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H. R. 921

To establish the Sabinoso Wilderness Area in San Miguel County, New Mexico, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 9, 2009

Mr. LUJÁN 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 “Sabinoso Wilderness
5 Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
9 of New Mexico.

1 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of the Interior.

3 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF THE SABINOSO WILDERNESS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—In furtherance of the purposes of
5 the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), there is here-
6 by designated as wilderness, and, therefore, as a compo-
7 nent of the National Wilderness Preservation System, the
8 approximately 15,995 acres of land under the jurisdiction
9 of the Taos Field Office Bureau of Land Management,
10 New Mexico, as generally depicted on the map titled
11 “Sabinoso Wilderness” and dated May 7, 2008, and which
12 shall be known as the “Sabinoso Wilderness”.

13 (b) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—The map and
14 a legal description of the wilderness area designated by
15 this Act shall—

16 (1) be filed by the Secretary with the Com-
17 mittee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep-
18 resentatives and the Committee on Energy and Nat-
19 ural Resources of the Senate as soon as practicable
20 after the date of the enactment of this Act;

21 (2) have the same force and effect as if in-
22 cluded in this Act, except that the Secretary may
23 correct clerical and typographical errors in the legal
24 description and map; and

1 (3) be on file and available for public inspection
2 in the appropriate offices of the Bureau of Land
3 Management.

4 (c) MANAGEMENT OF WILDERNESS.—Subject to
5 valid existing rights, the wilderness areas designated by
6 this Act shall be administered in accordance with the Wil-
7 derness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) and this Act, except
8 that with respect to the wilderness areas designated by
9 this Act, any reference to the effective date of the Wilder-
10 ness Act shall be deemed to be a reference to the date
11 of enactment of this Act and any reference in the Wilder-
12 ness Act to the Secretary of Agriculture shall be consid-
13 ered to be a reference to the Secretary of the Interior.

14 (d) INCORPORATION OF ACQUIRED LAND.—Any land
15 or interest in land located inside the boundaries of the wil-
16 derness area designated by this Act that is acquired by
17 the United States after the date of enactment of this Act
18 shall become part of the wilderness area designated by this
19 Act and shall be managed in accordance with this Act and
20 other applicable law.

21 (e) GRAZING.—Grazing of livestock in the wilderness
22 area designated by this Act, where established before the
23 date of enactment of this Act, shall be administered in
24 accordance with the provisions of section 4(d)(4) of the
25 Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(4)) and the guidelines

1 set forth in Appendix A of the Report of the Committee
2 on Interior and Insular Affairs to accompany H.R. 2570
3 of the 101st Congress (H. Rept. 101–405).

4 (f) FISH AND WILDLIFE.—As provided in section
5 4(d)(7) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(7)),
6 nothing in this section shall be construed as affecting the
7 jurisdiction or responsibilities of the State with respect to
8 fish and wildlife in the State, including the regulation of
9 hunting, fishing, and trapping, in the wilderness area des-
10 ignated by this Act.

11 (g) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
12 the wilderness area designated by this Act, is withdrawn
13 from—

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

16 (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining
17 laws; and

18 (3) operation of the mineral leasing, mineral
19 materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

20 (h) ACCESS.—

21 (1) Consistent with section 5(a) of the Wilder-
22 ness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the Secretary
23 shall continue to allow private landowners adequate
24 access to inholdings in the Sabinoso Wilderness.

1 (2) For access purposes, private lands within T.
2 16 N., R. 23 E. Sections 17, 20 and the north half
3 of Section 21, N.M.M. shall be managed as if an
4 inholding in the Sabinoso Wilderness.

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