

Union Calendar No. 710

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 3971

[Report No. 118–869]

To designate the Flatside-Bethune Wilderness in the Ouachita National Forest, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 9, 2023

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

DECEMBER 12, 2024

Reported with an amendment, 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 June 9, 2023]

A BILL

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Ouachita National Forest, 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 **SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Flatside Wilderness Ad-*
 5 *ditions Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONS TO FLATSIDE WILDERNESS.**

7 *Section 3(d) of Arkansas Wilderness Act of 1984 (Pub-*
 8 *lic Law 98–508; 98 Stat. 2349) is amended by inserting*
 9 *“and certain land in the Ouachita National Forest, which*
 10 *comprise approximately 2,212 acres, generally depicted as*
 11 *‘Land Proposed for Wilderness Designation’ on the map ti-*
 12 *tled ‘Flatside Wilderness, Proposed Addition Designation’,*
 13 *dated November 12, 2024” after “1984”.*

14 **SEC. 3. FIRE, INSECTS, AND DISEASES.**

15 *Nothing in this Act or the amendment made by section*
 16 *2 shall be construed to limit the authority of the Secretary*
 17 *of Agriculture under section 4(d)(1) of the Wilderness Act*
 18 *(16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(1)), in accordance with existing laws*
 19 *(including regulations).*

20 **SEC. 4. DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS ADDITION.**

21 *The wilderness designated by section 3(d) of Arkansas*
 22 *Wilderness Act of 1984 (Public Law 98–508; 98 Stat. 2349),*
 23 *shall be known as the “Flatside-Bethune Wilderness”. Any*
 24 *reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or*
 25 *other record of the United States to such portion of the*

- 1 *Flatside Wilderness shall be deemed to be a reference to the*
- 2 *Flatside-Bethune Wilderness.*

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