

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1612

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 14, 2025

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
and Forestry

AN ACT

To designate the Flatside-Bethune Wilderness in the
Ouachita National Forest, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Flatside Wilderness
3 Additions Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONS TO FLATSIDE WILDERNESS.**

5 Section 3(d) of Arkansas Wilderness Act of 1984
6 (Public Law 98–508; 98 Stat. 2349) is amended by insert-
7 ing “and certain land in the Ouachita National Forest,
8 which comprise approximately 2,212 acres, generally de-
9 picted as” Land Proposed for Wilderness Designation “on
10 the map titled” Flatside Wilderness, Proposed Addition
11 Designation “, dated November 12, 2024” after “1984”.

12 **SEC. 3. FIRE, INSECTS, AND DISEASES.**

13 Nothing in this Act or the amendment made by sec-
14 tion 2 shall be construed to limit the authority of the Sec-
15 retary of Agriculture under section 4(d)(1) of the Wilder-
16 ness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(1)), in accordance with exist-
17 ing laws (including regulations).

18 **SEC. 4. DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS ADDITION.**

19 The wilderness designated by section 3(d) of Arkan-
20 sas Wilderness Act of 1984 (Public Law 98–508; 98 Stat.
21 2349), shall be known as the “Flatside-Bethune Wilder-
22 ness”. Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document,
23 paper, or other record of the United States to such portion

1 of the Flatside Wilderness shall be deemed to be a ref-
2 erence to the Flatside-Bethune Wilderness.

Passed the House of Representatives May 13, 2025.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.