

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5364

To require the installation of fences and barriers to protect old growth trees in the Joyce Kilmer-Slickrock Wilderness Area.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

Mr. EDWARDS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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 “Trees Remember Each
5 Effacing Step Act” or the “TREES Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INSTALLATION OF FENCES AND BARRIERS TO PRO-**
7 **TECT OLD GROWTH TREES IN THE JOYCE**
8 **KILMER-SLICKROCK WILDERNESS AREA.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agri-

1 culture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service,
2 shall establish fences and barriers around old growth trees
3 (including visible roots) in the Joyce Kilmer-Slickrock Wil-
4 derness Area that are located within 10 feet of the Joyce
5 Kilmer Memorial Trail such that the fences and barriers
6 separate such trees from such Trail.

7 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary of Agriculture,
8 acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, shall estab-
9 lish fences and barriers under subsection (a) in a manner
10 that—

11 (1) is least disruptive to the wildlife and wilder-
12 ness characteristics of the Joyce Kilmer-Slickrock
13 Wilderness Area; and

14 (2) will require the least amount of mainte-
15 nance.

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