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To designate the Camp Hutchins Wilderness and establish Special Management Areas in the Shawnee National Forest in the State of Illinois, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 30, 2025

Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Ms. DUCKWORTH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

OCTOBER 27, 2025

Reported by Mr. BOOZMAN, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

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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 “Shawnee National For-  
5       est Conservation Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) ~~DESIGNATED NATURAL AREA.~~—The term  
4 “designated natural area” means an area deter-  
5 mined to be of exceptional ecological, botanical, geo-  
6 logic, scenic, or archeological value by—

7 (A) the Secretary; and

8 (B)(i) the State of Illinois; or

9 (ii) the Secretary of the Interior, acting  
10 through the Director of the National Park  
11 Service.

12 (2) ~~DESIGNATED RESEARCH NATURAL AREA.~~—

13 The term “designated research natural area” means  
14 an area that has been selected by the Secretary, and  
15 is managed by the Forest Service, for scientific re-  
16 search value.

17 (3) ~~MAP.~~—The term “Map” means the map  
18 prepared by the Environmental Law and Policy Cen-  
19 ter entitled “Camp Hutchins Wilderness Area and  
20 Special Management Area” and dated November 23,  
21 2023.

22 (4) ~~SECRETARY.~~—The term “Secretary” means  
23 the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the  
24 Chief of the Forest Service.

1           (5) ~~SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA.~~—The term  
 2           “Special Management Area” means a Special Man-  
 3           agement Area established by section 4(a).

4 **SEC. 3. CAMP HUTCHINS WILDERNESS.**

5           (a) ~~ADDITION TO THE NATIONAL WILDERNESS~~  
 6 ~~PRESERVATION SYSTEM.~~—In accordance with the Wilder-  
 7 ness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), certain land in the  
 8 Shawnee National Forest in the State of Illinois managed  
 9 by the Forest Service, comprising approximately 750 acres  
 10 and generally depicted on the Map as “Camp Hutchins  
 11 Wilderness Area—Proposed”, is designated as wilderness  
 12 and as a component of the National Wilderness Preserva-  
 13 tion System, and shall be known as the “Camp Hutchins  
 14 Wilderness”.

15           (b) ~~MANAGEMENT.~~—Subject to valid existing rights,  
 16 the Camp Hutchins Wilderness shall be administered by  
 17 the Secretary in accordance with the Wilderness Act (16  
 18 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), except that any reference in that  
 19 Act to the effective date shall be considered to be a ref-  
 20 erence to the date of enactment of this Act.

21           (c) ~~HIKING TRAIL.~~—Forest Road 211 shall be closed  
 22 to public vehicular traffic and shall be maintained as a  
 23 hiking trail, including the eastern extension of Forest  
 24 Road 211 formerly known as the “Hutchins Creek Spur”

1 up to the area known as “Hutchins Creek Corridor”, as  
 2 generally depicted on the Map.

3       (d) ~~WITHDRAWAL.~~—Subject to valid existing rights,  
 4 all Federal land within the Camp Hutchins Wilderness,  
 5 including any land or interest in land that is acquired by  
 6 the United States within the Camp Hutchins Wilderness  
 7 after the date of enactment of this Act, is withdrawn  
 8 from—

9           (1) entry, appropriation, or disposal under the  
 10 public land laws;

11           (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining  
 12 laws; and

13           (3) operation of the mineral leasing, mineral  
 14 materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

15       (e) ~~MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.~~—

16           (1) ~~IN GENERAL.~~—As soon as practicable after  
 17 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
 18 shall file a map and legal description of the Camp  
 19 Hutchins Wilderness with—

20           (A) the Committee on Agriculture, Nutri-  
 21 tion, and Forestry of the Senate; and

22           (B) the Committee on Agriculture of the  
 23 House of Representatives.

24           (2) ~~EFFECT.~~—The map and legal description  
 25 filed under paragraph (1) shall have the same force

and effect as if included in this Act, except that the Secretary may correct clerical and typographical errors in the map and legal description.

~~(3)~~ AVAILABILITY.—The map and legal description filed under paragraph (1) shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate office of the Secretary and on the Forest Service website.

**SEC. 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS.**

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to valid existing rights, the following Special Management Areas within the Shawnee National Forest in the State of Illinois are established:

~~(1)~~ CAMP HUTCHINS SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA.—Certain Federal land managed by the Forest Service, comprising approximately 2,953 acres and generally depicted on the Map as “Camp Hutchins Special Management Area—Proposed”, which shall be known as the “Camp Hutchins Special Management Area”.

~~(2)~~ RIPPLE HOLLOW SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA.—Certain Federal land managed by the Forest Service, comprising approximately 3,445 acres and generally depicted as “Ripple Hollow Special Man-

agement Area—Proposed” on the map prepared by the Environmental Law and Policy Center entitled “Ripple Hollow Special Management Area” and dated November 23, 2023, which shall be known as the “Ripple Hollow Special Management Area”.

~~(3) BURKE BRANCH SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA.~~—Certain Federal land managed by the Forest Service, comprising approximately 6,310 acres and generally depicted as “Burke Branch Special Management Area—Proposed”, on the map prepared by the Environmental Law and Policy Center entitled “Burke Branch Special Management Area” and dated November 23, 2023, which shall be known as the “Burke Branch Special Management Area”.

~~(b) PURPOSES.~~—The purposes of the Special Management Areas are—

~~(1) to conserve, protect, and enhance the ecological, scenic, wildlife, recreational, cultural, historic, educational, and scientific resources of the Special Management Areas for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations;~~

~~(2) to promote biodiversity and control invasive species; and~~

~~(3) to allow for the continuation of restoration efforts and scientific study of the designated natural~~

1 areas and designated research natural areas within  
 2 the Special Management Areas.

3 **SEC. 5. ADMINISTRATION OF SPECIAL MANAGEMENT**  
 4 **AREAS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall administer  
 6 the Special Management Areas—

7 (1) in a manner that conserves, protects, and  
 8 enhances the purposes for which the Special Man-  
 9 agement Areas are established; and

10 (2) in accordance with—

11 (A) this section; and

12 (B) other applicable laws.

13 (b) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—Not later than 3 years  
 14 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall  
 15 develop a comprehensive management plan for the long-  
 16 term protection and management of the Special Manage-  
 17 ment Areas.

18 (c) USES.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall allow  
 20 only uses of the Special Management Areas that are  
 21 consistent with the purposes for which the Special  
 22 Management Areas are established.

23 (2) PRESCRIBED FIRE.—The Secretary may use  
 24 prescribed fire to sustain the ecological structure  
 25 and composition of the Special Management Areas

1 to sustain the biodiversity of the Special Manage-  
2 ment Areas.

3 ~~(3) MANAGEMENT TOOLS.—~~

4 ~~(A) IN GENERAL.—~~The Secretary may use  
5 herbicides, insecticides, and mechanized equip-  
6 ment in the control of fire, insects, disease, and  
7 invasive species, including the use of chainsaws,  
8 drones, aircraft, pickup trucks, all-terrain vehi-  
9 cles, and rubber and tracked vehicles to carry  
10 out management of the Special Management  
11 Areas approved by the Secretary.

12 ~~(B) REQUIREMENT.—~~In carrying out man-  
13 agement of the Special Management Areas, the  
14 Secretary shall use the best available technology  
15 and science.

16 ~~(4) MOTORIZED VEHICLES.—~~Except in cases in  
17 which motorized vehicles are needed for administra-  
18 tive purposes, emergency response, or access on es-  
19 tablished roads accessing trailheads, or are essential  
20 to provide off-road access for ecosystem management  
21 of habitat, the use of motor vehicles in the Special  
22 Management Areas shall be prohibited.

23 ~~(5) ROADS.—~~The Secretary shall decommission  
24 and remove roads within the Special Management

1       Areas, except roads needed for management or ac-  
 2       cess to trailheads, as soon as practicable.

3       (6) TIMBER.—

4               (A) IN GENERAL.—Commercial timber  
 5       harvesting, except as needed for fire, insect,  
 6       and disease control, and for visitor and admin-  
 7       istrative safety, in the Special Management  
 8       Areas shall be prohibited.

9               (B) ACTIVITIES PERMITTED.—Thinning of  
 10      trees and other vegetation in the Special Man-  
 11      agement Areas shall be permitted for restora-  
 12      tion of the designated natural areas and des-  
 13      ignated research natural areas and to further  
 14      the management objectives described in this  
 15      section.

16      (7) INHOLDINGS.—

17              (A) IN GENERAL.—Access to private  
 18      inholdings in the Special Management Areas  
 19      shall be preserved.

20              (B) ACQUISITIONS.—The Secretary shall  
 21      acquire any private inholdings in the Special  
 22      Management Areas by purchase or exchange as  
 23      soon as feasible.

24      (8) HUNTING AND TRAPPING.—

1           (A) HUNTING.—Hunting shall be per-  
 2           mitted in the Special Management Areas as  
 3           permitted by the State of Illinois and in accord-  
 4           ance with regulations of the State of Illinois  
 5           and regulations of the Forest Service.

6           (B) TRAPPING.—Trapping shall not be  
 7           permitted in the Special Management Areas.

8           (C) ACCESS BY MOTORIZED VEHICLES.—  
 9           Access within the Special Management Areas by  
 10          hunters in motorized vehicles shall be prohib-  
 11          ited.

12          (9) VOLUNTEER RESTORATION AND RE-  
 13          SEARCH.—

14           (A) VOLUNTEERS.—The Secretary shall  
 15           allow organized groups of volunteers to partici-  
 16           pate in ecological restoration activities under  
 17           the guidance of Forest Service ecologists and  
 18           botanists within the Special Management Areas  
 19           through cooperative agreements.

20           (B) ACCESS FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES.—  
 21           The Secretary shall allow access to the Special  
 22           Management Areas for scientific research by  
 23           qualified individuals and organizations, as de-  
 24           termined by the Secretary.

1           ~~(10) ONGOING MANAGEMENT DECISIONS.—~~The  
 2           Supervisor of the Shawnee National Forest shall  
 3           have the authority, without requiring the permission  
 4           of the Secretary, to make management decisions  
 5           concerning any designated natural area or des-  
 6           ignated research natural area within the Special  
 7           Management Areas pursuant to the land and re-  
 8           source management plan for the Shawnee National  
 9           Forest.

10          ~~(d) WITHDRAWAL.—~~Subject to valid existing rights,  
 11          all Federal land within the Special Management Areas, in-  
 12          cluding any land or interest in land that is acquired by  
 13          the United States within the Special Management Areas  
 14          after the date of enactment of this Act, is withdrawn  
 15          from—

16                 ~~(1)~~ entry, appropriation, or disposal under the  
 17                 public land laws;

18                 ~~(2)~~ location, entry, and patent under the mining  
 19                 laws; and

20                 ~~(3)~~ operation of the mineral leasing, mineral  
 21                 materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

22          ~~(e) MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.—~~

23                 ~~(1) IN GENERAL.—~~As soon as practicable after  
 24                 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary

1 shall file a map and legal description of each Special  
 2 Management Area with—

3 (A) the Committee on Energy and Natural  
 4 Resources of the Senate; and

5 (B) the Committee on Natural Resources  
 6 of the House of Representatives.

7 (2) EFFECT.—The maps and legal descriptions  
 8 filed under paragraph (1) shall have the same force  
 9 and effect as if included in this Act, except that the  
 10 Secretary may correct clerical and typographical er-  
 11 rors in the maps and legal descriptions.

12 (3) AVAILABILITY.—The maps and legal de-  
 13 scriptions filed under paragraph (1) shall be on file  
 14 and available for public inspection in the appropriate  
 15 office of the Secretary and on the Forest Service  
 16 website.

17 (f) PUBLIC INFORMATION.—Annually, the Secretary  
 18 shall make publicly available on the website of the Shaw-  
 19 nee National Forest information describing the progress  
 20 in achieving the management objectives described in this  
 21 section.

22 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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 24 *est Conservation Act of 2025”.*

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 14 *3(e)(1).*

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 16 *the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief*  
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7           (e) *MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—*

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 25          *Service.*

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 3       Environmental Law and Policy Center entitled  
 4       “Burke Branch Special Management Area” and dated  
 5       November 23, 2023, which shall be known as the  
 6       “Burke Branch Special Management Area”.

7       (b) *PURPOSES.*—The purposes of the Special Manage-  
 8       ment Areas are—

9               (1) to conserve, protect, and enhance the ecologi-  
 10       cal, scenic, wildlife, recreational, cultural, historic,  
 11       educational, and scientific resources of the Special  
 12       Management Areas for the benefit and enjoyment of  
 13       present and future generations;

14              (2) to promote biodiversity and control invasive  
 15       species;

16              (3) to allow for the continuation of restoration  
 17       efforts and scientific study of the designated natural  
 18       areas and designated research natural areas within  
 19       the Special Management Areas; and

20              (4) to allow for public use and enjoyment of the  
 21       Special Management Areas.

22       **SEC. 5. ADMINISTRATION OF SPECIAL MANAGEMENT**  
 23       **AREAS.**

24       (a) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary shall administer the  
 25       Special Management Areas—

1           (1) *in a manner that conserves, protects, and en-*  
 2           *hances the purposes for which the Special Manage-*  
 3           *ment Areas are established; and*

4           (2) *in accordance with—*

5                 (A) *this section; and*

6                 (B) *other applicable law.*

7           (b) *MANAGEMENT PLAN.—Not later than 3 years after*  
 8           *the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall develop*  
 9           *a management plan for the long-term protection and man-*  
 10          *agement of the Special Management Areas.*

11          (c) *USES.—*

12                 (1) *IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall allow*  
 13                 *only uses of the Special Management Areas that are*  
 14                 *consistent with the purposes for which the Special*  
 15                 *Management Areas are established.*

16                 (2) *PRESCRIBED FIRE.—The Secretary may use*  
 17                 *prescribed fire to sustain the ecological structure and*  
 18                 *composition of the Special Management Areas, to sus-*  
 19                 *tain the biodiversity of the Special Management*  
 20                 *Areas, and to mitigate the risk of wildfire in the Spe-*  
 21                 *cial Management Areas or nearby areas.*

22                 (3) *MANAGEMENT TOOLS.—*

23                         (A) *IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may use*  
 24                         *herbicides, insecticides, and mechanized equip-*  
 25                         *ment, including chainsaws, drones, unmanned*

1        *aerial systems, aircraft, pickup trucks, all-ter-*  
 2        *rain vehicles, and rubber-tired and tracked vehi-*  
 3        *cles, to control fire, insects, disease, and invasive*  
 4        *species in managing the Special Management*  
 5        *Areas approved by the Secretary.*

6                *(B) REQUIREMENT.—In managing the Spe-*  
 7        *cial Management Areas, the Secretary shall use*  
 8        *the best available technology and science.*

9                *(4) MOTOR VEHICLES.—Except in cases in which*  
 10        *motor vehicles are needed for administrative purposes,*  
 11        *emergency response, or access on established roads ac-*  
 12        *cessing trailheads, inholdings, cemeteries, or camp-*  
 13        *grounds, or are essential to provide off-road access for*  
 14        *ecosystem management of habitat, the use of motor ve-*  
 15        *hicles, including over-snow vehicles, in the Special*  
 16        *Management Areas shall be prohibited.*

17                *(5) ROADS.—The Secretary shall decommission*  
 18        *as soon as practicable any National Forest System*  
 19        *roads within the Special Management Areas that are*  
 20        *not needed for management or access to trailheads,*  
 21        *cemeteries, and inholdings.*

22                *(6) TIMBER.—*

23                *(A) IN GENERAL.—Commercial timber har-*  
 24        *vesting in the Special Management Areas, except*  
 25        *as needed for fire, insect, and disease control,*

1           *and for visitor and administrative safety, shall*  
 2           *be prohibited.*

3           *(B) ACTIVITIES PERMITTED.—Thinning of*  
 4           *trees and other vegetation in the Special Man-*  
 5           *agement Areas is permitted for restoration of the*  
 6           *designated natural areas and designated research*  
 7           *natural areas and to further the management ob-*  
 8           *jectives described in this section.*

9           *(7) INHOLDINGS.—*

10           *(A) IN GENERAL.—Access to private*  
 11           *inholdings in the Special Management Areas*  
 12           *shall be preserved.*

13           *(B) ACQUISITIONS.—The Secretary shall ac-*  
 14           *quire any private inholdings in the Special*  
 15           *Management Areas by purchase or exchange*  
 16           *from willing sellers as soon as practicable.*

17           *(8) HUNTING AND TRAPPING.—*

18           *(A) HUNTING.—Hunting shall be permitted*  
 19           *in the Special Management Areas as permitted*  
 20           *by the State of Illinois and in accordance with*  
 21           *regulations of the State of Illinois and regula-*  
 22           *tions and orders issued by the Forest Service.*

23           *(B) TRAPPING.—Trapping shall not be per-*  
 24           *mitted in the Special Management Areas.*

1                   (C) *ACCESS BY MOTOR VEHICLES.*—*Motor*  
 2                   *vehicle access by hunters within the Special*  
 3                   *Management Areas, including over-snow vehicles,*  
 4                   *shall be prohibited.*

5                   (9) *VOLUNTEER RESTORATION AND RESEARCH.*—

6                   (A) *VOLUNTEERS.*—*The Secretary shall*  
 7                   *allow volunteers of cooperators and individual*  
 8                   *Forest Service volunteers to participate in eco-*  
 9                   *logical restoration activities under the guidance*  
 10                  *of Forest Service ecologists and botanists within*  
 11                  *the Special Management Areas through coopera-*  
 12                  *tive agreements.*

13                  (B) *ACCESS FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES.*—  
 14                  *The Secretary shall allow access to the Special*  
 15                  *Management Areas for scientific research by in-*  
 16                  *dividuals and organizations that the Secretary*  
 17                  *determines to be qualified for that purpose.*

18                  (10) *ONGOING MANAGEMENT DECISIONS.*—*The*  
 19                  *Supervisor of the Shawnee National Forest shall have*  
 20                  *the authority, without requiring the permission of the*  
 21                  *Secretary, to make management decisions concerning*  
 22                  *any designated natural area or designated research*  
 23                  *natural area within the Special Management Areas*  
 24                  *pursuant to the land management plan for the Shaw-*  
 25                  *nee National Forest.*

1       (d) *WITHDRAWAL.*—*Subject to valid existing rights, all*  
 2 *Federal land within the Special Management Areas, includ-*  
 3 *ing any land or interest in land that is acquired by the*  
 4 *United States within the Special Management Areas after*  
 5 *the date of enactment of this Act, is withdrawn from—*

6           (1) *entry, appropriation, or disposal under pub-*  
 7 *lic land law;*

8           (2) *location, entry, and patent under mining*  
 9 *law; and*

10          (3) *operation of mineral leasing, mineral mate-*  
 11 *rials, and geothermal leasing law.*

12       (e) *MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.*—

13           (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*As soon as practicable after*  
 14 *the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall*  
 15 *file a map and legal descriptions of the Special Man-*  
 16 *agement Areas with—*

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

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

21           (2) *EFFECT.*—*The map and legal descriptions*  
 22 *filed under paragraph (1) shall have the same force*  
 23 *and effect as if included in this Act, except that the*  
 24 *Secretary may correct clerical and typographical er-*  
 25 *rors on the map and in the legal descriptions.*

1           (3) *AVAILABILITY.*—*The map and legal descrip-*  
2           *tions filed under paragraph (1) shall be on file and*  
3           *available for public inspection in the appropriate of-*  
4           *fice of the Secretary and on the website of the Forest*  
5           *Service.*

6           (f) *PUBLIC INFORMATION.*—*Annually, the Secretary*  
7           *shall make publicly available on the website of the Shawnee*  
8           *National Forest a description of the progress in achieving*  
9           *the management objectives described in this section.*

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