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# S. 3985

To amend the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993 to add certain land to the Sarvis Creek Wilderness, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 20, 2024

Mr. HICKENLOOPER (for himself and Mr. BENNET) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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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 “Sarvis Creek Wilder-  
5 ness Completion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) SARVIS CREEK WILDERNESS ADDITION.—

9 The term “Sarvis Creek Wilderness Addition”

1 means the land added to the Sarvis Wilderness by  
2 the amendment made by section 3(a).

3 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
4 the Secretary of Agriculture.

5 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF SARVIS CREEK WILDERNESS AD-**  
6 **DITION.**

7 (a) DESIGNATION.—Section 2(a)(11) of the Colorado  
8 Wilderness Act of 1993 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; Public Law  
9 103–77) is amended by striking “1993,” and inserting  
10 “1993, and certain land within the Routt National Forest  
11 that comprises approximately 6,817 acres, as generally de-  
12 picted as ‘Sarvis Creek Wilderness Addition Proposal’ on  
13 the map entitled ‘Sarvis Creek Wilderness Addition Pro-  
14 posal’ and dated February 26, 2024,”.

15 (b) APPLICABLE LAW.—The reference in section  
16 4(d)(4) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(4)) to  
17 the effective date of that Act shall be considered to be  
18 a reference to the date of enactment of this Act for pur-  
19 poses of administering the Sarvis Creek Wilderness Addi-  
20 tion.

21 **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.**

22 (a) TRIBAL RIGHTS AND USE.—

23 (1) TREATY RIGHTS.—Nothing in this Act af-  
24 fects the treaty rights of any Indian Tribe.

1           (2) TRADITIONAL TRIBAL USES.—The Sec-  
2       retary may, in accordance with applicable law, per-  
3       mit Indian Tribes access to, and use of, the Sarvis  
4       Creek Wilderness Addition for traditional, religious,  
5       and cultural purposes.

6       (b) FIRE, INSECTS, AND DISEASES.—In accordance  
7       with section 4(d)(1) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C.  
8       1133(d)(1)), the Secretary may carry out any activity in  
9       the Sarvis Creek Wilderness Addition that the Secretary  
10      determines to be necessary for the control of fire, insects,  
11      and diseases, subject to such terms and conditions as the  
12      Secretary determines to be appropriate.

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