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To authorize a national memorial to commemorate those killed by the collapse of the Saint Francis Dam on March 12, 1928, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. KNIGHT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Saint Francis Dam Disaster National Memorial and
6 Castaic Wilderness Act”.

7 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
8 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Findings and purposes.

TITLE I—SAINT FRANCIS DAM ADVISORY COMMISSION

Sec. 101. Memorial to honor the victims of the Saint Francis Dam Disaster.

Sec. 102. Saint Francis Dam Advisory Commission.

Sec. 103. Duties of the secretary of the interior with respect to memorial.

Sec. 104. Establishment of national monument.

Sec. 105. Knapp ranch potential wilderness area.

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Sec. 107. Definitions.

TITLE II—DESIGNATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF WILDERNESS

Sec. 201. Designation and administration of wilderness.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

3 (1) On March 12, 1928, the Saint Francis Dam
4 located in the northern portion of Los Angeles Coun-
5 ty, California, breached, resulting in a devastating
6 flood that caused the death of approximately 425 in-
7 dividuals.

8 (2) The residents of the Santa Clarita Valley,
9 San Francisquito Canyon, Castaic Junction, Santa
10 Clara River Valley, Piru, Fillmore, Bardsdale,
11 Saticoy, and Santa Paula were directly impacted and
12 suffered greatly from the worst flood in the history
13 of the State of California.

14 (3) The disaster resulted in a tremendous loss
15 of human life, property, and the livelihood of local
16 residents, and was surpassed in the 20th century
17 only by the great San Francisco earthquake of 1906.

1 (4) The dam's collapse may represent America's
2 worst civil engineering failure in the 20th century.

3 (5) The site is subject to the theft of historic
4 artifacts, as well as graffiti and other vandalism.

5 (6) The surrounding area has important his-
6 toric and environmental significance.

7 (7) It is right to pay homage to the citizens
8 who perished, were injured, or were dislocated in the
9 flood, and to bring to light and educate the general
10 public about this important historical event.

11 (8) It is appropriate that the site of the Saint
12 Francis Dam and surrounding areas be designated
13 a unit of the National Park System to commemorate
14 this tragic event.

15 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are as fol-
16 lows:

17 (1) To establish a national memorial to honor
18 the victims of the Saint Francis Dam disaster of
19 March 12, 1928.

20 (2) To establish the Saint Francis Dam Advi-
21 sory Commission to assist with consideration and
22 formulation of plans for a permanent memorial to
23 the victims of that disaster, including its nature, de-
24 sign, and construction.

1 (3) To permanently protect the site and sur-
2 rounding area of the Saint Francis Dam and edu-
3 cate the general public about this tragic and historic
4 event.

5 (4) To authorize the Secretary of the Interior
6 to coordinate and facilitate the activities of the Saint
7 Francis Dam Advisory Commission, provide tech-
8 nical and financial assistance to the Saint Francis
9 Dam Task Force, and to administer a Saint Francis
10 Dam memorial.

11 (5) To designate the Saint Francis Dam Na-
12 tional Monument.

13 (6) To designate certain federal lands adminis-
14 tered by the United States Forest Service within Los
15 Angeles County as wilderness.

16 **TITLE I—SAINT FRANCIS DAM**
17 **ADVISORY COMMISSION**

18 **SEC. 101. MEMORIAL TO HONOR THE VICTIMS OF THE**
19 **SAINT FRANCIS DAM DISASTER.**

20 There is established a memorial at the Saint Francis
21 Dam site in the County of Los Angeles, California, to
22 honor the victims of the Saint Francis Dam disaster of
23 March 12, 1928, which shall be—

1 (1) known as the Saint Francis Dam Disaster
2 National Memorial and be managed by the National
3 Park Service; and

4 (2) located within the Saint Francis Dam Dis-
5 aster National Monument.

6 **SEC. 102. SAINT FRANCIS DAM ADVISORY COMMISSION.**

7 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established a com-
8 mission to be known as the “Saint Francis Dam Advisory
9 Commission”.

10 (b) **MEMBERSHIP.**—The Commission shall consist of
11 no more than 15 members, including the Director of the
12 National Park Service, or the Director’s designee, the
13 Chief of the United States Forest Service, or the Chief’s
14 designee, a designee of the Governor of the State of Cali-
15 fornia, a designee of the County of Los Angeles Board
16 of Supervisors, a representative of the Santa Clarita Val-
17 ley Historical Society, a representative of the Community
18 Hiking Club of Santa Clarita, and up to 8 additional mem-
19 bers appointed by the Secretary of the Interior in con-
20 sultation with the Secretary of Agriculture.

21 (c) **TERM.**—The term of the members of the Commis-
22 sion shall be for the life of the Commission.

23 (d) **CHAIR.**—The members of the Commission shall
24 select the Chair of the Commission.

1 (e) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the Commission
2 shall not affect its powers if a quorum is present, but shall
3 be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

4 (f) MEETINGS.—The Commission shall meet at the
5 call of the Chairperson or a majority of the members, but
6 not less often than quarterly. The Commission shall pub-
7 lish notice of the Commission meetings and agendas for
8 the meetings in local newspapers in the vicinity of Los An-
9 geles County and in the Federal Register. Meetings of the
10 Commission shall be subject to section 552b of title 5,
11 United States Code (relating to open meetings).

12 (g) QUORUM.—A majority of the members serving on
13 the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the trans-
14 action of any business.

15 (h) NO COMPENSATION.—Members of the Commis-
16 sion shall serve without compensation, but may be reim-
17 bursed for expenses incurred in carrying out the duties
18 of the Commission.

19 (i) DUTIES.—The duties of the Commission shall be
20 as follows:

21 (1) Not later than 2 years after the date of the
22 enactment of this Act, the Commission shall submit
23 to the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Ag-
24 riculture, and Congress a report containing rec-
25 ommendations for the planning, design, construc-

1 tion, and long-term management of a permanent me-
2 morial at the dam site.

3 (2) The Commission shall advise the Secretary
4 of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture on
5 the preferred nature of the Memorial, including the
6 boundaries of the Memorial site, the desirability of
7 a visitor center and educational facilities at the site,
8 as well as ensuring public accessibility to the site.

9 (3) The Commission shall advise the Secretary
10 of the Interior in the development of a management
11 plan for the Memorial site.

12 (4) The Commission shall consult and coordi-
13 nate closely with all interested persons, as appro-
14 priate, as to how best to commemorate the Saint
15 Francis Dam disaster.

16 (5) The Commission shall provide significant
17 opportunities for public participation in the planning
18 and design of the Memorial.

19 (j) POWERS.—The Commission may—

20 (1) make such expenditures for services and
21 materials for the purpose of carrying out this title
22 as the Commission considers advisable from funds
23 appropriated or received as gifts for that purpose;

24 (2) subject to approval by the Secretary of the
25 Interior, solicit and accept donations of funds and

1 gifts, personal property, supplies, and services from
2 individuals, foundations, corporations, and other pri-
3 vate or public entities to be used in connection with
4 the construction or other expenses of the Memorial;

5 (3) hold hearings and enter into contracts for
6 personal services;

7 (4) do such other things as are necessary to
8 carry out this title; and

9 (5) by a vote of the majority of the Commis-
10 sion, delegate such of its duties as it determines ap-
11 propriate to employees of the National Park Service
12 and the United States Forest Service.

13 (k) TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate
14 upon dedication of the completed Memorial.

15 **SEC. 103. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR**

16 **WITH RESPECT TO MEMORIAL.**

17 The Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the
18 Secretary of Agriculture, may—

19 (1) provide assistance to the Commission, in-
20 cluding advice on collections, storage, and archives;

21 (2) consult and assist the Commission in pro-
22 viding information, interpretation, and the conduct
23 of oral history interviews;

24 (3) provide assistance in conducting public
25 meetings and forums held by the Commission;

1 (4) provide project management assistance to
2 the Commission for planning, design, and construc-
3 tion activities;

4 (5) provide programming and design assistance
5 to the Commission for possible Memorial exhibits,
6 collections, or activities;

7 (6) provide staff assistance and support to the
8 Commission;

9 (7) participate in the formulation of plans for
10 the design of the Memorial, accept funds raised by
11 the Commission for construction of the Memorial,
12 and construct the Memorial;

13 (8) acquire from willing sellers the land or in-
14 terests in land for the Memorial site by donation,
15 purchase with donated or appropriated funds, or ex-
16 change; and

17 (9) administer the Memorial as a unit of the
18 National Park System in accordance with this title
19 and with the laws generally applicable to units of the
20 National Park System.

21 **SEC. 104. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL MONUMENT.**

22 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established as a na-
23 tional monument in the State certain land administered
24 by the Secretary of Agriculture in Los Angeles County
25 comprising approximately 440 acres, as generally depicted

1 on the map entitled “Proposed Saint Francis Dam Na-
2 tional Monument”, and dated June 18, 2015, to be known
3 as the “Saint Francis Dam Disaster National Monu-
4 ment”.

5 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Monument is to
6 conserve, protect, and enhance for the benefit and enjoy-
7 ment of present and future generations the cultural, ar-
8 chaeological, historical, natural, wildlife, geological, eco-
9 logical, watershed, educational, scenic, and recreational re-
10 sources and values of the Monument.

11 (c) MANAGEMENT.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agri-
13 culture, in consultation with the Secretary of the In-
14 terior, shall manage the Monument—

15 (A) in a manner that conserves, protects,
16 and enhances the cultural, historic, and ecologi-
17 cal resources of the Monument;

18 (B) protects, preserves, and enhances the
19 Memorial; and

20 (C) in accordance with—

21 (i) the Federal Land Policy and Man-
22 agement Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et
23 seq.);

24 (ii) this Act; and

25 (iii) any other applicable laws.

1 (2) USES.—

2 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agri-
3 culture shall allow only such uses of the Monu-
4 ment that the Secretary determines would fur-
5 ther the purpose described in subsection (b).

6 (B) USE OF MOTORIZED VEHICLES.—

7 (i) IN GENERAL.—Except as needed
8 for administrative purposes or to respond
9 to an emergency, the use of motorized ve-
10 hicles in the Monument shall be permitted
11 only on roads designated for use by motor-
12 ized vehicles in the management plan.

13 (ii) NEW ROADS.—No additional
14 roads shall be built within the Monument
15 after the date of enactment of this Act un-
16 less the road is necessary for public safety
17 or natural resource protection.

18 (C) GRAZING.—The Secretary of Agri-
19 culture shall permit grazing within the Monu-
20 ment, where established before the date of en-
21 actment of this Act—

22 (i) subject to all applicable laws (in-
23 cluding regulations) and Executive orders;
24 and

1 (ii) consistent with the purpose de-
2 scribed in subsection (b).

3 (D) UTILITY RIGHT-OF-WAY UPGRADES.—

4 Nothing in this section precludes the Secretary
5 of Agriculture from renewing or authorizing the
6 upgrading (including widening) of a utility
7 right-of-way in existence as of the date of en-
8 actment of this Act through the Monument in
9 a manner that minimizes harm to the purpose
10 of the Monument described in subsection (b)—

11 (i) in accordance with—

12 (I) the National Environmental
13 Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321
14 et seq.); and

15 (II) any other applicable law; and

16 (ii) subject to such terms and condi-
17 tions as the Secretary of Agriculture deter-
18 mines to be appropriate.

19 (E) RIGHTS-OF-WAY.—Subject to applica-
20 ble law, the Secretary of Agriculture may issue
21 rights-of-way for watershed restoration projects
22 and small-scale flood prevention projects within
23 the boundary of the Monument if the right-of-
24 way is consistent with the purpose of the Monu-
25 ment described in subsection (b).

1 (d) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after
3 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
4 Agriculture shall develop a management plan for the
5 Monument.

6 (2) CONSULTATION.—The management plan
7 shall be developed in consultation with—

8 (A) the Department of the Interior and
9 other interested Federal agencies;

10 (B) State, tribal, and local governments;
11 and

12 (C) the public.

13 (3) CONSIDERATIONS.—In preparing and imple-
14 menting the management plan, the Secretary of Ag-
15 riculture shall—

16 (A) consider the recommendations of the
17 Secretary of the Interior, Santa Clarita Valley
18 Historical Society, and the Community Hiking
19 Club of Santa Clarita on methods for providing
20 access to, and protection for the St. Francis
21 Dam Memorial site; and

22 (B) include a watershed health assessment
23 to identify opportunities for watershed restora-
24 tion.

1 (e) INCORPORATION OF ACQUIRED LAND AND INTER-
2 ESTS IN LAND.—Any land or interest in land that is with-
3 in the boundary of the Monument designated by sub-
4 section (a) that is acquired by the United States shall—

5 (1) become part of the Monument; and

6 (2) be managed in accordance with—

7 (A) this Act; and

8 (B) any other applicable laws.

9 **SEC. 105. KNAPP RANCH POTENTIAL WILDERNESS AREA.**

10 (a) DESIGNATION.—In furtherance of the purposes of
11 the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), certain pub-
12 lic land in the State administered by the United States
13 Forest Service, comprising approximately 620 acres, as
14 generally depicted as “Restoration Area” on the map enti-
15 tled “Castaic Potential Wilderness” and dated June 18,
16 2015, is designated as a potential wilderness area.

17 (b) MANAGEMENT.—Except as provided in subsection
18 (c) and subject to valid existing rights, the Secretary shall
19 manage the potential wilderness area as wilderness until
20 the potential wilderness area is designated as wilderness
21 under subsection (d).

22 (c) ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of ecological
24 restoration (including the elimination of nonnative
25 species, removal of unsafe or inappropriate struc-

1 tures, unused or decommissioned roads, and any
2 other activities necessary to restore the natural eco-
3 systems in the potential wilderness area), the Sec-
4 retary may use motorized equipment and mecha-
5 nized transport in the potential wilderness area until
6 the potential wilderness area is designated as wilder-
7 ness under subsection (d).

8 (2) LIMITATION.—To the maximum extent
9 practicable, the Secretary shall use the minimum
10 tool or administrative practice necessary to accom-
11 plish ecological restoration with the least amount of
12 adverse impact on wilderness character and re-
13 sources.

14 (d) EVENTUAL WILDERNESS DESIGNATION.—The
15 potential wilderness area shall be designated as wilderness
16 and as a component of the National Wilderness Preserva-
17 tion System on the earlier of—

18 (1) the date on which the Secretary publishes in
19 the Federal Register notice that the conditions in
20 the potential wilderness area that are incompatible
21 with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.)
22 have been removed; or

23 (2) the date that is 5 years after the date of en-
24 actment of this Act.

1 (e) ADMINISTRATION AS WILDERNESS.—On its des-
2 ignation as wilderness under subsection (d), the potential
3 wilderness area shall be—

4 (1) known as a component of the Castaic Wil-
5 derness; and

6 (2) administered in accordance with section 201
7 and the Wilderness Act.

8 **SEC. 106. GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

9 (a) MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after
11 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
12 Agriculture shall file maps and legal descriptions of
13 the Monument and the wilderness areas designated
14 by this title with—

15 (A) the Committee on Energy and Natural
16 Resources of the Senate; and

17 (B) the Committee on Natural Resources
18 of the House of Representatives.

19 (2) FORCE OF LAW.—The maps and legal de-
20 scriptions filed under paragraph (1) shall have the
21 same force and effect as if included in this title, ex-
22 cept that the Secretary may correct errors in the
23 maps and legal descriptions.

24 (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The maps and
25 legal descriptions filed under paragraph (1) shall be

1 on file and available for public inspection in the ap-
2 propriate offices of the United States Forest Service.

3 (b) NATIONAL LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION SYS-
4 TEM.—The Monument and the wilderness areas des-
5 igned by this title shall be administered as components
6 of the National Landscape Conservation System.

7 (c) FISH AND WILDLIFE.—Nothing in this title af-
8 fects the jurisdiction of the State with respect to fish and
9 wildlife located on public land in the State, except that
10 the Secretary, after consultation with the California De-
11 partment of Fish and Wildlife, may designate zones where,
12 and establish periods during which, no hunting or fishing
13 shall be permitted for reasons of public safety, administra-
14 tion, or compliance with applicable law.

15 (d) WITHDRAWALS.—Subject to valid existing rights,
16 the Federal land within the Monument, the wilderness
17 areas designated by this title, and any land or interest
18 in land that is acquired by the United States in the Monu-
19 ment or wilderness areas after the date of enactment of
20 this Act is withdrawn from—

21 (1) entry, appropriation, or disposal under the
22 public land laws;

23 (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining
24 laws; and

1 (3) operation of the mineral leasing, mineral
2 materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

3 warning, flood control, or water reservoir operation activi-
4 ties.

5 **SEC. 107. DEFINITIONS.**

6 In this title:

7 (1) MEMORIAL.—The term “Memorial” means
8 the Saint Francis Dam Disaster National Memorial
9 established by section 101.

10 (2) MONUMENT.—The term “Monument”
11 means the Saint Francis Dam Disaster National
12 Monument established by section 104.

13 (3) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
14 of California.

15 **TITLE II—DESIGNATION AND AD-**
16 **MINISTRATION OF WILDER-**
17 **NESS**

18 **SEC. 201. DESIGNATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF WILDER-**
19 **NESS.**

20 (a) DESIGNATION.—In furtherance of the purposes of
21 the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), certain lands
22 in Los Angeles County, California, administered by the
23 United States Forest Service, which comprise approxi-
24 mately 69,812 acres, as generally depicted on the map en-
25 titled “Castaic Potential Wilderness” and dated June 18,

1 2015, are hereby designated as wilderness and, therefore,
2 as components of the National Wilderness Preservation
3 System, which shall be known as the “Castaic Wilder-
4 ness”.

5 (b) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.—As soon as
6 practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the
7 Secretary of Agriculture shall file a map and a legal de-
8 scription for the wilderness area designated under this sec-
9 tion with the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
10 sources of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Re-
11 sources of the House of Representatives. The map and de-
12 scription shall have the same force and effect as if in-
13 cluded in this section, except that the Secretary of Agri-
14 culture may correct clerical and typographical errors in
15 the legal description and map. The map and legal descrip-
16 tion shall be on file and available for public inspection in
17 the appropriate office of the United States Forest Service.

18 (c) MANAGEMENT.—Subject to valid existing rights,
19 the wilderness areas and wilderness additions designated
20 by this section shall be administered by the Secretary of
21 Agriculture in accordance with this title and the Wilder-
22 ness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), except that—

23 (1) any reference in the Wilderness Act to the
24 effective date of that Act shall be considered to be

1 a reference to the date of the enactment of this Act;
2 and

3 (2) any reference in the Wilderness Act to the
4 Secretary of Agriculture shall be considered a ref-
5 erence to the Secretary that has jurisdiction over the
6 land.

7 (d) FIRE MANAGEMENT AND RELATED ACTIVI-
8 TIES.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may take
10 such measures in a wilderness area or wilderness ad-
11 dition designated by section 101 as are necessary for
12 the control of fire, insects, and diseases in accord-
13 ance with section 4(d)(1) of the Wilderness Act (16
14 U.S.C. 1133(d)(1)) and House Report 98–40 of the
15 98th Congress.

16 (2) FUNDING PRIORITIES.—Nothing in this title
17 limits funding for fire and fuels management in the
18 wilderness areas or wilderness additions designated
19 by this title.

20 (3) REVISION AND DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL
21 FIRE MANAGEMENT PLANS.—As soon as practicable
22 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
23 retary shall amend the local fire management plans
24 that apply to the land designated as a wilderness
25 area or wilderness addition by section 101.

1 (4) ADMINISTRATION.—Consistent with para-
2 graph (1) and other applicable Federal law, to en-
3 sure a timely and efficient response to fire emer-
4 gencies in the wilderness areas or wilderness addi-
5 tions designated by section 101, the Secretary
6 shall—

7 (A) not later than 1 year after the date of
8 the enactment of this Act, establish agency ap-
9 proval procedures (including appropriate delega-
10 tions of authority to the Forest Supervisor, Dis-
11 trict Manager, or other agency officials) for re-
12 sponding to fire emergencies; and

13 (B) enter into agreements with appropriate
14 State or local firefighting agencies.

15 (e) GRAZING.—The grazing of livestock in the wilder-
16 ness areas and wilderness additions designated by section
17 101, if established before the date of the enactment of this
18 Act, shall be permitted to continue, subject to such reason-
19 able regulations as the Secretary considers necessary in
20 accordance with—

21 (1) section 4(d)(4) of the Wilderness Act (16
22 U.S.C. 1133(d)(4));

23 (2) the guidelines set forth in Appendix A of
24 House Report 101–405, accompanying H.R. 2570 of

1 the 101st Congress for lands under the jurisdiction
2 of the Secretary of the Interior;

3 (3) the guidelines set forth in House Report
4 96–617, accompanying H.R. 5487 of the 96th Con-
5 gress for lands under the jurisdiction of the Sec-
6 retary of Agriculture; and

7 (4) all other laws governing livestock grazing on
8 Federal public lands.

9 (f) FISH AND WILDLIFE.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with section
11 4(d)(7) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C.
12 1133(d)(7)), nothing in this title affects the jurisdic-
13 tion or responsibilities of the State with respect to
14 fish and wildlife on public land in the State.

15 (2) MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES.—In furtherance
16 of the purposes and principles of the Wilderness Act
17 (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the Secretary may conduct
18 any management activities that are necessary to
19 maintain or restore fish and wildlife populations and
20 habitats in the wilderness areas and wilderness addi-
21 tions designated by section 101, if the management
22 activities are—

23 (A) consistent with relevant wilderness
24 management plans; and

1 (B) conducted in accordance with appro-
2 priate policies, such as the policies established
3 in Appendix B of House Report 101–405.

4 (3) WILDLIFE WATER DEVELOPMENT
5 PROJECTS.—Management activities to maintain
6 water sources for wildlife may be carried out within
7 wilderness areas designated by this title and may in-
8 clude the use of motorized vehicles by the appro-
9 priate agencies and their designees if—

10 (A) the water sources will, as determined
11 by the Secretary, enhance wilderness values by
12 promoting healthy and viable wildlife popu-
13 lations; and

14 (B) the visual impacts of the water sources
15 on the wilderness areas can reasonably be mini-
16 mized.

17 (g) BUFFER ZONES.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Congress does not intend for
19 designation of wilderness by this title to lead to the
20 creation of protective perimeters or buffer zones
21 around each wilderness area or wilderness addition.

22 (2) ACTIVITIES OR USES UP TO BOUNDARIES.—
23 The fact that nonwilderness activities or uses can be
24 seen or heard from within a wilderness area shall

1 not, of itself, preclude the activities or uses up to the
2 boundary of the wilderness area.

3 (h) **MILITARY ACTIVITIES.**—Nothing in this title pre-
4 cludes—

5 (1) low-level overflights of military aircraft over
6 the wilderness areas or wilderness additions des-
7 ignated by section 101;

8 (2) the designation of new units of special air-
9 space over the wilderness areas or wilderness addi-
10 tions designated by section 101; or

11 (3) the use or establishment of military flight
12 training routes over wilderness areas or wilderness
13 additions designated by section 101.

14 (i) **HORSES.**—Nothing in this title precludes horse-
15 back riding in, or the entry of recreational or commercial
16 saddle or pack stock into, a wilderness area or wilderness
17 addition designated by section 101—

18 (1) in accordance with section 4(d)(5) of the
19 Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(5)); and

20 (2) subject to any terms and conditions deter-
21 mined to be necessary by the Secretary.

22 (j) **WITHDRAWAL.**—Subject to valid existing rights,
23 the wilderness areas and wilderness additions designated
24 by section 101 are withdrawn from—

1 (1) all forms of entry, appropriation, and dis-
2 posal under the public land laws;

3 (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining
4 laws; and

5 (3) disposition under all laws pertaining to min-
6 eral and geothermal leasing or mineral materials.

7 (k) INCORPORATION OF ACQUIRED LAND AND IN-
8 TERESTS.—Any land within the boundary of a wilderness
9 area or wilderness addition designated by section 101 that
10 is acquired by the United States shall—

11 (1) become part of the wilderness area in which
12 the land is located; and

13 (2) be managed in accordance with this section,
14 the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), and
15 any other applicable law.

16 (l) CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA COLLECTION.—In ac-
17 cordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.)
18 and subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary
19 may prescribe, the Secretary may authorize the installa-
20 tion and maintenance of hydrologic, meteorological, or cli-
21 matological collection devices in the wilderness areas and
22 wilderness additions designated by section 101 if the Sec-
23 retary determines that the facilities and access to the fa-
24 cilities are essential to flood warning, flood control, or
25 water reservoir operation activities.