Public Law 98–406
96th Congress

An Act

To designate certain national forest lands in the State of Arizona as wilderness, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the “Arizona Wilderness Act of 1984”.

TITLE I

Sec. 101. (a) In furtherance of the purposes of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131–1136), the following lands in the State of Arizona are hereby designated as wilderness and therefore as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System:

(1) certain lands in the Prescott National Forest, which comprise approximately five thousand four hundred and twenty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Apache Creek Wilderness—Proposed”, dated February 1984, and which shall be known as the Apache Creek Wilderness;

(2) certain lands in the Prescott National Forest, which comprise approximately fourteen thousand nine hundred and fifty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Cedar Bench Wilderness—Proposed”, dated August 1984, and which shall be known as the Cedar Bench Wilderness;

(3) certain lands in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, which comprise approximately eleven thousand and eighty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Bear Wallow Wilderness—Proposed”, dated March 1984, and which shall be known as the Bear Wallow Wilderness;

(4) certain lands in the Prescott National Forest, which comprise approximately twenty-six thousand and thirty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Castle Creek Wilderness—Proposed”, dated August 1984, and which shall be known as the Castle Creek Wilderness;

(5) certain lands in the Coronado National Forest, which comprise approximately sixty-nine thousand seven hundred acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Chiricahua Wilderness—Proposed”, dated March 1984, and which are hereby incorporated in and shall be deemed part of the Chiricahua Wilderness, as designated by Public Law 88–577;

(6) certain lands in the Coconino National Forest, which comprise approximately eleven thousand five hundred and fifty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Fossil Springs Wilderness—Proposed”, dated April 1984, and which shall be known as the Fossil Springs Wilderness;

(7) certain lands in the Tonto National Forest, which comprise approximately fifty-three thousand five hundred acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Four Peaks Wilderness—Proposed”, dated April 1984, and which shall be known as the Four Peaks Wilderness;
(8) certain lands in the Coronado National Forest, which comprise approximately twenty-three thousand six hundred acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Galiuro Wilderness Additions—Proposed”, dated April 1984, and which are hereby incorporated in and shall be deemed a part of the Galiuro Wilderness as designated by Public Law 88–577;

(9) certain lands in the Prescott National Forest, which comprise approximately nine thousand eight hundred acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Granite Mountain Wilderness—Proposed”, dated April 1984, and which shall be known as Granite Mountain Wilderness;

(10) certain lands in the Tonto National Forest, which comprise approximately thirty-six thousand seven hundred and eighty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Hellsgate Wilderness—Proposed”, dated August 1984, and which shall be known as the Hellsgate Wilderness;

(11) certain lands in the Prescott National Forest which comprise approximately seven thousand six hundred acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Juniper Mesa Wilderness—Proposed”, dated February 1984, and which shall be known as the Juniper Mesa Wilderness;

(12) certain lands in the Kaibab and Coconino National Forests, which comprise approximately six thousand five hundred and ten acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Kendrick Mountain Wilderness—Proposed”, dated February 1984, and which shall be known as Kendrick Mountain Wilderness;

(13) certain lands in the Tonto National Forest, which comprise approximately forty-six thousand six hundred and seventy acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Mazatzal Wilderness Additions—Proposed”, dated August 1984, and which are hereby incorporated and shall be deemed a part of the Mazatzal Wilderness as designated by Public Law 88–577: Provided, That within the lands added to the Mazatzal Wilderness by this Act, the provisions of the Wilderness Act shall not be construed to prevent the installation and maintenance of hydrologic, meteorologic, or telecommunications facilities, or any combination of the foregoing, or limited motorized access to such facilities when nonmotorized access means are not reasonably available or when time is of the essence, subject to such conditions as the Secretary deems desirable, where such facilities or access are essential to flood warning, flood control, and water reservoir operation purposes;

(14) certain lands in the Coronado National Forest, which comprise approximately twenty thousand one hundred and ninety acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Miller Peak Wilderness—Proposed”, dated February 1984, and which shall be known as the Miller Peak Wilderness;

(15) certain lands in the Coronado National Forest, which comprise approximately twenty-five thousand two hundred and sixty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Mt. Wrightson Wilderness—Proposed”, dated February 1984, and which shall be known as the Mt. Wrightson Wilderness;

(16) certain lands in the Coconino National Forest, which comprise approximately eighteen thousand one hundred and fifty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Munds Mountain Wilderness—Proposed”, dated August 1984, and which shall be known as the Munds Mountain Wilderness;
(17) certain lands in the Coronado National Forest, which comprise approximately seven thousand four hundred and twenty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Pajarita Wilderness—Proposed”, dated March 1984, and which shall be known as the Pajarita Wilderness;

(18) certain lands in the Coconino National Forest, which comprise approximately forty-three thousand nine hundred and fifty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Red Rock-Secret Mountain Wilderness—Proposed”, dated April 1984, and which shall be known as the Red Rock-Secret Mountain Wilderness;

(19) certain lands in the Coronado National Forest, which comprise approximately thirty-eight thousand five hundred and ninety acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Rincon Mountain Wilderness—Proposed”, dated February 1984, and which shall be known as the Rincon Mountain Wilderness;

(20) certain lands in the Tonto National Forest, which comprise approximately eighteen thousand nine hundred and fifty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Salome Wilderness—Proposed”, dated August 1984, and which shall be known as the Salome Wilderness;

(21) certain lands in the Tonto National Forest, which comprise approximately thirty-two thousand eight hundred acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Salt River Canyon Wilderness—Proposed”, dated April 1984, and which shall be known as the Salt River Canyon Wilderness;

(22) certain lands in the Coconino National Forest, which comprise approximately eighteen thousand two hundred acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Kachina Peaks Wilderness—Proposed”, dated August 1984, and which shall be known as the Kachina Peaks Wilderness;

(23) certain lands in the Coronado National Forest, which comprise approximately twenty-six thousand seven hundred and eighty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Santa Teresa Wilderness—Proposed”, dated February 1984, and which shall be known as the Santa Teresa Wilderness; the governmental agency having jurisdictional authority may authorize limited access to the area, for private and administrative purposes, from U.S. Route 70 along Black Rock Wash to the vicinity of Black Rock;

(24) certain lands in the Tonto National Forest, which comprise approximately thirty-five thousand six hundred and forty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Superstition Wilderness Additions—Proposed”, dated August 1984, and which are hereby incorporated in and shall be deemed to be a part of the Superstition Wilderness as designated by Public Law 88-577;

(25) certain lands in the Coconino National Forest and Prescott National Forest, which comprise approximately eight thousand one hundred and eighty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Additions—Proposed”, dated April 1984, and which are hereby incorporated in and shall be deemed a part of the Sycamore Canyon Wilderness as designated by Public Law 92-241;

(26) certain lands in the Coconino National Forest, which comprise approximately thirteen thousand six hundred acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “West Clear Creek Wilderness—Proposed”, dated August 1984, and which shall be known as the West Clear Creek Wilderness.
ness—Proposed”, dated April 1984, and which shall be known as the West Clear Creek Wilderness;

(27) certain lands in the Coconino National Forest, which


(28) certain lands in the Prescott National Forest, which


(29) certain lands in the Coconino National Forest, which


(30) certain lands in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, which

(b) Subject to valid existing rights, the wilderness areas designated under this section shall be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture (hereinafter in this title referred to as the “Secretary”) in accordance with the provisions of the Wilderness Act governing areas designated by that Act as wilderness, except that any reference in such provisions to the effective date of the Wilderness Act (or any similar reference) shall be deemed to be a reference to the date of enactment of this Act.

(c) As soon as practicable after enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall file a map and a legal description of each wilderness area designated under this section with the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the United States House of Representatives and with the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the United States Senate. Such map and description shall have the same force and effect as if included in this Act, except that correction of clerical and typographical errors in such legal description and map may be made. Such map and legal description shall be on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Chief of the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture.

(d) The Congress does not intend that designation of wilderness areas in the State of Arizona lead to the creation of protective perimeters or buffer zones around each wilderness area. The fact that nonwilderness activities or uses can be seen or heard from areas within a wilderness shall not, of itself, preclude such activities or uses up to the boundary of the wilderness area.

(e) (1) As provided in paragraph (6) of section 4(d) of the Wilderness Act, nothing in this Act or in the Wilderness Act shall constitute an express or implied claim or denial on the part of the Federal Government as to exemption from Arizona State water laws.

(2) As provided in paragraph (7) of section 4(d) of the Wilderness Act, nothing in this Act or in the Wilderness Act shall be construed as affecting the jurisdiction or responsibilities of the State of Arizona with respect to wildlife and fish in the national forests located in that State.
(f)(1) Grazing of livestock in wilderness areas established by this title, where established prior to the date of the enactment of this Act, shall be administered in accordance with section 4(d)(4) of the Wilderness Act and section 108 of Public Law 96-560.

(2) The Secretary is directed to review all policies, practices, and regulations of the Department of Agriculture regarding livestock grazing in national forest wilderness areas in Arizona in order to insure that such policies, practices, and regulations fully conform with and implement the intent of Congress regarding grazing in such areas, as such intent is expressed in this Act.

(3) Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and at least every five years thereafter, the Secretary of Agriculture shall submit to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the United States House of Representatives and to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the United States Senate a report detailing the progress made by the Forest Service in carrying out the provisions of paragraphs (1) and (2) of this section.

SEC. 102. (a) In furtherance of the purposes of the Wilderness Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall review the following as to their suitability or nonsuitability for preservation as wilderness and shall submit his recommendations to the President:

(1) certain lands in the Coronado National Forest, which comprise approximately eight hundred fifty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Bunk Robinson Wilderness Study Area Additions—Proposed", dated February 1984, and which are hereby incorporated in the Bunk Robinson Wilderness Study Area as designated by Public Law 96-550;

(2) certain lands in the Coronado National Forest, which comprise approximately five thousand and eighty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Whitmire Canyon Study Area Additions—Proposed", dated February 1984, and which are hereby incorporated in the Whitmire Canyon Wilderness Study Area as designated by Public Law 96-550; and

(3) certain lands in the Coronado National Forest, which comprise approximately sixty-two thousand acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Mount Graham Wilderness Study Area", dated August 1984, and which shall be known as the Mount Graham Wilderness Study Area.

With respect to the areas named in paragraphs (1) and (2), the President shall submit his recommendations to the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate no later than January 1, 1986.

(b) Subject to valid existing rights, the wilderness study areas designated by this section shall, until Congress determines otherwise, be administered by the Secretary so as to maintain their presently existing wilderness character and potential for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

SEC. 103. (a) The Congress finds that—

(1) the Department of Agriculture has completed the second roadless area review and evaluation program (RARE II);

(2) the Congress has made its own review and examination of national forest system roadless areas in Arizona and of the environmental impacts associated with alternative allocations of such areas.

(b) On the basis of such review, the Congress hereby determines and directs that—
(1) without passing on the question of the legal and factual sufficiency of the RARE II final environmental statement (dated January 1979) with respect to national forest system lands in States other than Arizona, such statement shall not be subject to judicial review with respect to national forest system lands in the State of Arizona;

(2) with respect to the national forest system lands in the State of Arizona which were reviewed by the Department of Agriculture in the second roadless area review and evaluation (RARE II) and those lands referred to in subsection (d), except those lands designated for wilderness study upon enactment of this Act, that review and evaluation or reference shall be deemed for the purposes of the initial land management plans required for such lands by the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974, as amended by the National Forest Management Act of 1976, to be an adequate consideration of the suitability of such lands for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System and the Department of Agriculture shall not be required to review the wilderness option prior to the revisions of the plans, but shall review the wilderness option when the plans are revised, which revisions will ordinarily occur on a ten-year cycle, or at least every fifteen years, unless, prior to such time the Secretary of Agriculture finds that conditions in a unit have significantly changed;

(3) areas in the State of Arizona reviewed in such final environmental statement or referred to in subsection (d) and not designated wilderness or wilderness study upon enactment of this Act shall be managed for multiple use in accordance with land management plans pursuant to section 6 of the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974, as amended by the National Forest Management Act of 1976:

Provided, That such areas need not be managed for the purpose of protecting their suitability for wilderness designation prior to or during revision of the initial land management plans;

(4) in the event that revised land management plans in the State of Arizona are implemented pursuant to section 6 of the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974, as amended by the National Forest Management Act of 1976, and other applicable law, areas not recommended for wilderness designation need not be managed for the purpose of protecting their suitability for wilderness designation prior to or during revision of such plans, and areas recommended for wilderness designation shall be managed for the purpose of protecting their suitability for wilderness designation as may be required by the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974, as amended by the National Forest Management Act of 1976, and other applicable law; and

(5) unless expressly authorized by Congress, the Department of Agriculture shall not conduct any further statewide roadless area review and evaluation of national forest system lands in the State of Arizona for the purpose of determining their suitability for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

(c) As used in this section, and as provided in section 6 of the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974, as amended by the National Forest Management Act of 1976, the term "revision" shall not include an "amendment" to a plan.
(d) The provisions of this section shall also apply to national forest system roadless lands in the State of Arizona which are less than five thousand acres in size.

Sec. 104. Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274) is amended by inserting the following after paragraph (50):

"(51) VERDE, ARIZONA.—The segment from the boundary between national forest and private land in sections 26 and 27, township 13 north, range 5 east, Gila Salt River meridian, downstream to the confluence with Red Creek, as generally depicted on a map entitled 'Verde River—Wild and Scenic River', dated March 1984, which is on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Chief, Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture; to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture. This designation shall not prevent water users receiving Central Arizona Project water allocations from diverting that water through an exchange agreement with downstream water users in accordance with Arizona water law. After consultation with State and local governments and the interested public and within two years after the date of enactment of this paragraph, the Secretary shall take such action as is required under subsection (b) of this section.'.

Sec. 105. There are added to the Chiricahua National Monument, in the State of Arizona, established by Proclamation Numbered 1692 of April 18, 1924 (43 Stat. 1946) certain lands in the Coronado National Forest which comprise approximately eight hundred and fifty acres as generally depicted on the map entitled "Bonita Creek Watershed", dated May 1984, retained by the United States Park Service, Washington, D.C. The area added by this paragraph shall be administered by the National Park Service as wilderness.

TITLE II

Sec. 201. The Congress finds that—

(1) the Aravaipa Canyon, situated in the Galiuro Mountains in the Sonoran desert region of southern Arizona, is a primitive place of great natural beauty that, due to the rare presence of a perennial stream, supports an extraordinary abundance and diversity of native plant, fish, and wildlife, making it a resource of national significance; and

(2) the Aravaipa Canyon should, together with certain adjoining public lands, be incorporated within the National Wilderness Preservation System in order to provide for the preservation and protection of this relatively undisturbed but fragile complex of desert, riparian and aquatic ecosystems, and the native plant, fish, and wildlife communities dependent on it, as well as to protect and preserve the area's great scenic, geologic, and historical values, to a greater degree than would be possible in the absence of wilderness designation.

16 USC 1131 note.

Sec. 203. Subject to valid existing rights, the Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness shall be administered by the Secretary of the Interior in accordance with the provisions of the Wilderness Act governing areas designated by that Act as wilderness. For purposes of this title, any references in such provisions to the effective date of the Wilderness Act shall be deemed to be a reference to the effective date of this Act and any reference to the Secretary of Agriculture with regard to administration of such areas shall be deemed to be a reference to the Secretary of the Interior, and any reference to wilderness areas designated by the Wilderness Act or designated national forest wilderness areas shall be deemed to be a reference to the Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness. For purposes of this title, the reference to national forest rules and regulations in the second sentence of section 4(d)(3) of the Wilderness Act shall be deemed to be a reference to rules and regulations applicable to public lands, as defined in section 103(e) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701, 1702).

16 USC 1133.

Sec. 204. As soon as practicable after this Act takes effect, the Secretary of the Interior shall file a map and a legal description of the Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness with the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the United States Senate and with the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the United States House of Representatives, and such map and description shall have the same force and effect as if included in this Act: Provided, That correction of clerical and typographical errors in the legal description and map may be made. The map and legal description shall be on file and available for public inspection in the offices of the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

Sec. 205. Except as further provided in this section, the Aravaipa Primitive Area designations of January 16, 1969, and April 28, 1971, are hereby revoked.

TITLE III

16 USC 1131 note.

Sec. 301. (a) In furtherance of the purposes of the Wilderness Act, the following lands are hereby designated as wilderness and therefore, as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System—

16 USC 1132 note.

(1) certain lands in the Arizona Strip District of the Bureau of Land Management, Arizona, which comprise approximately six thousand five hundred acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Cottonwood Point Wilderness—Proposed”, dated May 1983, and which shall be known as the Cottonwood Point Wilderness;

16 USC 1132 note.

(2) certain lands in the Arizona Strip District of the Bureau of Land Management, Arizona, which comprise approximately thirty-six thousand three hundred acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Grand Wash Cliffs Wilderness—Proposed”, dated May 1983, and which shall be known as the Grand Wash Cliffs Wilderness;

16 USC 1132 note.

(3) certain lands in the Kaibab National Forest and in the Arizona Strip District of the Bureau of Land Management, Arizona, which comprise approximately seventy-seven thousand one hundred acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Kanab Creek Wilderness—Proposed”, dated May 1983, and which shall be known as the Kanab Creek Wilderness;
(4) certain lands in the Arizona Strip District of the Bureau of Land Management, Arizona, which comprise approximately fourteen thousand six hundred acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Mt. Logan Wilderness—Proposed", dated May 1983, and which shall be known as the Mount Logan Wilderness;

(5) certain lands in the Arizona Strip District of the Bureau of Land Management, Arizona, which comprise approximately seven thousand nine hundred acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Mt. Trumbull Wilderness—Proposed", dated May 1983, and which shall be known as the Mount Trumbull Wilderness;

(6) certain lands in the Arizona Strip District of the Bureau of Land Management, Arizona, which comprise approximately eighty-four thousand seven hundred acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Paiute Wilderness—Proposed", dated May 1983, and which shall be known as the Paiute Wilderness;

(7) certain lands in the Arizona Strip District, Arizona, and in the Cedar City District, Utah, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately one hundred and ten thousand acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Paria Canyon-Vermilion Cliffs Wilderness—Proposed", dated May 1983, and which shall be known as the Paria Canyon-Vermilion Cliffs Wilderness;

(8) certain lands in the Kaibab National Forest, Arizona, which comprise approximately forty thousand six hundred acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Saddle Mountain Wilderness—Proposed", dated May 1983, and which shall be known as the Saddle Mountain Wilderness; and

(9) certain lands in the Arizona Strip District, Arizona, and in the Cedar City District, Utah, of the Bureau of Land Management which comprise approximately nineteen thousand six hundred acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Beaver Dam Mountains Wilderness—Proposed", dated May 1983, and which shall be known as the Beaver Dam Mountains Wilderness.

(b) The previous classifications of the Paiute Primitive Area and the Paria Canyon Primitive Area are hereby abolished.

Sec. 302. (a) Subject to valid existing rights, each wilderness area designated by this title shall be administered by the appropriate Secretary in accordance with the provisions of the Wilderness Act: Provided, That any reference in such provisions to the effective date of the Wilderness Act shall be deemed to be a reference to the effective date of this Act, and any reference to the Secretary of Agriculture shall be deemed to be a reference to the Secretary who has administrative jurisdiction over the area.

(b) Within the wilderness areas designated by this title, the grazing of livestock, where established prior to the date of enactment of this Act, shall be permitted to continue subject to such reasonable regulations, policies, and practices as the Secretary concerned deems necessary, as long as such regulations, policies, and practices fully conform with and implement the intent of Congress regarding grazing in such areas as such intent is expressed in the Wilderness Act.

Sec. 303. As soon as practicable after enactment of this Act, a map and a legal description on each wilderness area designated by this title shall be filed by the Secretary concerned with the Committee
on Energy and Natural Resources of the United States Senate and the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the House of Representatives, and each such map and description shall have the same force and effect as if included in this Act: Provided, That correction of clerical and typographical errors in each such legal description and map may be made by the Secretary concerned subsequent to such filings. Each such map and legal description shall be on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the Chief of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture or in the Office of the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, as is appropriate.

Sec. 304. The Congress hereby finds and directs that lands in the Arizona Strip District of the Bureau of Land Management, Arizona, and those portions of the Starvation Point Wilderness Study Area (UT–040–057) and Paria Canyon Instant Study Area and contiguous Utah units in the Cedar City District of the Bureau of Land Management, Utah, not designated as wilderness by this Act have been adequately studied for wilderness designation pursuant to section 603 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (Public Law 94–579), and are no longer subject to the requirement of section 603(c) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act pertaining to the management of wilderness study areas in a manner that does not impair the suitability of such areas for preservation as wilderness.

TITLE IV

Sec. 401. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof is held invalid, the remainder of the Act and the application thereof shall not be affected thereby.

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