the Deschutes Canyon-Steelhead Falls and Deschutes Canyon Wilderness Study Areas in the State of Oregon to facilitate fire prevention and response activities to protect private property, and for other purposes.”.

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