

Americans: skyrocketing gas prices. The cost for an average American to fill up his or her car has been rising steadily over the past 3 months, and the price of a barrel of oil hit a record high 2 weeks ago.

It is absolutely crucial that we build up our own domestic supply of oil in order to decrease our dependence on foreign-born fossil fuels. Drilling off the Outer Continental Shelf and opening the ANWR to oil exploration are two Republican initiatives for strengthening our domestic supply.

In addition, Republicans have supported tax credits for the production and use of ethanol and biodiesel. We have also offered incentives for increased refinery capacity and have created stiffer penalties for price gouging at the pump.

Mr. Speaker, I remain absolutely committed to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to alleviate the problems of high gas prices and our utter dependence on foreign oil.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

#### MOUNT HOOD STEWARDSHIP LEGACY ACT

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5025) to protect for future generations the recreational opportunities, forests, timber, clean water, wilderness and scenic values, and diverse habitat of Mount Hood National Forest, Oregon, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 5025

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE AND TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Mount Hood Stewardship Legacy Act”.

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

- Sec. 1. Short title and table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Implementation.
- Sec. 3. No reduction in Mount Hood National Forest funding.

#### TITLE I—WILDERNESS AREA DESIGNATIONS

- Sec. 101. Findings and purpose.
- Sec. 102. Designation of wilderness areas, Mount Hood National Forest.
- Sec. 103. Administration of wilderness areas.
- Sec. 104. Maintenance and replacement of foot bridges in wilderness areas.

#### TITLE II—WILD AND SCENIC RIVER DESIGNATIONS

- Sec. 201. Findings and purpose.

- Sec. 202. Wild and scenic river designations, Mount Hood National Forest.

- Sec. 203. Relation to Middle Fork Irrigation District.

#### TITLE III—RECREATION

- Sec. 301. Findings and purpose.
- Sec. 302. Retention of Mount Hood National Forest land use fees from special use authorizations.
- Sec. 303. Use of funds in special account to support recreation.
- Sec. 304. Annual reporting requirement.
- Sec. 305. Mount Hood National Forest Recreational Working Group.
- Sec. 306. Consideration of conversion of forest roads to recreational uses.
- Sec. 307. Improved trail access for persons with disabilities.

#### TITLE IV—TRANSPORTATION

- Sec. 401. Findings and purpose.
- Sec. 402. Mount Hood region defined.
- Sec. 403. Transportation plan.
- Sec. 404. Study regarding gondola connection and intermodal transportation center.

#### TITLE V—FOREST AND WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP

- Sec. 501. Findings and purpose.
- Sec. 502. Forest stewardship assessment.
- Sec. 503. Sustainable biomass utilization study.
- Sec. 504. Watershed management memoranda of understanding.

#### TITLE VI—CRYSTAL SPRINGS WATER- SHED SPECIAL RESOURCES MANAGE- MENT UNIT

- Sec. 601. Findings and purpose.
- Sec. 602. Establishment of Crystal Springs Watershed Special Resources Management Unit.
- Sec. 603. Administration of Management Unit.
- Sec. 604. Acquisition of lands.
- Sec. 605. Effective date.

#### TITLE VII—LOCAL AND TRIBAL RELATIONSHIPS

- Sec. 701. Findings and purpose.
- Sec. 702. First foods gathering areas.
- Sec. 703. Forest Service coordination with State and local governments.
- Sec. 704. Savings provisions regarding relations with Indian tribes.
- Sec. 705. Improved natural disaster preparedness.

#### TITLE VIII—LAND CONVEYANCES

##### Subtitle A—Cooper Spur-Government Camp Land Exchange

- Sec. 801. Findings and purpose.
- Sec. 802. Cooper Spur-Government Camp Land Exchange.
- Sec. 803. Treatment of Inn at Cooper Spur and the Cooper Spur Ski Area.
- Sec. 804. General provisions.

##### Subtitle B—Other Land Exchanges

- Sec. 811. Land exchange, Port of Cascade Locks-Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail.
- Sec. 812. Hunchback Mountain land exchange, Clackamas County.

#### SEC. 2. IMPLEMENTATION.

References in this Act to the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary mean the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Forest Service.

#### SEC. 3. NO REDUCTION IN MOUNT HOOD NA- TIONAL FOREST FUNDING.

Nothing in this Act is intended to authorize a reduction in the amount of funds appropriated or otherwise made available for the Mount Hood National Forest below the average annual funding level provided for the national forest during fiscal years 1997 through 2006.

#### TITLE I—WILDERNESS AREA DESIGNATIONS

##### SEC. 101. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

The purpose of this title is to designate approximately 77,216 acres of National Forest System land in the Mount Hood National Forest as wilderness. The most recent designation of wilderness in the Mount Hood National Forest occurred in 1984, and the designation of an additional 77,216 acres by this title represents a 41 percent increase in the amount of wilderness designated in the national forest.

##### SEC. 102. DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS, MOUNT HOOD NATIONAL FOREST.

(a) DESIGNATION.—In furtherance of the purposes of this title and the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the following areas in the Mount Hood National Forest are designated as wilderness and, therefore, as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System:

(1) BIG BOTTOM WILDERNESS.—National Forest System land comprising approximately 1,330 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled “Big Bottom Wilderness” and dated June 2006, which shall be known as the “Big Bottom Wilderness”.

(2) BULL OF THE WOODS WILDERNESS ADDITION.—National Forest System land comprising approximately 4,717 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled “Bull of the Woods Wilderness” and dated June 2006, is incorporated in and shall be considered to be a part of the Bull of the Woods Wilderness, as designated by section 3(4) of the Oregon Wilderness Act of 1984 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; Public Law 98-328).

(3) COOPER SPUR WILDERNESS.—National Forest System land comprising approximately 2,038 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled “Cooper Spur Wilderness” and dated June 2006, which shall be known as the “Cooper Spur Wilderness”.

(4) GORGE RIDGELINE WILDERNESS.—National Forest System land comprising approximately 22,577 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled “Gorge Ridgeline Wilderness” and dated June 2006, which shall be known as the “Gorge Ridgeline Wilderness”.

(5) MOUNT HOOD WILDERNESS ADDITIONS.—National Forest System land comprising approximately 4,672 acres, as generally depicted on the maps entitled “Mount Hood Wilderness (Elk Cove/Mazama Addition)” and “Mount Hood Wilderness (Sandy Addition)” and dated June 2006, is incorporated in and shall be considered to be a part of the Mount Hood Wilderness, as designated by section 3 of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1132).

(6) ROARING RIVER WILDERNESS.—National Forest System land comprising approximately 37,749 acres, as generally depicted on the map entitled “Roaring River Wilderness” and dated June 2006, which shall be known as the “Roaring River Wilderness”.

(7) SALMON-HUCKLEBERRY WILDERNESS ADDITIONS.—National Forest System land comprising approximately 4,133 acres, as generally depicted on the maps entitled “Salmon Huckleberry Wilderness (Alder Creek Addition)” and “Salmon Huckleberry Wilderness (Eagle Creek Addition)” and dated June 2006, is incorporated in and shall be considered to be a part of the Salmon-Huckleberry Wilderness, as designated by section 3(2) of the Oregon Wilderness Act of 1984 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; Public Law 98-328).

##### (b) MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

(1) SUBMISSION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.—As soon as practicable after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall prepare and submit to Congress a legal description of each wilderness area designated or expanded by subsection (a). It