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California Wild Heritage Act of 2007 (Introduced in Senate)

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SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that--

- (1) the publicly-owned land and rivers of the State of California are a wildland resource of extraordinary value for current and future generations;
- (2) increasing pressure from the rapidly growing population of California threatens to irrevocably harm remaining wilderness areas and wild rivers;
- (3) statutory protection is needed for the areas and rivers to ensure that the areas and rivers remain a part of the natural heritage of the United States and continue to be a source of solitude and inspiration for all people of the United States;
- (4) continuation of military activities (including overflights, military rotary wing environmental training, military maneuvers, testing and evaluation, and other activities) is compatible with the protection and proper management of the wilderness and wild and scenic river resources designated by this Act;
- (5) wildfire management activities necessary to protect public health and safety and private property are fully allowable in wilderness areas, and the Secretary concerned must be able to take any measures determined necessary to control or prevent fires; and
- (6) land and rivers are designated as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System and the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System by this Act in order to--
 - (A) preserve the unique wild and natural features of the land and rivers;
 - (B) protect a diverse array of ecosystems, plants, animals, geologic structures, and hydrologic features that represent the natural splendor of California;
 - (C) protect and preserve historical and cultural archaeological sites associated with ancient Indian cultures and the settlement of California;
 - (D) protect and preserve areas that continue to be used by Indian tribes for spiritual, cultural, or subsistence practices;

- (E) protect watersheds, including watersheds that play an essential role in providing municipal and agricultural water and power supplies;
- (F) provide opportunities for compatible outdoor recreation, including horseback riding on saddle and other pack stock, hunting and fishing, hiking and camping, whitewater rafting, trail running, and excursions led by commercial outfitters;
- (G) retain and enhance opportunities for scientific research in pristine ecosystems; and
- (H) promote the recovery of threatened and endangered species, including salmon and steelhead.

SEC. 3. DEFINITION OF SECRETARY CONCERNED.

In this Act, the term 'Secretary concerned' means--

- (1) the Secretary of Agriculture (acting through the Chief of the Forest Service), with respect to National Forest System land; and
- (2) the Secretary of the Interior, with respect to land managed by the Bureau of Land Management (including land held for the benefit of an Indian tribe).

TITLE I--DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT AND THE FOREST SERVICE

SEC. 101. DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS.

In furtherance of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the following public land in the State of California is designated as wilderness and as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System:

- (1) Certain land in the Angeles National Forest comprising approximately 3,200 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled 'West Fork Wilderness Area--Proposed' and dated May 2002, which shall be known as the 'West Fork Wilderness'.
- (2) Certain land in the Angeles National Forest comprising approximately 7,680 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled 'Silver Mountain Wilderness Area--Proposed' and dated May 2002, which shall be known as the 'Silver Mountain Wilderness'.
- (3) Certain land in the Angeles National Forest comprising approximately 56,320 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled 'Castaic Wilderness Area--Proposed' and dated May 2002, which shall be known as the 'Castaic Wilderness'.
- (4) Certain land in the Angeles National Forest comprising approximately 12,160 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled 'Magic Mountain Wilderness Area--Proposed' and dated May 2002, which shall be known as the 'Magic Mountain Wilderness'.

- (5) Certain land in the Angeles National Forest comprising approximately 27,232 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled 'Pleasant View Wilderness Area--Proposed' and dated May 2002, which shall be known as the 'Pleasant View Wilderness'.
- (6) Certain land in the Angeles National Forest and the San Bernardino National Forest comprising approximately 12,896 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled 'Sheep Mountain Wilderness Area Additions--Proposed' and dated May 2002, which shall be incorporated into and managed as part of the Sheep Mountain Wilderness designated by the California Wilderness Act of 1984 (Public Law 98-425; 16 U.S.C. 1131 note).
- (7) Certain land in the Angeles National Forest comprising approximately 14,720 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled 'Condor Peak Wilderness Area--Proposed' and dated May 2002, which shall be known as the 'Condor Peak Wilderness'.
- (8) Certain land in the Angeles National Forest comprising approximately 2,560 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled 'Santa Clarita Canyons Wilderness Area--Proposed' and dated May 2002, which shall be known as the 'Santa Clarita Canyons Wilderness'.
- (9) Certain land in the Cleveland National Forest comprising approximately 24,488 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled 'Eagle Peak Wilderness Area--Proposed' and dated May 2002, which shall be known as the 'Eagle Peak Wilderness', except that designation by this paragraph shall not preclude entry into the area by horses or pack stock.
- (10) Certain land in the Cleveland National Forest comprising approximately 214 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled 'Pine Creek Wilderness Additions--Proposed' and dated December 18, 2002, which shall be incorporated into and managed as part of the Pine Creek Wilderness designated by the California Wilderness Act of 1984 (Public Law 98-425; 16 U.S.C. 1131 note).
- (11) Certain land in the Cleveland National Forest and the Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 1,950 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled 'Agua Tibia Wilderness Additions--Proposed', and dated September 29, 2006, which shall be incorporated into and managed as part of the Agua Tibia Wilderness designated by section 2(a) of Public Law 93-632 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; 88 Stat. 2154).
- (12) Certain land in the El Dorado and Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forests comprising approximately 22,360 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled 'Caples Creek Wilderness Area--Proposed' and dated May 2002, which shall be known as the 'Caples Creek Wilderness'.
- (13) Certain land in the El Dorado National Forest and Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit comprising approximately 19,380 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled 'Meiss Meadows Wilderness Area--Proposed' and dated May 2002, which shall be known as the 'Meiss Meadows Wilderness', except that designation by this paragraph shall not preclude

operation and maintenance of the historic Forest Service Meiss Hut in existence on the date of enactment of this Act in the same manner in, and degree to which, operation and maintenance of the cabin occurred as of March 1, 2006.

(14) Certain land in the Humboldt-Toiyabe and Inyo National Forests comprising approximately 76,160 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled `Hoover Wilderness Area Additions--Proposed' and dated February 2006, which shall be incorporated into and managed as part of the Hoover Wilderness as designated by the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), except that designation by this paragraph--

- (A) shall not preclude operation and maintenance of the historic Piute Cabin in existence on the date of enactment of this Act, located in the western portion of the Hoover Wilderness Area Additions, in the same manner in, and degree to which, operation and maintenance of the cabin occurred as of March 1, 2006; and
- (B) is not intended to restrict the ongoing activities of the adjacent United States Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center on land under agreement with the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.

(15) Certain land in the Inyo National Forest comprising approximately 14,800 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled `Owens River Headwaters Additions to Ansel Adams Wilderness Area--Proposed' and dated May 2002, which shall be incorporated into and managed as part of the Ansel Adams Wilderness as designated by the California Wilderness Act of 1984 (Public Law 98-425; 16 U.S.C. 1131 note).

(16) Certain land in the Inyo National Forest and the Bishop Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 131,620 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled `John Muir Wilderness Area Additions--Proposed' and dated May 2002, which shall be incorporated into and managed as part of the John Muir Wilderness as designated by the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) and the California Wilderness Act of 1984 (Public Law 98-425; 16 U.S.C. 1131 note).

(17) Certain land in the Inyo National Forest and the Bishop Field Office and Ridgecrest Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 297,000 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled `White Mountains Wilderness Area--Proposed' and dated May 2002, which shall be known as the `White Mountains Wilderness', except that scientific research conducted at the White Mountains Research Station Facilities operated by the University of California shall be permitted to continue.

(18) Certain land in the Klamath National Forest comprising approximately 64,160 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled `Marble Mountain Wilderness Area Additions--Proposed' and dated May 2002, which shall be incorporated into and managed as part of the Marble Mountain Wilderness as designated by the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C.

1131 et seq.) and the California Wilderness Act of 1984 (Public Law 98-425; 16 U.S.C. 1131 note).

(19) Certain land in the Klamath National Forest and Rogue River National Forest comprising approximately 51,600 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled 'Red Butte Wilderness Area Additions--Proposed' and dated May 2002, which shall be incorporated into and managed as part of the Red Butte Wilderness as designated by the Oregon Wilderness Act of 1984 (Public Law 98-328; 16 U.S.C. 1131 note) and the California Wilderness Act of 1984 (Public Law 98-425; 16 U.S.C. 1131 note).

(20) Certain land in the Klamath National Forest comprising approximately 19,360 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled 'Russian Wilderness Area Additions--Proposed' and dated May 2002, which shall be incorporated into and managed as part of the Russian Wilderness as designated by the California Wilderness Act of 1984 (Public Law 98-425; 16 U.S.C. 1131 note).

(21) Certain land in the Lassen National Forest comprising approximately 12,000 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled 'Heart Lake Wilderness Area--Proposed' and dated May 2002, which shall be known as the 'Heart Lake Wilderness'.

(22) Certain land in the Lassen National Forest comprising approximately 4,760 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled 'Wild Cattle Mountain Wilderness Area--Proposed' and dated May 2002, which shall be known as the 'Wild Cattle Mountain Wilderness'.

(23) Certain land in the Lassen National Forest comprising approximately 4,280 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled 'Caribou Wilderness Area Additions--Proposed' and dated May 2002, which shall be incorporated into and managed as part of the Caribou Wilderness as designated by the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) and the California Wilderness Act of 1984 (Public Law 98-425; 16 U.S.C. 1131 note).

(24) Certain land in the Los Padres National Forest comprising approximately 11,500 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled 'Black Mountain Wilderness Area--Proposed' and dated May 2002, which shall be known as the 'Black Mountain Wilderness'.

(25) Certain land in the Los Padres National Forest comprising approximately 48,625 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled 'Dick Smith Wilderness Area Additions--Proposed' and dated May 2002, which shall be incorporated into and managed as part of the Dick Smith Wilderness as designated by the California Wilderness Act of 1984 (Public Law 98-425; 16 U.S.C. 1131 note).

(26) Certain land in the Los Padres National Forest comprising approximately 3,550 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled 'Garcia Wilderness Area Additions--Proposed' and dated May 2002, which shall be incorporated into and managed as part of the Garcia

Wilderness as designated by the Los Padres Condor Range and River Protection Act (Public Law 102-301; 106 Stat. 242).

(27) Certain land in the Los Padres National Forest comprising approximately 9,050 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled 'Machesna Wilderness Area Additions--Proposed' and dated May 2002, which shall be incorporated into and managed as part of the Machesna Wilderness as designated by the California Wilderness Act of 1984 (Public Law 98-425; 16 U.S.C. 1131 note).

(28) Certain land in the Los Padres National Forest comprising approximately 47,400 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled 'Matilija Wilderness Area Additions--Proposed' and dated May 2002, which shall be incorporated into and managed as part of the Matilija Wilderness as designated by the Los Padres Condor Range and River Protection Act (Public Law 102-301; 106 Stat. 242).

(29) Certain land in the Los Padres National Forest comprising approximately 64,500 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled 'San Rafael Wilderness Area Additions--Proposed' and dated May 2002, which shall be incorporated into and managed as part of the San Rafael Wilderness as designated by Public Law 90-271 (82 Stat. 51), the California Wilderness Act of 1984 (Public Law 98-425; 16 U.S.C. 1131 note), and the Los Padres Condor Range and River Protection Act (Public Law 102-301; 106 Stat. 242).

(30) Certain land in the Los Padres National Forest comprising approximately 65,000 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled 'Chumash Wilderness Area Additions--Proposed' and dated May 2002, which shall be incorporated into and managed as part of the Chumash Wilderness as designated by the Los Padres Condor Range and River Protection Act (Public Law 102-301; 106 Stat. 242).

(31) Certain land in the Los Padres National Forest comprising approximately 14,350 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled 'Sespe Wilderness Area Additions--Proposed' and dated May 2002, which shall be incorporated into and managed as part of the Sespe Wilderness as designated by the Los Padres Condor Range and River Protection Act (Public Law 102-301; 106 Stat. 242).

(32) Certain land in the Plumas National Forest comprising approximately 9,000 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled 'Feather Falls Wilderness Area--Proposed' and dated May 2002, which shall be known as the 'Feather Falls Wilderness'.

(33) Certain land in the San Bernardino National Forest comprising approximately 7,131 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled 'Cahuilla Mountain Wilderness Area--Proposed' and dated September 29, 2006, which shall be known as the 'Cahuilla Mountain Wilderness'.

(34) Certain land in the San Bernardino National Forest comprising approximately 21,760 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled 'South Fork San Jacinto Wilderness Area--Proposed' and dated September

29, 2006, which shall be known as the `South Fork San Jacinto Wilderness'.

(35) Certain land in the San Bernardino National Forest comprising approximately 8,064 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled `Cucamonga Wilderness Area Additions--Proposed' and dated May 2002, which shall be incorporated into and managed as part of the Cucamonga Wilderness as designated by the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) and the California Wilderness Act of 1984 (Public Law 98-425; 16 U.S.C. 1131 note).

(36) Certain land in the San Bernardino National Forest and the California Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management comprising approximately 17,920 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled `San Gorgonio Wilderness Area Additions--Proposed' and dated May 2002, which shall be incorporated into and managed as part of the San Gorgonio Wilderness as designated by the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C.