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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. CHU introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee  
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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 “San Gabriel Wilderness  
5       Act of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS, ANGELES**  
2 **AND SAN BERNARDINO NATIONAL FORESTS,**  
3 **CALIFORNIA.**

4 (a) DESIGNATION.—In accordance with the Wilder-  
5 ness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the following Federal  
6 lands in the State of California are designated as wilder-  
7 ness and are either designated as a new component of the  
8 National Wilderness Preservation System or included in  
9 an existing component of the National Wilderness Preser-  
10 vation System:

11 (1) CASTAIC WILDERNESS.—Certain Federal  
12 land in the Angeles National Forest comprising ap-  
13 proximately 69,812 acres, as generally depicted on  
14 the map titled “Castaic Wilderness—Proposed” and  
15 dated \_\_\_\_\_, which shall be known as the  
16 Castaic Wilderness.

17 (2) CONDOR PEAK WILDERNESS.—Certain Fed-  
18 eral land in the Angeles National Forest comprising  
19 approximately 17,084 acres, as generally depicted on  
20 the map titled “Condor Peak Wilderness—Pro-  
21 posed” and dated \_\_\_\_\_, which shall be known  
22 as the Condor Peak Wilderness.

23 (3) CUCAMONGA WILDERNESS ADDITION.—Cer-  
24 tain Federal land in the Angeles and San  
25 Bernardino National Forests comprising approxi-  
26 mately 11,511 acres, as generally depicted on the

1 map titled “Cucamonga Wilderness Additions” and  
2 dated \_\_\_\_\_, which is incorporated in, and  
3 shall be deemed to be a part of, the Cucamonga Wil-  
4 derness, as designated by section 3 of the Wilderness  
5 Act (16 U.S.C. 1132) and expanded by section  
6 101(a)(5) of the California Wilderness Act of 1984  
7 (Public Law 98–425; 16 U.S.C. 1132 note).

8 (4) SAN GABRIEL WILDERNESS ADDITION.—  
9 Certain Federal land in the Angeles National Forest  
10 comprising approximately 5,029 acres, as generally  
11 depicted on the map titled “San Gabriel Wilderness  
12 Additions” and dated \_\_\_\_\_, which is incor-  
13 porated in, and shall be deemed to be a part of, the  
14 San Gabriel Wilderness, as designated by the first  
15 section of Public Law 90–318 (16 U.S.C. 1132  
16 note).

17 (5) SHEEP MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS ADDI-  
18 TION.—Certain Federal land in the Angeles and San  
19 Bernardino National Forests, comprising approxi-  
20 mately 17,698 acres, as generally depicted on the  
21 map titled “Sheep Mountain Wilderness Additions”  
22 and dated \_\_\_\_\_, which is incorporated in,  
23 and shall be deemed to be a part of, the Sheep  
24 Mountain Wilderness, as designated by section

1 101(a)(29) of the California Wilderness Act of 1984  
2 (Public Law 98–425; 16 U.S.C. 1132 note).

3 (b) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after  
5 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
6 Agriculture shall file a map and a legal description  
7 of each wilderness and each wilderness addition des-  
8 ignated by subsection (a) with—

9 (A) the Committee on Natural Resources  
10 of the House of Representatives; and

11 (B) the Committee on Energy and Natural  
12 Resources of the Senate.

13 (2) FORCE OF LAW.—The maps and legal de-  
14 scriptions filed under paragraph (1) shall have the  
15 same force and effect as if included in this Act, ex-  
16 cept that the Secretary of Agriculture may correct  
17 any clerical and typographical errors in the maps  
18 and legal descriptions.

19 (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The maps and  
20 legal descriptions filed under paragraph (1) shall be  
21 on file and available for public inspection in the ap-  
22 propriate offices of the Forest Service.

23 (c) NO PRECEDENCE.—Nothing in this Act shall be  
24 construed as establishing a precedent with regard to any  
25 future wilderness designations.

1 **SEC. 3. ADMINISTRATION OF WILDERNESS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,  
3 the wilderness areas and wilderness additions designated  
4 by section 2 shall be administered by the Secretary of Ag-  
5 riculture in accordance with this Act and the Wilderness  
6 Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), except that any reference  
7 in the Wilderness Act to the effective date of that Act shall  
8 be considered to be a reference to the date of enactment  
9 of this Act.

10 (b) FIRE MANAGEMENT AND RELATED ACTIVI-  
11 TIES.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture  
13 may undertake such measures in the wilderness  
14 areas and wilderness additions designated by section  
15 2 as are necessary for the control of fire, insects,  
16 and diseases in accordance with section 4(d)(1) of  
17 the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(1)) and  
18 House Report 98–40 of the 98th Congress

19 (2) FUNDING PRIORITIES.—Nothing in this Act  
20 limits funding for fire and fuels management in the  
21 wilderness areas and wilderness additions designated  
22 by section 2.

23 (3) REVISION AND DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL  
24 FIRE MANAGEMENT PLANS.—As soon as practicable  
25 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
26 retary of Agriculture shall amend the local fire man-

1       agement plans that apply to the land designated as  
2       wilderness by section 2.

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

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

15              (B) enter into agreements with appropriate  
16       State or local firefighting agencies.

17       (c) GRAZING.—The grazing of livestock in the wilder-  
18       ness areas and wilderness additions designated by section  
19       2, if established before the date of enactment of this Act,  
20       shall be administered in accordance with—

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

23              (2) the guidelines set forth in House Report  
24       96–617 to accompany H.R. 5487 of the 96th Con-  
25       gress.

1 (d) FISH AND WILDLIFE.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with section  
3 4(d)(7) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C.  
4 1133(d)(7)), nothing in this Act affects the jurisdic-  
5 tion or responsibilities of the State with respect to  
6 fish and wildlife on public land in the State.

7 (2) MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES.—

8 (A) IN GENERAL.—In furtherance of the  
9 purposes and principles of the Wilderness Act  
10 (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the Secretary of Agri-  
11 culture may conduct any management activities  
12 that are necessary to maintain or restore fish  
13 and wildlife populations and habitats in the wil-  
14 derness areas and wilderness additions des-  
15 ignated by section 2, if the management activi-  
16 ties are—

17 (i) consistent with relevant wilderness  
18 management plans; and

19 (ii) conducted in accordance with ap-  
20 propriate policies, such as the policies es-  
21 tablished in Appendix B of House Report  
22 101–405.

23 (B) INCLUSIONS.—Management activities  
24 under paragraph (A) may include the occasional  
25 and temporary use of motorized vehicles, if the

1 use, as determined by the Secretary of Agri-  
2 culture, would promote healthy, viable, and  
3 more naturally distributed wildlife populations  
4 that would enhance wilderness values while  
5 causing the minimum impact necessary to ac-  
6 complish those tasks.

7 (C) EXISTING ACTIVITIES.—Consistent  
8 with section 4(d)(1) of the Wilderness Act (16  
9 U.S.C. 1133(d)(1)) and in accordance with ap-  
10 propriate policies, such as those established in  
11 Appendix B of House Report 101–405, the  
12 State may use aircraft (including helicopters) in  
13 the wilderness areas and wilderness additions  
14 designated by section 2 to survey, capture,  
15 transplant, monitor, and provide water for wild-  
16 life populations, including bighorn sheep.

17 (e) BUFFER ZONES.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Congress does not intend for  
19 designation of land as wilderness by section 2 to  
20 lead to the creation of protective perimeters or buff-  
21 er zones around the wilderness areas and wilderness  
22 additions designated by such section.

23 (2) ACTIVITIES OR USES UP TO BOUNDARIES.—  
24 The fact that nonwilderness activities or uses can be  
25 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 (f) MILITARY ACTIVITIES.—Nothing in this Act pre-  
4 cludes—

5 (1) low-level overflights of military aircraft over  
6 the wilderness areas and wilderness additions des-  
7 ignated by section 2;

8 (2) the designation of new units of special air-  
9 space over such wilderness; or

10 (3) the use or establishment of military flight  
11 training routes over such wilderness.

12 (g) HORSES.—Nothing in this Act precludes horse-  
13 back riding in, or the entry of recreational or commercial  
14 saddle or pack stock into, the wilderness areas and wilder-  
15 ness additions designated by section 2 in accordance with  
16 section 4(d)(5) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C.  
17 1133(d)(5)), subject to any terms and conditions deter-  
18 mined to be necessary by the Secretary of Agriculture.

19 (h) LAW ENFORCEMENT.—Nothing in this Act pre-  
20 cludes law enforcement and drug interdiction efforts in the  
21 wilderness areas and wilderness additions designated by  
22 section 2 in accordance with the Wilderness Act (16  
23 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.).

1 (i) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,  
2 the wilderness areas and wilderness additions designated  
3 by section 2 are withdrawn from—

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

6 (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining  
7 laws; and

8 (3) operation of the mineral materials and geo-  
9 thermal leasing laws.

10 (j) INCORPORATION OF ACQUIRED LAND AND INTER-  
11 ESTS.—Any land within the boundary of a wilderness area  
12 or wilderness addition designated by section 2 that is ac-  
13 quired by the United States shall—

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

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

19 (k) CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA COLLECTION.—In ac-  
20 cordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.)  
21 and subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary  
22 of Agriculture may prescribe, the Secretary may authorize  
23 the installation and maintenance of hydrologic, meteorolo-  
24 gic, or climatological collection devices in the wilderness  
25 areas and wilderness additions designated by section 2 if

1 the Secretary determines that the facilities and access to  
2 the facilities are essential to flood warning, flood control,  
3 or water reservoir operation activities.

4 **SEC. 4. WATER RIGHTS.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-  
6 ings—

7 (1) The lands designated as wilderness by this  
8 Act—

9 (A) are located at the headwaters of the  
10 streams and rivers on those lands; and

11 (B) are generally not suitable for use or  
12 development of new water resource facilities.

13 (2) There are no actual or proposed water re-  
14 source facilities and no opportunities for diversion,  
15 storage, or other uses of water occurring outside of  
16 the lands designated as wilderness by this Act that  
17 would adversely affect the wilderness or other values  
18 of such lands.

19 (b) NO RESERVATION OF WATER AND NO DIMINISH-  
20 MENT OF WATER RIGHTS.—Nothing in this Act—

21 (1) shall constitute, or be construed to con-  
22 stitute, an express or implied reservation by the  
23 United States of any water or water rights with re-  
24 spect to the lands designated as wilderness by this  
25 Act;

1           (2) shall affect any valid water rights in the  
2 State of California existing on the date of the enact-  
3 ment of this Act, including any water rights held by  
4 the United States;

5           (3) shall affect the interpretation of any other  
6 Act; or

7           (4) shall be construed as limiting, altering,  
8 modifying, or amending any of the interstate com-  
9 pacts or equitable apportionment decrees that appor-  
10 tion water among and between the State of Cali-  
11 fornia and other States.

12       (c) APPLICATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER LAW.—  
13 The Secretary of Agriculture shall follow the procedural  
14 and substantive requirements of the law of the State of  
15 California in order to obtain and hold any water rights  
16 not in existence on the date of enactment of this Act with  
17 respect to lands designated wilderness by this Act.