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To designate certain Federal land in the State of California as wilderness.

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Mr. CARBAJAL (for himself, Ms. BROWNLEY, and Mr. PANETTA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

To designate certain Federal land in the State of California as wilderness.

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 “Central Coast Heritage
5 Protection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) SCENIC AREA.—The term “scenic area”
9 means a scenic area designated by section 7(a).

10 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary”
11 means—

1 (A) with respect to land managed by the
2 Bureau of Land Management, the Secretary of
3 the Interior; and

4 (B) with respect to land managed by the
5 Forest Service, the Secretary of Agriculture.

6 (3) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
7 of California.

8 (4) WILDERNESS AREA.—The term “wilderness
9 area” means a wilderness area or wilderness addi-
10 tion designated by section 3(a).

11 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with the Wilderness
13 Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the following areas in the
14 State are designated as wilderness areas and as compo-
15 nents of the National Wilderness Preservation System:

16 (1) Certain land in the Bakersfield Field Office
17 of the Bureau of Land Management comprising ap-
18 proximately 35,116 acres, as generally depicted on
19 the map entitled “Proposed Caliente Mountain Wil-
20 derness” and dated February 2, 2022, which shall
21 be known as the “Caliente Mountain Wilderness”.

22 (2) Certain land in the Bakersfield Field Office
23 of the Bureau of Land Management comprising ap-
24 proximately 13,332 acres, as generally depicted on
25 the map entitled “Proposed Soda Lake Wilderness”

1 and dated June 25, 2019, which shall be known as
2 the “Soda Lake Wilderness”.

3 (3) Certain land in the Bakersfield Field Office
4 of the Bureau of Land Management comprising ap-
5 proximately 12,585 acres, as generally depicted on
6 the map entitled “Proposed Temblor Range Wilder-
7 ness” and dated June 25, 2019, which shall be
8 known as the “Temblor Range Wilderness”.

9 (4) Certain land in the Los Padres National
10 Forest comprising approximately 23,670 acres, as
11 generally depicted on the map entitled “Chumash
12 Wilderness Area Additions—Proposed” and dated
13 March 29, 2019, which shall be incorporated into
14 and managed as part of the Chumash Wilderness as
15 designated by the Los Padres Condor Range and
16 River Protection Act (Public Law 102–301; 106
17 Stat. 242).

18 (5) Certain land in the Los Padres National
19 Forest comprising approximately 54,036 acres, as
20 generally depicted on the maps entitled “Dick Smith
21 Wilderness Area Additions—Proposed Map 1 of 2
22 (Bear Canyon and Cuyama Peak Units)” and “Dick
23 Smith Wilderness Area Additions—Proposed Map 2
24 of 2 (Buckhorn and Mono Units)” and dated No-
25 vember 14, 2019, which shall be incorporated into

1 and managed as part of the Dick Smith Wilderness
2 as designated by the California Wilderness Act of
3 1984 (Public Law 98–425; 16 U.S.C. 1132 note).

4 (6) Certain land in the Los Padres National
5 Forest and the Bakersfield Field Office of the Bu-
6 reau of Land Management comprising approximately
7 7,289 acres, as generally depicted on the map enti-
8 tled “Garcia Wilderness Area Additions—Proposed”
9 and dated March 29, 2019, which shall be incor-
10 porated into and managed as part of the Garcia Wil-
11 derness as designated by the Los Padres Condor
12 Range and River Protection Act (Public Law 102–
13 301; 106 Stat. 242).

14 (7) Certain land in the Los Padres National
15 Forest and the Bakersfield Field Office of the Bu-
16 reau of Land Management comprising approximately
17 10,817 acres, as generally depicted on the map enti-
18 tled “Machesna Mountain Wilderness—Proposed
19 Additions” and dated October 30, 2019, which shall
20 be incorporated into and managed as part of the
21 Machesna Mountain Wilderness as designated by the
22 California Wilderness Act of 1984 (Public Law 98–
23 425; 16 U.S.C. 1132 note).

24 (8) Certain land in the Los Padres National
25 Forest comprising approximately 30,184 acres, as

1 generally depicted on the map entitled “Matilija Wil-
2 derness Area Additions—Proposed” and dated
3 March 29, 2019, which shall be incorporated into
4 and managed as part of the Matilija Wilderness as
5 designated by the Los Padres Condor Range and
6 River Protection Act (Public Law 102–301; 106
7 Stat. 242).

8 (9) Certain land in the Los Padres National
9 Forest comprising approximately 23,969 acres, as
10 generally depicted on the map entitled “San Rafael
11 Wilderness Area Additions—Proposed” and dated
12 November 14, 2023, which shall be incorporated into
13 and managed as part of the San Rafael Wilderness
14 as designated by Public Law 90–271 (82 Stat. 51),
15 the California Wilderness Act of 1984 (Public Law
16 98–425; 16 U.S.C. 1132 note), and the Los Padres
17 Condor Range and River Protection Act (Public Law
18 102–301; 106 Stat. 242).

19 (10) Certain land in the Los Padres National
20 Forest comprising approximately 2,921 acres, as
21 generally depicted on the map entitled “Santa Lucia
22 Wilderness Area Additions—Proposed” and dated
23 March 29, 2019, which shall be incorporated into
24 and managed as part of the Santa Lucia Wilderness
25 as designated by the Endangered American Wilder-

1 ness Act of 1978 (Public Law 95–237; 16 U.S.C.
2 1132 note).

3 (11) Certain land in the Los Padres National
4 Forest comprising approximately 14,313 acres, as
5 generally depicted on the map entitled “Sespe Wil-
6 derness Area Additions—Proposed” and dated
7 March 29, 2019, which shall be incorporated into
8 and managed as part of the Sespe Wilderness as
9 designated by the Los Padres Condor Range and
10 River Protection Act (Public Law 102–301; 106
11 Stat. 242).

12 (12) Certain land in the Los Padres National
13 Forest comprising approximately 17,870 acres, as
14 generally depicted on the map entitled “Diablo
15 Caliente Wilderness Area—Proposed” and dated
16 March 29, 2019, which shall be known as the “Dia-
17 blo Caliente Wilderness”.

18 (b) MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after
20 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
21 shall file maps and legal descriptions of the wilder-
22 ness areas with—

23 (A) the Committee on Energy and Natural
24 Resources of the Senate; and

1 (B) the Committee on Natural Resources
2 of the House of Representatives.

3 (2) FORCE OF LAW.—The maps and legal de-
4 scriptions filed under paragraph (1) shall have the
5 same force and effect as if included in this Act, ex-
6 cept that the Secretary may correct any clerical and
7 typographical errors in the maps and legal descrip-
8 tions.

9 (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The maps and
10 legal descriptions filed under paragraph (1) shall be
11 on file and available for public inspection in the ap-
12 propriate offices of the Forest Service and Bureau
13 of Land Management.

14 **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATION OF WILDERNESS.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
16 the wilderness areas shall be administered by the Sec-
17 retary in accordance with this Act and the Wilderness Act
18 (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), except that—

19 (1) any reference in the Wilderness Act (16
20 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) to the effective date of that Act
21 shall be considered to be a reference to the date of
22 enactment of this Act; and

23 (2) any reference in the Wilderness Act (16
24 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) to the Secretary of Agriculture

1 shall be considered to be a reference to the Secretary
2 that has jurisdiction over the wilderness area.

3 (b) FIRE MANAGEMENT AND RELATED ACTIVI-
4 TIES.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may take any
6 measures in a wilderness area as are necessary for
7 the control of fire, insects, and diseases in accord-
8 ance with section 4(d)(1) of the Wilderness Act (16
9 U.S.C. 1133(d)(1)).

10 (2) FUNDING PRIORITIES.—Nothing in this Act
11 limits funding for fire and fuels management in the
12 wilderness areas.

13 (3) REVISION AND DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL
14 FIRE MANAGEMENT PLANS.—As soon as practicable
15 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
16 retary shall amend the local information in the Fire
17 Management Reference System or individual oper-
18 ational plans that apply to the land designated as a
19 wilderness area.

20 (4) ADMINISTRATION.—In accordance with
21 paragraph (1) and any other applicable Federal law,
22 to ensure a timely and efficient response to a fire
23 emergency in the wilderness areas, the Secretary
24 shall—

1 (A) not later than 1 year after the date of
2 enactment of this Act, establish agency ap-
3 proval procedures (including appropriate delega-
4 tions of authority to the Forest Supervisor, Dis-
5 trict Manager, and other applicable agency field
6 office officials) for responding to fire emer-
7 gencies; and

8 (B) enter into agreements with appropriate
9 State or local agencies.

10 (c) GRAZING.—The grazing of livestock in the wilder-
11 ness areas, if established before the date of enactment of
12 this Act, shall be permitted to continue, subject to any
13 reasonable regulations as the Secretary considers nec-
14 essary in accordance with—

15 (1) section 4(d)(4) of the Wilderness Act (16
16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(4));

17 (2) the guidelines set forth in Appendix A of
18 House Report 101–405, accompanying H.R. 2570 of
19 the 101st Congress for land under the jurisdiction of
20 the Secretary of the Interior;

21 (3) the guidelines set forth in House Report
22 96–617, accompanying H.R. 5487 of the 96th Con-
23 gress for land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary
24 of Agriculture; and

1 (4) all other laws governing livestock grazing on
2 Federal public land.

3 (d) FISH AND WILDLIFE.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with section
5 4(d)(7) of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C.
6 1133(d)(7)), nothing in this Act affects the jurisdic-
7 tion or responsibilities of the State with respect to
8 fish and wildlife on public land in the State.

9 (2) MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES.—In furtherance
10 of the purposes and principles of the Wilderness Act
11 (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the Secretary may conduct
12 any management activities that are necessary to
13 maintain or restore fish and wildlife populations and
14 habitats in the wilderness areas, if the management
15 activities are—

16 (A) consistent with relevant wilderness
17 management plans;

18 (B) conducted in accordance with appro-
19 priate policies, such as the policies established
20 in Appendix B of House Report 101–405; and

21 (C) in accordance with memoranda of un-
22 derstanding between the Federal agencies and
23 the State Department of Fish and Wildlife.

24 (e) BUFFER ZONES.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Congress does not intend for
2 the designation of wilderness areas by this Act to
3 lead to the creation of protective perimeters or buff-
4 er zones around each wilderness area.

5 (2) ACTIVITIES OR USES UP TO BOUNDARIES.—
6 The fact that nonwilderness activities or uses can be
7 seen or heard from within a wilderness area shall
8 not, of itself, preclude the activities or uses up to the
9 boundary of the wilderness area.

10 (f) MILITARY ACTIVITIES.—Nothing in this Act pre-
11 cludes—

12 (1) low-level overflights of military aircraft over
13 the wilderness areas;

14 (2) the designation of new units of special air-
15 space over the wilderness areas; or

16 (3) the use or establishment of military flight
17 training routes over wilderness areas.

18 (g) HORSES.—Nothing in this Act precludes horse-
19 back riding in, or the entry of recreational saddle or pack
20 stock into, a wilderness area—

21 (1) in accordance with section 4(d)(5) of the
22 Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(5)); and

23 (2) subject to any terms and conditions deter-
24 mined to be necessary by the Secretary.

1 (h) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
2 the wilderness areas are withdrawn from—

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

5 (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining
6 laws; and

7 (3) disposition under all laws pertaining to min-
8 eral and geothermal leasing or mineral materials.

9 (i) INCORPORATION OF ACQUIRED LAND AND INTER-
10 ESTS.—Any land within the boundary of a wilderness area
11 that is acquired by the United States shall—

12 (1) become part of the wilderness area in which
13 the land is located; and

14 (2) be managed in accordance with—

15 (A) this section;

16 (B) the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et
17 seq.); and

18 (C) any other applicable law.

19 (j) CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA COLLECTION.—In ac-
20 cordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.)
21 and subject to terms and conditions as the Secretary may
22 prescribe, the Secretary may authorize the installation and
23 maintenance of hydrologic, meteorologic, or climatological
24 collection devices in the wilderness areas if the Secretary
25 determines that the facilities and access to the facilities

1 are essential to flood warning, flood control, or water res-
2ervoir operation activities.

3 **SEC. 5. DESIGNATION OF WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS.**

4 (a) INDIAN CREEK, MONO CREEK, AND MATILIJA
5 CREEK, CALIFORNIA.—Section 3(a) of the Wild and See-
6 nic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by adding
7 at the end the following:

8 “(233) INDIAN CREEK, CALIFORNIA.—The fol-
9 lowing segments of Indian Creek in the State of
10 California, to be administered by the Secretary of
11 Agriculture:

12 “(A) The 9.5-mile segment of Indian Creek
13 from its source in sec. 19, T. 7 N., R. 26 W.,
14 to the Dick Smith Wilderness boundary, as a
15 wild river.

16 “(B) The 1-mile segment of Indian Creek
17 from the Dick Smith Wilderness boundary to
18 0.25 miles downstream of Road 6N24, as a sce-
19 nic river.

20 “(C) The 3.9-mile segment of Indian Creek
21 from 0.25 miles downstream of Road 6N24 to
22 the southern boundary of sec. 32, T. 6 N., R.
23 26 W., as a wild river.

24 “(234) MONO CREEK, CALIFORNIA.—The fol-
25 lowing segments of Mono Creek in the State of Cali-

1 fornia, to be administered by the Secretary of Agri-
2 culture:

3 “(A) The 4.2-mile segment of Mono Creek
4 from its source in sec. 1, T. 7 N., R. 26 W.,
5 to 0.25 miles upstream of Don Victor Fire
6 Road in sec. 28, T. 7 N., R. 25 W., as a wild
7 river.

8 “(B) The 2.1-mile segment of Mono Creek
9 from 0.25 miles upstream of the Don Victor
10 Fire Road in sec. 28, T. 7 N., R. 25 W., to
11 0.25 miles downstream of Don Victor Fire
12 Road in sec. 34, T. 7 N., R. 25 W., as a rec-
13 reational river.

14 “(C) The 14.7-mile segment of Mono
15 Creek from 0.25 miles downstream of Don Vic-
16 tor Fire Road in sec. 34, T. 7 N., R. 25 W.,
17 to the Ogilvy Ranch private property boundary
18 in sec. 22, T. 6 N., R. 26 W., as a wild river.

19 “(D) The 3.5-mile segment of Mono Creek
20 from the Ogilvy Ranch private property bound-
21 ary to the southern boundary of sec. 33, T. 6
22 N., R. 26 W., as a recreational river.

23 “(235) MATILIJA CREEK, CALIFORNIA.—The
24 following segments of Matilija Creek in the State of

1 California, to be administered by the Secretary of
2 Agriculture:

3 “(A) The 7.2-mile segment of the Matilija
4 Creek from its source in sec. 25, T. 6 N., R.
5 25 W., to the private property boundary in sec.
6 9, T. 5 N., R. 24 W., as a wild river.

7 “(B) The 7.25-mile segment of the Upper
8 North Fork Matilija Creek from its source in
9 sec. 36, T. 6 N., R. 24 W., to the Matilija Wil-
10 derness boundary, as a wild river.”.

11 (b) SESPE CREEK, CALIFORNIA.—Section 3(a) of the
12 Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amend-
13 ed by striking paragraph (142) and inserting the fol-
14 lowing:

15 “(142) SESPE CREEK, CALIFORNIA.—The fol-
16 lowing segments of Sespe Creek in the State of Cali-
17 fornia, to be administered by the Secretary of Agri-
18 culture:

19 “(A) The 2.7-mile segment of Sespe Creek
20 from the private property boundary in sec. 10,
21 T. 6 N., R. 24 W., to the Hartman Ranch pri-
22 vate property boundary in sec. 14, T. 6 N., R.
23 24 W., as a wild river.

24 “(B) The 15-mile segment of Sespe Creek
25 from the Hartman Ranch private property

1 boundary in sec. 14, T. 6 N., R. 24 W., to the
2 western boundary of sec. 6, T. 5 N., R. 22 W.,
3 as a recreational river.

4 “(C) The 6.1-mile segment of Sespe Creek
5 from the western boundary of sec. 6, T. 5 N.,
6 R. 22 W., to the confluence with Trout Creek,
7 as a scenic river.

8 “(D) The 28.6-mile segment of Sespe
9 Creek from the confluence with Trout Creek to
10 the southern boundary of sec. 35, T. 5 N., R.
11 20 W., as a wild river.”.

12 (c) SISQUOC RIVER, CALIFORNIA.—Section 3(a) of
13 the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is
14 amended by striking paragraph (143) and inserting the
15 following:

16 “(143) SISQUOC RIVER, CALIFORNIA.—The fol-
17 lowing segments of the Sisquoc River and its tribu-
18 taries in the State of California, to be administered
19 by the Secretary of Agriculture:

20 “(A) The 33-mile segment of the main
21 stem of the Sisquoc River extending from its
22 origin downstream to the Los Padres Forest
23 boundary, as a wild river.

24 “(B) The 4.2-mile segment of the South
25 Fork Sisquoc River from its source northeast of

1 San Rafael Mountain in sec. 2, T. 7 N., R. 28
2 W., to its confluence with the Sisquoc River, as
3 a wild river.

4 “(C) The 10.4-mile segment of Manzana
5 Creek from its source west of San Rafael Peak
6 in sec. 4, T. 7 N., R. 28 W., to the San Rafael
7 Wilderness boundary upstream of Nira Camp-
8 ground, as a wild river.

9 “(D) The 0.6-mile segment of Manzana
10 Creek from the San Rafael Wilderness bound-
11 ary upstream of the Nira Campground to the
12 San Rafael Wilderness boundary downstream of
13 the confluence of Davy Brown Creek, as a rec-
14 reational river.

15 “(E) The 5.8-mile segment of Manzana
16 Creek from the San Rafael Wilderness bound-
17 ary downstream of the confluence of Davy
18 Brown Creek to the private property boundary
19 in sec. 1, T. 8 N., R. 30 W., as a wild river.

20 “(F) The 3.8-mile segment of Manzana
21 Creek from the private property boundary in
22 sec. 1, T. 8 N., R. 30 W., to the confluence of
23 the Sisquoc River, as a recreational river.

24 “(G) The 3.4-mile segment of Davy Brown
25 Creek from its source west of Ranger Peak in

1 sec. 32, T. 8 N., R. 29 W., to 300 feet up-
2 stream of its confluence with Munch Canyon, as
3 a wild river.

4 “(H) The 1.4-mile segment of Davy Brown
5 Creek from 300 feet upstream of its confluence
6 with Munch Canyon to its confluence with
7 Manzana Creek, as a recreational river.

8 “(I) The 2-mile segment of Munch Canyon
9 from its source north of Ranger Peak in sec.
10 33, T. 8 N., R. 29 W., to 300 feet upstream
11 of its confluence with Sunset Valley Creek, as
12 a wild river.

13 “(J) The 0.5-mile segment of Munch Can-
14 yon from 300 feet upstream of its confluence
15 with Sunset Valley Creek to its confluence with
16 Davy Brown Creek, as a recreational river.

17 “(K) The 2.6-mile segment of Fish Creek
18 from 500 feet downstream of Sunset Valley
19 Road to its confluence with Manzana Creek, as
20 a wild river.

21 “(L) The 1.5-mile segment of East Fork
22 Fish Creek from its source in sec. 26, T. 8 N.,
23 R. 29 W., to its confluence with Fish Creek, as
24 a wild river.”.

1 (d) PIRU CREEK, CALIFORNIA.—Section 3(a) of the
2 Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amend-
3 ed by striking paragraph (199) and inserting the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(199) PIRU CREEK, CALIFORNIA.—The fol-
6 lowing segments of Piru Creek in the State of Cali-
7 fornia, to be administered by the Secretary of Agri-
8 culture:

9 “(A) The 9.1-mile segment of Piru Creek
10 from its source in sec. 3, T. 6 N., R. 22 W.,
11 to the private property boundary in sec. 4, T.
12 6 N., R. 21 W., as a wild river.

13 “(B) The 17.2-mile segment of Piru Creek
14 from the private property boundary in sec. 4, T.
15 6 N., R. 21 W., to 0.25 miles downstream of
16 the Gold Hill Road, as a scenic river.

17 “(C) The 4.1-mile segment of Piru Creek
18 from 0.25 miles downstream of Gold Hill Road
19 to the confluence with Trail Canyon, as a wild
20 river.

21 “(D) The 7.25-mile segment of Piru Creek
22 from the confluence with Trail Canyon to the
23 confluence with Buck Creek, as a scenic river.

24 “(E) The 3-mile segment of Piru Creek
25 from 0.5 miles downstream of Pyramid Dam at

1 the first bridge crossing to the boundary of the
2 Sespe Wilderness, as a recreational river.

3 “(F) The 13-mile segment of Piru Creek
4 from the boundary of the Sespe Wilderness to
5 the boundary of the Sespe Wilderness, as a wild
6 river.

7 “(G) The 2.2-mile segment of Piru Creek
8 from the boundary of the Sespe Wilderness to
9 the upper limit of Piru Reservoir, as a rec-
10 reational river.”.

11 (e) EFFECT.—The designation of additional miles of
12 Piru Creek under subsection (d) shall not affect valid
13 water rights in existence on the date of enactment of this
14 Act.

15 (f) MOTORIZED USE OF TRAILS.—Nothing in this
16 section (including the amendments made by this section)
17 affects the motorized use of trails designated by the Forest
18 Service for motorized use that are located adjacent to and
19 crossing upper Piru Creek, if the use is consistent with
20 the protection and enhancement of river values under the
21 Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1271 et seq.).

22 **SEC. 6. FOX MOUNTAIN SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA.**

23 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL MANAGEMENT
24 AREA.—

1 (1) FOX MOUNTAIN SPECIAL MANAGEMENT
2 AREA.—

3 (A) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to valid
4 existing rights, there is established the Fox
5 Mountain Special Management Area, com-
6 prising approximately 41,082 acres of Federal
7 land in the Los Padres National Forest, as gen-
8 erally depicted on the map entitled “Fox Moun-
9 tain Special Management Area” and dated No-
10 vember 14, 2023.

11 (B) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Fox
12 Mountain Special Management Area are to con-
13 serve, protect, and enhance for the benefit and
14 enjoyment of present and future generations—

15 (i) the ecological, scenic, wildlife, rec-
16 reational, roadless, cultural, historical, nat-
17 ural, educational, and scientific resources
18 of the area; and

19 (ii) the cultural and historical re-
20 sources and values of the area.

21 (b) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 5 years after
23 the date of enactment of this Act and in accordance
24 with paragraph (2), the Secretary of Agriculture
25 shall develop a comprehensive plan for the long-term

1 management of the special management area estab-
2 lished by subsection (a).

3 (2) CONSULTATION.—In developing the man-
4 agement plan required under paragraph (1), the
5 Secretary of Agriculture shall consult with—

6 (A) appropriate State, Tribal, and local
7 governmental entities; and

8 (B) members of the public.

9 (3) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT.—The manage-
10 ment plan required under paragraph (1) shall ensure
11 that recreational use within the special management
12 area established by subsection (a) (referred to in
13 this section as a “special management area”) does
14 not cause significant adverse impacts on the plants
15 and wildlife of the special management area.

16 (c) MANAGEMENT.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture
18 shall manage the special management area—

19 (A) in furtherance of the purpose described
20 in subsection (a); and

21 (B) in accordance with—

22 (i) the laws (including regulations)
23 generally applicable to the National Forest
24 System;

25 (ii) this section; and

1 (iii) any other applicable law (includ-
2 ing regulations).

3 (2) USES.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall
4 only allow uses of the special management area that
5 the Secretary determines would further the purposes
6 of the special management area described in sub-
7 section (a).

8 (3) RECREATION.—The Secretary of Agri-
9 culture shall continue to authorize, maintain, and
10 enhance the recreational use of the special manage-
11 ment area, including hunting, camping, hiking,
12 sightseeing, nature study, horseback riding, moun-
13 tain bicycling, and other recreational activities, if the
14 recreational use is consistent with—

15 (A) the purpose of the special management
16 area;

17 (B) this section;

18 (C) other applicable law (including regula-
19 tions); and

20 (D) any applicable management plans.

21 (4) MOTORIZED VEHICLES.—

22 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
23 subparagraph (C), the use of motorized vehicles
24 in the special management area shall be per-
25 mitted only on existing roads, trails, and areas

1 designated for use by such vehicles as of the
2 date of enactment of this Act.

3 (B) NEW OR TEMPORARY ROADS.—Except
4 as provided in subparagraph (C), no new or
5 temporary roads shall be constructed within the
6 special management area.

7 (C) EXCEPTIONS.—Nothing in subpara-
8 graph (A) or (B) prevents the Secretary of Ag-
9 riculture from—

10 (i) rerouting or closing an existing
11 road or trail to protect natural resources
12 from degradation, or to protect public safe-
13 ty, as determined to be appropriate by the
14 Secretary;

15 (ii) designating routes of travel on
16 land acquired by the Secretary and incor-
17 porated into the special management area
18 if the designations are—

19 (I) consistent with the purposes
20 of the special management area de-
21 scribed in subsection (a); and

22 (II) completed, to the maximum
23 extent practicable, not later than 3
24 years after the date of acquisition;

1 (iii) constructing a temporary road on
2 which motorized vehicles are permitted as
3 part of a vegetation management project
4 carried out in accordance with subpara-
5 graph (D);

6 (iv) authorizing the use of motorized
7 vehicles for administrative purposes; or

8 (v) responding to an emergency.

9 (D) DECOMMISSIONING OF TEMPORARY
10 ROADS.—

11 (i) DEFINITION OF DECOMMISSION.—

12 In this subparagraph, the term “decom-
13 mission” means, with respect to a road—

14 (I) to reestablish vegetation on
15 the road; and

16 (II) to restore any natural drain-
17 age, watershed function, or other eco-
18 logical processes that are disrupted or
19 adversely impacted by the road by re-
20 moving or hydrologically disconnecting
21 the road prism.

22 (ii) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 3
23 years after the date on which the applica-
24 ble vegetation management project is com-
25 pleted, the Secretary of Agriculture shall

1 decommission any temporary road con-
2 structed under subparagraph (C)(iii).

3 (d) GRAZING.—The grazing of livestock in the special
4 management area, where established before the date of en-
5 actment of this Act, shall be permitted to continue—

6 (1) subject to—

7 (A) such reasonable regulations, policies,
8 and practices as the Secretary of Agriculture
9 considers necessary; and

10 (B) applicable law (including regulations);

11 and

12 (2) in a manner consistent with the purposes of
13 the special management area described in subsection
14 (a).

15 (e) WILDFIRE, INSECT, AND DISEASE.—Consistent
16 with this section, the Secretary of Agriculture may carry
17 out any activities within the special management area that
18 the Secretary determines to be necessary to control fire,
19 insects, or diseases, including the coordination of those ac-
20 tivities with a State or local agency.

21 (f) ACQUISITION AND INCORPORATION OF LAND AND
22 INTERESTS IN LAND.—

23 (1) ACQUISITION AUTHORITY.—In accordance
24 with applicable laws (including regulations), the Sec-
25 retary of Agriculture may acquire any land or inter-

1 est in land within or adjacent to the boundaries of
2 the special management area by purchase from a
3 willing seller, donation, or exchange.

4 (2) INCORPORATION.—Any land or interest in
5 land acquired by the Secretary of Agriculture under
6 paragraph (1) shall be—

7 (A) incorporated into, and administered as
8 part of, the special management area; and

9 (B) withdrawn in accordance with sub-
10 section (i).

11 (g) TRIBAL AGREEMENTS AND PARTNERSHIPS.—To
12 the maximum extent practicable and in accordance with
13 applicable laws, on request of an affected federally recog-
14 nized Indian Tribe, the Secretary of Agriculture, acting
15 through the Chief of the Forest Service, shall enter into
16 agreements, contracts, and other cooperative and collabo-
17 rative partnerships with the federally recognized Indian
18 Tribe regarding management of the special management
19 area under relevant Federal authority, including—

20 (1) the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
21 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.);

22 (2) the Federal Land Policy and Management
23 Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.);

24 (3) the Tribal Self-Governance Act of 1994 (25
25 U.S.C. 5361 et seq.);

1 (4) the Tribal Forest Protection Act of 2004
2 (25 U.S.C. 3115a et seq.);

3 (5) the good neighbor authority under section
4 8206 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (16 U.S.C.
5 2113a);

6 (6) Executive Order 13175 (25 U.S.C. 5301
7 note; relating to consultation and coordination with
8 Indian Tribal governments);

9 (7) Secretarial Order 3342, issued by the Sec-
10 retary of the Interior on October 21, 2016 (relating
11 to identifying opportunities for cooperative and col-
12 laborative partnerships with federally recognized In-
13 dian Tribes in the management of Federal lands and
14 resources); and

15 (8) Joint Secretarial Order 3403, issued by the
16 Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agri-
17 culture on November 15, 2021 (relating to fulfilling
18 the trust responsibility to Indian Tribes in the stew-
19 ardship of Federal lands and waters).

20 (h) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
21 all Federal land located in the special management area
22 is withdrawn from—

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

1 (2) location, entry, and patenting under the
2 mining laws; and

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

5 **SEC. 7. DESIGNATION OF SCENIC AREAS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
7 there are established the following scenic areas:

8 (1) CONDOR RIDGE SCENIC AREA.—Certain
9 land in the Los Padres National Forest comprising
10 approximately 18,666 acres, as generally depicted on
11 the map entitled “Condor Ridge Scenic Area—Pro-
12 posed” and dated March 29, 2019, which shall be
13 known as the “Condor Ridge Scenic Area”.

14 (2) BLACK MOUNTAIN SCENIC AREA.—Certain
15 land in the Los Padres National Forest and the Ba-
16 kersfield Field Office of the Bureau of Land Man-
17 agement comprising approximately 16,216 acres, as
18 generally depicted on the map entitled “Black Moun-
19 tain Scenic Area—Proposed” and dated March 29,
20 2019, which shall be known as the “Black Mountain
21 Scenic Area”.

22 (b) MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after
24 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
25 Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior shall

1 file a map and legal description of the Condor Ridge
2 Scenic Area and Black Mountain Scenic Area with—

3 (A) the Committee on Energy and Natural
4 Resources of the Senate; and

5 (B) the Committee on Natural Resources
6 of the House of Representatives.

7 (2) FORCE OF LAW.—The maps and legal de-
8 scriptions filed under paragraph (1) shall have the
9 same force and effect as if included in this Act, ex-
10 cept that the Secretary of Agriculture may correct
11 any clerical and typographical errors in the maps
12 and legal descriptions.

13 (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The maps and
14 legal descriptions filed under paragraph (1) shall be
15 on file and available for public inspection in the ap-
16 propriate offices of the Forest Service and Bureau
17 of Land Management.

18 (c) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the scenic areas is to
19 conserve, protect, and enhance for the benefit and enjoy-
20 ment of present and future generations the ecological, sce-
21 nic, wildlife, recreational, cultural, historical, natural, edu-
22 cational, and scientific resources of the scenic areas.

23 (d) MANAGEMENT.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall admin-
25 ister the scenic areas—

1 (A) in a manner that conserves, protects,
2 and enhances the resources of the scenic areas,
3 and in particular the scenic character attributes
4 of the scenic areas; and

5 (B) in accordance with—

6 (i) this section;

7 (ii) the Federal Land Policy and Man-
8 agement Act (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) for
9 land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary
10 of the Interior;

11 (iii) any laws (including regulations)
12 relating to the National Forest System, for
13 land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary
14 of Agriculture; and

15 (iv) any other applicable law (includ-
16 ing regulations).

17 (2) USES.—The Secretary shall only allow those
18 uses of the scenic areas that the Secretary deter-
19 mines would further the purposes described in sub-
20 section (c).

21 (e) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
22 the Federal land in the scenic areas is withdrawn from
23 all forms of—

24 (1) entry, appropriation, or disposal under the
25 public land laws;

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

3 (3) disposition under all laws pertaining to min-
4 eral and geothermal leasing or mineral materials.

5 (f) PROHIBITED USES.—The following shall be pro-
6 hibited on the Federal land within the scenic areas:

7 (1) Permanent roads.

8 (2) Permanent structures.

9 (3) Timber harvesting except when necessary
10 for the purposes described in subsection (g).

11 (4) Transmission lines.

12 (5) Except as necessary to meet the minimum
13 requirements for the administration of the scenic
14 areas and to protect public health and safety—

15 (A) the use of motorized vehicles; or

16 (B) the establishment of temporary roads.

17 (6) Commercial enterprises, except as necessary
18 for realizing the purposes of the scenic areas.

19 (g) WILDFIRE, INSECT, AND DISEASE MANAGE-
20 MENT.—Consistent with this section, the Secretary may
21 take any measures in the scenic areas that the Secretary
22 determines to be necessary to control fire, insects, and dis-
23 eases, including, as the Secretary determines to be appro-
24 priate, the coordination of those activities with the State
25 or a local agency.

1 (h) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—The fact that an oth-
2 erwise authorized activity or use can be seen or heard
3 within a scenic area shall not preclude the activity or use
4 outside the boundary of the scenic area.

5 **SEC. 8. CONDOR NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL STUDY.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall
7 conduct a study that addresses the feasibility of, and alter-
8 natives for, connecting the northern and southern portions
9 of the Los Padres National Forest by establishing a trail
10 across the applicable portions of the northern and south-
11 ern Santa Lucia Mountains of the southern California
12 Coastal Range by designating the Condor National Scenic
13 Trail as a component of the National Trails System.

14 (b) CONTENTS.—In carrying out the study required
15 under subsection (a), the Secretary of Agriculture shall—

16 (1) comply with the requirements for studies for
17 a national scenic trail described in section 5(b) of
18 the National Trails System Act (16 U.S.C.
19 1244(b));

20 (2) provide for a continual hiking route through
21 and connecting the southern and northern sections
22 of the Los Padres National Forest;

23 (3) promote recreational, scenic, wilderness, and
24 cultural values;

1 (4) enhance connectivity with the overall system
2 of National Forest System trails;

3 (5) consider new connectors and realignment of
4 existing trails;

5 (6) emphasize safe and continuous public ac-
6 cess, dispersal from high-use areas, and suitable
7 water sources; and

8 (7) to the extent practicable, provide all-year
9 use.

10 (c) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT.—In completing the
11 study required under subsection (a), the Secretary of Agri-
12 culture shall consult with—

13 (1) appropriate Federal, State, Tribal, regional,
14 and local agencies;

15 (2) private landowners;

16 (3) nongovernmental organizations; and

17 (4) members of the public.

18 (d) SUBMISSION.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall
19 submit the study required under subsection (a) to—

20 (1) the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
21 sources of the Senate; and

22 (2) the Committee on Natural Resources of the
23 House of Representatives.

1 **SEC. 9. FOREST SERVICE STUDY.**

2 Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment
3 of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture (acting through
4 the Chief of the Forest Service) shall study the feasibility
5 of opening a new trail, for vehicles measuring 50 inches
6 or less, connecting Forest Service Highway 95 to the exist-
7 ing off-highway vehicle trail system in the Ballinger Can-
8 yon off-highway vehicle area.

9 **SEC. 10. NONMOTORIZED RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES.**

10 Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment
11 of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture, in consultation
12 with interested parties, shall conduct a study to improve
13 nonmotorized recreation trail opportunities (including
14 mountain bicycling) on land not designated as wilderness
15 within the Santa Barbara, Ojai, and Mt. Pinos ranger dis-
16 tricts.

17 **SEC. 11. USE BY MEMBERS OF TRIBES.**

18 (a) ACCESS.—The Secretary shall ensure that Tribes
19 have access, in accordance with the Wilderness Act (16
20 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), to the wilderness areas, scenic areas,
21 and potential wilderness areas designated by this Act for
22 traditional cultural and religious purposes.

23 (b) TEMPORARY CLOSURES.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out this section,
25 the Secretary, on request of a Tribe, may tempo-
26 rarily close to the general public one or more specific

1 portions of a wilderness area, scenic area, or poten-
2 tial wilderness area designated by this Act to protect
3 the privacy of the members of the Tribe in the con-
4 duct of traditional cultural and religious activities.

5 (2) REQUIREMENT.—Any closure under para-
6 graph (1) shall be—

7 (A) made in such a manner as to affect
8 the smallest practicable area for the minimum
9 period of time necessary for the activity to be
10 carried out; and

11 (B) be consistent with the purpose and in-
12 tent of Public Law 95–341 (commonly known
13 as the American Indian Religious Freedom Act)
14 (42 U.S.C. 1996) and the Wilderness Act (16
15 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.).

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