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To extend the withdrawal and reservation of certain public land in the State of Nevada for the continued use of the Nevada test and training range, to designate certain land in the Desert National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Desert National Wild-
5 life Refuge and Nevada Test and Training Range With-
6 drawal and Management Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF WITHDRAWAL AND RESERVATION**
2 **OF CERTAIN PUBLIC LAND IN NEVADA FOR**
3 **THE CONTINUED USE OF THE NEVADA TEST**
4 **AND TRAINING RANGE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3015(a) of the Military
6 Lands Withdrawal Act of 1999 (Public Law 106–65; 113
7 Stat. 892) is amended—

8 (1) by striking “The withdrawal” and inserting
9 the following:

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The withdrawal”; and

11 (2) in paragraph (1) (as so designated), by
12 striking “20 years after November 6, 2001” and in-
13 sserting the following: “in accordance with para-
14 graphs (2) and (3), as applicable.

15 “(2) NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON RANGES, NE-
16 VADA.—The withdrawal and reservation of lands for
17 the Naval Air Station Fallon Ranges, Nevada, under
18 section 3011(a) shall terminate on November 6,
19 2021.

20 “(3) NEVADA TEST AND TRAINING RANGE.—
21 The withdrawal and reservation of lands for the Ne-
22 vada Test and Training Range under section
23 3011(b) shall terminate on November 6, 2041.”.

24 (b) LANDS WITHDRAWN AND RESERVED.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 3011(b)(4) of the
2 Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1999 (Public Law
3 106–65; 113 Stat. 887) is amended—

4 (A) by striking “2,919,890 acres” and in-
5 serting “3,006,386 acres”; and

6 (B) by striking “map entitled ‘Nevada
7 Test and Training Range, Proposed Withdrawal
8 Extension’, dated April 22, 1999” and inserting
9 “map entitled ‘Desert National Wildlife Refuge
10 and Nevada Test and Training Range With-
11 drawal and Management Act’, dated December
12 18, 2019”.

13 (2) CULTURAL RESOURCE INVESTIGATION.—
14 The Secretary of the Air Force and the Secretary of
15 the Interior shall not implement the withdrawal of
16 the public lands withdrawn as a result of the amend-
17 ments made by paragraph (1) until—

18 (A) the Tribal Resource Officer established
19 under subparagraph (K)(i) of section
20 3011(b)(5) of the Military Lands Withdrawal
21 Act of 1999 (Public Law 106–65; 113 Stat.
22 887), in consultation with the Indian Tribes lo-
23 cated in the vicinity of those public lands—

24 (i) completes a cultural resources in-
25 vestigation and inventory; and

1 (ii) develops a cultural resources plan
2 to protect, and facilitate Tribal access to,
3 cultural resources identified by the inves-
4 tigation and inventory under clause (i);
5 and

6 (B) the Secretary of the Air Force and the
7 Secretary of the Interior implement the cultural
8 resources plan developed under subparagraph
9 (A)(ii).

10 (3) MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.—In im-
11 plementing the amendments made by paragraph (1),
12 the reference in section 3012(a) of the Military
13 Lands Withdrawal Act of 1999 (Public Law 106–65;
14 113 Stat. 890) to the date of enactment of that Act
15 shall be considered to be a reference to the date of
16 enactment of this Act.

17 (c) MILITARY INFRASTRUCTURE DEPLOYMENT.—
18 Section 3011(b)(5)(C) of the Military Lands Withdrawal
19 Act of 1999 (Public Law 106–65; 113 Stat. 887) is
20 amended—

21 (1) by striking “If the” and inserting the fol-
22 lowing:

23 “(i) IN GENERAL.—If the”; and

24 (2) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(ii) MILITARY INFRASTRUCTURE DE-
2 PLOYMENT.—

3 “(I) IN GENERAL.—The Sec-
4 retary of the Air Force, in consulta-
5 tion with the Secretary of the Inte-
6 rior, may deploy not more than 15
7 threat emitters as close as possible to
8 existing roads within the portions of
9 the Desert National Wildlife Refuge
10 that are closed to the public for mili-
11 tary operations, public safety, or na-
12 tional security purposes pursuant to
13 clause (i).

14 “(II) PLACEMENT.—Threat
15 emitters deployed under subclause (I)
16 shall be placed in such locations as
17 would, as determined by the Secretary
18 of the Air Force, in consultation with
19 the Secretary of the Interior, to the
20 maximum extent practicable, avoid—

21 “(aa) impacts to wilderness
22 areas designated by section
23 3(b)(1) of the Desert National
24 Wildlife Refuge and Nevada Test

1 and Training Range Withdrawal
2 and Management Act;

3 “(bb) wildlife guzzler instal-
4 lations;

5 “(cc) riparian areas; and

6 “(dd) Tribal cultural, his-
7 toric, and religious sites.”.

8 (d) UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
9 ACCESS.—Section 3011(b)(5)(D) of the Military Lands
10 Withdrawal Act of 1999 (Public Law 106–65; 113 Stat.
11 888) is amended—

12 (1) in the matter preceding clause (i), by strik-
13 ing “effect” and inserting “affect any of”; and

14 (2) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(iv) The ability of the Secretary of
16 the Interior to regularly access (not less
17 frequently than monthly) the portions of
18 the joint use area of the Desert National
19 Wildlife Refuge where the Secretary of the
20 Interior exercises primary jurisdiction to
21 carry out the management responsibilities
22 of the Secretary of the Interior for the
23 Desert National Wildlife Refuge, including
24 the installation or maintenance of wildlife
25 water development projects, subject to such

1 terms and conditions as to which the Sec-
2 retary of the Interior and the Secretary of
3 the Air Force may mutually agree.”.

4 (e) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—Section
5 3011(b)(5)(E) of the Military Lands Withdrawal Act of
6 1999 (Public Law 106–65; 113 Stat. 888) is amended by
7 adding at the end the following:

8 “(v) UPDATES.—

9 “(I) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90
10 days after the date of enactment of this
11 paragraph, the Secretary of the Interior
12 and the Secretary of the Air Force shall
13 enter into a memorandum of under-
14 standing (or revise any memorandum of
15 understanding in effect as of the date of
16 enactment of this paragraph) with respect
17 to the management of withdrawn and re-
18 served lands within the Desert National
19 Wildlife Refuge to ensure that the memo-
20 randum of understanding incorporates the
21 amendments made by section 2 of the
22 Desert National Wildlife Refuge and Ne-
23 vada Test and Training Range Withdrawal
24 and Management Act.

1 “(II) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDI-
2 TIONS.—The memorandum of under-
3 standing described in subclause (I) may be
4 revised to include such other terms and
5 conditions as to which the Secretary of the
6 Interior and the Secretary of the Air Force
7 may mutually agree.”.

8 (f) FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT SUPPORT .—Sec-
9 tion 3011(b)(5)(F) of the Military Lands Withdrawal Act
10 of 1999 (Public Law 106–65; 113 Stat. 889) is amend-
11 ed—

12 (1) in clause (i), by striking “for the” and in-
13 serting “for fish and wildlife habitat support or for
14 the”; and

15 (2) in clause (ii)—

16 (A) in the matter preceding subclause (I),
17 by striking “clause (i) to—” and inserting
18 “clause (i)—”;

19 (B) in subclause (I), by striking “(I) ac-
20 quire” and inserting “(I)(aa) acquire”;

21 (C) by redesignating subclause (II) as item
22 (bb);

23 (D) in subclause (I)(bb) (as so redesign-
24 ated), by striking “such lands.” and inserting
25 “the lands described in item (aa); and”; and

1 (E) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(II) provide mitigation payments to
3 the Secretary of the Interior for fish and
4 wildlife habitat support on lands with-
5 drawn and reserved for use by the Air
6 Force within the Desert National Wildlife
7 Refuge.”.

8 (g) WILDLIFE WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.—
9 Section 3011(b)(5) of the Military Lands Withdrawal Act
10 of 1999 (Public Law 106–65; 113 Stat. 887) is amended
11 by adding at the end the following:

12 “(G) WILDLIFE WATER DEVELOPMENT
13 PROJECTS.—

14 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of
15 the Interior may authorize structures and
16 facilities for wildlife water development
17 projects (including guzzlers) in the Desert
18 National Wildlife Refuge if the structures
19 and facilities—

20 “(I) will enhance the purposes of
21 the Desert National Wildlife Refuge
22 by promoting healthy, viable, and
23 more naturally distributed wildlife
24 populations; and

1 “(II) are consistent with the laws
2 (including regulations) generally ap-
3 plicable to the management of the
4 Desert National Wildlife Refuge and
5 the National Wildlife Refuge System.

6 “(ii) ACCESS.—The Secretary of the
7 Interior, in consultation with the Secretary
8 of the Air Force and the State of Nevada,
9 shall provide for access to allow for nec-
10 essary maintenance and monitoring of the
11 structures and facilities authorized under
12 clause (i).”.

13 (h) UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
14 AND DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE COORDINATION.—
15 Section 3011(b)(5) of the Military Lands Withdrawal Act
16 of 1999 (Public Law 106–65; 113 Stat. 887) (as amended
17 by subsection (g)) is amended by adding at the end the
18 following:

19 “(H) INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE.—The
20 Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of
21 the Air Force shall jointly establish an inter-
22 agency committee to facilitate coordination and
23 minimize potential conflict between the Depart-
24 ment of the Interior and the Department of the

1 Air Force with respect to joint operating areas
2 within the Desert National Wildlife Refuge.”.

3 (i) INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXECUTIVE COM-
4 MITTEE.—Section 3011(b)(5) of the Military Lands With-
5 drawal Act of 1999 (Public Law 106–65; 113 Stat. 887)
6 (as amended by subsection (h)) is amended by adding at
7 the end the following:

8 “(I) INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXECUTIVE
9 COMMITTEE.—

10 “(i) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary
11 of the Interior and the Secretary of the Air
12 Force shall jointly establish, by memo-
13 randum of understanding, an intergovern-
14 mental executive committee (referred to in
15 this subparagraph as the ‘executive com-
16 mittee’) in accordance with this subpara-
17 graph.

18 “(ii) PURPOSE.—The executive com-
19 mittee shall be established for the purpose
20 of exchanging views, information, and ad-
21 vice relating to the management of the
22 natural and cultural resources of the lands
23 withdrawn and reserved by this section.

24 “(iii) MEMBERSHIP.—The executive
25 committee shall comprise—

1 “(I) not more than 3 representa-
2 tives of State or Federal offices or
3 agencies, or private groups or individ-
4 uals, if the Secretary of the Air Force
5 and the Secretary of the Interior
6 jointly determine that the representa-
7 tives would further the goals and ob-
8 jectives of the executive committee;

9 “(II) 1 representative of the Ne-
10 vada Department of Wildlife;

11 “(III) not more than 1 county
12 commissioner of each of Clark, Nye,
13 and Lincoln Counties, Nevada;

14 “(IV) not more than 1 represent-
15 ative of each Indian tribe in the vicin-
16 ity of the portions of the joint use
17 area of the Desert National Wildlife
18 Refuge where the Secretary of the In-
19 terior exercises primary jurisdiction;
20 and

21 “(V) such additional members as
22 may be designated at the discretion of
23 the Secretary of the Interior and the
24 Secretary of the Air Force.

1 “(iv) OPERATION.—The executive
2 committee shall operate in accordance with
3 the terms set forth in the memorandum of
4 understanding under clause (i), which shall
5 specify the officials or other individuals to
6 be invited to participate in the executive
7 committee.

8 “(v) PROCEDURES.—Subject to
9 clauses (vi) and (vii), the memorandum of
10 understanding under clause (i) shall estab-
11 lish procedures for—

12 “(I) creating a forum for car-
13 rying out the purpose described in
14 clause (ii);

15 “(II) rotating the Chairperson of
16 the executive committee; and

17 “(III) scheduling regular meet-
18 ings.

19 “(vi) CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIR-
20 PERSON.—

21 “(I) IN GENERAL.—The members
22 of the executive committee shall elect
23 from among the members—

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1 “(aa) 1 member to serve as
2 the Chairperson of the executive
3 committee; and

4 “(bb) 1 member to serve as
5 the Vice Chairperson of the execu-
6 tive committee.

7 “(II) DUTIES.—The duties of
8 each of the Chairperson and the Vice
9 Chairperson shall be included in the
10 memorandum of understanding under
11 clause (i).

12 “(vii) MEETINGS.—

13 “(I) FREQUENCY.—The executive
14 committee shall meet not less fre-
15 quently than 3 times every calendar
16 year.

17 “(II) MEETING LOCATIONS.—Lo-
18 cations of meetings of the executive
19 committee shall rotate to facilitate
20 ease of access for all executive com-
21 mittee members.

22 “(III) PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY.—
23 Meetings of the executive committee
24 shall—

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1 “(aa) be open to the public;
2 and

3 “(bb) provide a forum for
4 the public to provide comment re-
5 garding management of the Ne-
6 vada Test and Training Range
7 and the Desert National Wildlife
8 Refuge.

9 “(viii) CONDITIONS AND TERMS OF
10 APPOINTMENT.—

11 “(I) IN GENERAL.—Each mem-
12 ber of the executive committee shall
13 serve voluntarily and without com-
14 pensation.

15 “(II) TERM OF APPOINTMENT.—

16 “(aa) IN GENERAL.—Each
17 member of the executive com-
18 mittee shall be appointed for a
19 term of 4 years.

20 “(bb) ORIGINAL MEM-
21 BERS.—Notwithstanding item
22 (aa), the Secretary of the Interior
23 and the Secretary of the Air
24 Force shall select—

1 “(AA) 1/2 of the origi-
2 nal members of the executive
3 committee to serve for a
4 term of 4 years; and

5 “(BB) 1/2 of the origi-
6 nal members of the executive
7 committee to serve for a
8 term of 2 years.

9 “(III) REAPPOINTMENT AND RE-
10 PLACEMENT.—The Secretary of the
11 Interior and the Secretary of the Air
12 Force may reappoint or replace a
13 member of the executive committee
14 if—

15 “(aa) the term of the mem-
16 ber has expired;

17 “(bb) the member has re-
18 signed; or

19 “(cc) the position held by
20 the member has changed to the
21 extent that the ability of the
22 member to represent the group
23 or entity that the member rep-
24 resents has been significantly af-
25 fected.

1 “(ix) LIAISONS.—The Secretary of the
2 Air Force and the Secretary of the Interior
3 shall each appoint appropriate operational
4 and land management personnel of the De-
5 partment of the Air Force and the Depart-
6 ment of the Interior, respectively, to serve
7 as liaisons to the executive committee.”.

8 (j) ACCESS TO THE REFUGE.—Section 3011(b)(5) of
9 the Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1999 (Public Law
10 106–65; 113 Stat. 887) (as amended by subsection (i))
11 is amended by adding at the end the following:

12 “(J) ACCESS TO THE REFUGE.—

13 “(i) PUBLIC ACCESS.—The Secretary
14 of the Interior shall facilitate timely public
15 access in portions of the joint use area of
16 the Desert National Wildlife Refuge that
17 are not closed in accordance with subpara-
18 graph (C)(i) for military purposes for Trib-
19 al, recreational (including hunting), edu-
20 cational, and research purposes, in accord-
21 ance with the laws (including regulations)
22 generally applicable to the Desert National
23 Wildlife Refuge and the National Wildlife
24 Refuge System.

1 “(ii) ACCESS FOR STATE OF NEVADA
2 AND INDIAN TRIBES.—The Secretary of
3 the Interior shall facilitate timely access,
4 as determined by the Secretary of the Inte-
5 rior, to the portions of the joint use area
6 of the Desert National Wildlife Refuge
7 where the Secretary of the Interior exer-
8 cises primary jurisdiction, subject to such
9 terms and conditions as to which the Sec-
10 retary of the Interior and Secretary of the
11 Air Force may mutually agree, to—

12 “(I) representatives from the Ne-
13 vada Department of Wildlife to carry
14 out related management responsibil-
15 ities to care for wildlife and wildlife
16 habitat; and

17 “(II) Indian tribes in the vicinity
18 of those portions of the joint use area
19 to carry out cultural and religious ac-
20 tivities.”.

21 (k) TRIBAL RESOURCE SUPPORT.—Section
22 3011(b)(5) of the Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1999
23 (Public Law 106–65; 113 Stat. 887) (as amended by sub-
24 section (j)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

25 “(K) TRIBAL RESOURCE SUPPORT.—

1 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of
2 the Air Force and the Secretary of the In-
3 terior shall jointly establish the position of
4 Tribal Resource Officer to provide consult-
5 ative services and recommendations to
6 mitigate impacts to historic and culturally
7 significant land to local Indian tribes in
8 carrying out applicable activities under this
9 paragraph.

10 “(ii) APPOINTMENT.—The Secretary
11 of the Air Force and the Secretary of the
12 Interior shall appoint an individual to the
13 position established under clause (i) on the
14 recommendation of Indian tribes in the vi-
15 cinity of the portions of the joint use area
16 of the Desert National Wildlife Refuge
17 where the Secretary of the Interior exer-
18 cises primary jurisdiction.”.

19 (l) BUFFER ZONE.—Section 3011(b)(5) of the Mili-
20 tary Lands Withdrawal Act of 1999 (Public Law 106–65;
21 113 Stat. 887) (as amended by subsection (k)) is amended
22 by adding at the end the following:

23 “(L) BUFFER ZONE.—The western bound-
24 ary of the Desert National Wildlife Refuge shall
25 be 2,000 feet west of the road depicted on the

1 map referred to in paragraph (4) as the bound-
2 ary between the Desert National Wildlife Ref-
3 uge and the land jointly managed by the Sec-
4 retary of the Air Force and the Secretary of the
5 Interior.”.

6 (m) INDIAN TRIBES.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this Act or an
8 amendment made by this Act alters any rights re-
9 served by treaty or Federal law for an Indian Tribe
10 for Tribal use of the public lands withdrawn by
11 paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 3011(b) of the
12 Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1999 (Public Law
13 106–65; 113 Stat. 886).

14 (2) CONSULTATION REQUIRED.—Not later than
15 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the
16 Secretary of the Air Force and the Secretary of the
17 Interior shall consult with any Indian Tribes in the
18 vicinity of the public lands withdrawn by paragraphs
19 (1) and (2) of section 3011(b) of the Military Lands
20 Withdrawal Act of 1999 (Public Law 106–65; 113
21 Stat. 886) before taking any action within the public
22 lands affecting Tribal rights or cultural resources
23 protected by treaty or Federal law.

1 (n) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 3011(b)
2 of the Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1999 (Public
3 Law 106–65; 113 Stat. 886) is amended—

4 (1) by striking the subsection designation and
5 heading and inserting the following:

6 “(b) NEVADA TEST AND TRAINING RANGE.—”; and

7 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking the paragraph
8 designation and heading and inserting the following:

9 “(3) DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.—”.

10 **SEC. 3. ADDITIONS TO NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVA-**
11 **TION SYSTEM.**

12 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-
14 titled “Desert National Wildlife Refuge and Nevada
15 Test and Training Range Withdrawal and Manage-
16 ment Act” and dated December 9, 2019.

17 (2) REFUGE.—The term “Refuge” means the
18 Desert National Wildlife Refuge.

19 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
20 the Secretary of the Interior.

21 (4) WILDERNESS AREA.—The term “wilderness
22 area” means a wilderness area designated by sub-
23 section (b)(1).

24 (b) DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with the Wil-
2 derness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the following
3 land within the Refuge is designated as wilderness
4 and as components of the National Wilderness Pres-
5 ervation System:

6 (A) SHEEP RANGE WILDERNESS.—Certain
7 Federal land managed by the Director of the
8 United States Fish and Wildlife Service, com-
9 prising approximately 433,785 acres, generally
10 depicted on the map as “Sheep Range Wilder-
11 ness”, which shall be known as the “Sheep
12 Range Wilderness”.

13 (B) LAS VEGAS RANGE WILDERNESS.—
14 Certain Federal land managed by the Director
15 of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service,
16 comprising approximately 146,826 acres, gen-
17 erally depicted on the map as “Las Vegas
18 Range Wilderness”, which shall be known as
19 the “Las Vegas Range Wilderness”.

20 (C) GASS PEAK WILDERNESS.—Certain
21 Federal land managed by the Director of the
22 United States Fish and Wildlife Service, com-
23 prising approximately 32,954 acres, generally
24 depicted on the map as “Gass Peak Wilder-

1 ness”, which shall be known as the “Gass Peak
2 Wilderness”.

3 (D) PAPOOSE RANGE WILDERNESS.—Cer-
4 tain Federal land managed by the Secretary of
5 the Air Force and the Director of the United
6 States Fish and Wildlife Service, comprising
7 approximately 43,573 acres, generally depicted
8 on the map as “Papoose Range Wilderness”,
9 which shall be known as the “Papoose Range
10 Wilderness”.

11 (E) SOUTH SPOTTED RANGE WILDER-
12 NESS.—Certain Federal land managed by the
13 Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife
14 Service and the Director of the Bureau of Land
15 Management, comprising approximately 51,243
16 acres, generally depicted on the map as “South
17 Spotted Range Wilderness”, which shall be
18 known as the “South Spotted Range Wilder-
19 ness”.

20 (F) PINTWATER/EAST DESERT/SPOTTED
21 RANGE WILDERNESS.—Certain Federal land
22 managed by the Secretary of the Air Force and
23 the Director of the United States Fish and
24 Wildlife Service, comprising approximately
25 463,585 acres, generally depicted on the map as

1 “Pintwater/East Desert/Spotted Range Wilder-
2 ness”, which shall be known as the “Pintwater/
3 East Desert/Spotted Range Wilderness”.

4 (G) DESERT RANGE WILDERNESS.—Cer-
5 tain Federal land managed by the Secretary of
6 the Air Force and the Director of the United
7 States Fish and Wildlife Service, comprising
8 approximately 53,986 acres, generally depicted
9 on the map as “Desert Range Wilderness”,
10 which shall be known as the “Desert Range
11 Wilderness”.

12 (H) HOLE-IN-THE-ROCK WILDERNESS.—
13 Certain Federal land managed by the Secretary
14 of the Air Force and the Director of the United
15 States Fish and Wildlife Service, comprising
16 approximately 84,854 acres, generally depicted
17 on the map as “Hole-in-the-Rock Wilderness”,
18 which shall be known as the “Hole-in-the-Rock
19 Wilderness”.

20 (2) MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.—

21 (A) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable
22 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
23 retary shall file a map and legal description of
24 each wilderness area with—

1 (i) the Committee on Energy and
2 Natural Resources of the Senate;

3 (ii) the Committee on Environment
4 and Public Works of the Senate; and

5 (iii) the Committee on Natural Re-
6 sources of the House of Representatives.

7 (B) EFFECT.—Each map and legal de-
8 scription filed under subparagraph (A) shall
9 have the same force and effect as if included in
10 this Act, except that the Secretary may correct
11 clerical and typographical errors in the maps
12 and legal descriptions.

13 (C) AVAILABILITY.—Each map and legal
14 description filed under subparagraph (A) shall
15 be on file and available for public inspection in
16 the appropriate office of the United States Fish
17 and Wildlife Service.

18 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—Subject to valid existing
19 rights, the Secretary shall administer the wilderness areas
20 in accordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131
21 et seq.), except that—

22 (1) any reference in that Act to the effective
23 date of that Act shall be considered to be a reference
24 to the date of enactment of this Act; and

1 (2) any reference in that Act to the Secretary
2 of Agriculture shall be considered to be a reference
3 to the Secretary.

4 (d) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Congress does not intend for
6 the designation of the wilderness areas to create pro-
7 tective perimeters or buffer zones around the wilder-
8 ness areas.

9 (2) NON-WILDERNESS ACTIVITIES.—The fact
10 that non-wilderness activities or uses can be seen or
11 heard from areas within a wilderness area shall not
12 preclude the conduct of those activities or uses out-
13 side the boundary of the wilderness area.

14 (e) MILITARY OVERFLIGHTS.—Nothing in this Act
15 restricts or precludes—

16 (1) low-level overflights of military aircraft over
17 the wilderness areas, including military overflights
18 that can be seen or heard within the wilderness
19 areas;

20 (2) flight testing and evaluation; or

21 (3) the designation or creation of new units of
22 special use airspace, or the establishment of military
23 flight training routes, over the wilderness areas.

24 (f) WILDLIFE WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.—

25 The Secretary may authorize structures and facilities, in-

1 cluding existing structures and facilities, for wildlife water
2 development projects (including guzzlers) in the wilderness
3 areas if—

4 (1) the structures and facilities will enhance
5 wilderness values by promoting healthy, viable, and
6 more naturally distributed wildlife populations;

7 (2) the structures and facilities are consistent
8 with the laws (including regulations) applicable to
9 the management of the Refuge; and

10 (3) the visual impacts of the structures and fa-
11 cilities on the wilderness areas can reasonably be
12 minimized.