

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1612

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 26, 2025

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

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 “Flatside Wilderness
5 Additions Act”.

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

7 Section 3(d) of Arkansas Wilderness Act of 1984
8 (Public Law 98–508; 98 Stat. 2349) is amended by insert-
9 ing “and certain land in the Ouachita National Forest,
10 which comprise approximately 2,212 acres, generally de-

1 picted as” Land Proposed for Wilderness Designation “on
2 the map titled” Flatside Wilderness, Proposed Addition
3 Designation “, dated November 12, 2024” after “1984”.

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

5 Nothing in this Act or the amendment made by sec-
6 tion 2 shall be construed to limit the authority of the Sec-
7 retary of Agriculture under section 4(d)(1) of the Wilder-
8 ness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(1)), in accordance with exist-
9 ing laws (including regulations).

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

11 The wilderness designated by section 3(d) of Arkan-
12 sas Wilderness Act of 1984 (Public Law 98–508; 98 Stat.
13 2349), shall be known as the “Flatside-Bethune Wilder-
14 ness”. Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document,
15 paper, or other record of the United States to such portion
16 of the Flatside Wilderness shall be deemed to be a ref-
17 erence to the Flatside-Bethune Wilderness.

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