

**Calendar No. 277**112<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION**S. 766****[Report No. 112-115]**

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**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES**

APRIL 7 (legislative day, APRIL 5), 2011

Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

JANUARY 13, 2012

Reported under authority of the order of the Senate of December 17, 2011,  
by Mr. BINGAMAN, without amendment

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**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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Devil’s Staircase Wil-  
3 derness Act of 2011”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) MAP.—The term “map” means the map en-  
7 titled “Devil’s Staircase Wilderness Proposal” and  
8 dated June 15, 2010.

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

11 (A) with respect to land under the jurisdic-  
12 tion of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Sec-  
13 retary of Agriculture; and

14 (B) with respect to land under the jurisdic-  
15 tion of the Secretary of the Interior, the Sec-  
16 retary of the Interior.

17 (3) STATE.—The term “State” means the State  
18 of Oregon.

19 (4) WILDERNESS.—The term “Wilderness”  
20 means the Devil’s Staircase Wilderness designated  
21 by section 3(a).

22 **SEC. 3. DEVIL’S STAIRCASE WILDERNESS, OREGON.**

23 (a) DESIGNATION.—In accordance with the Wilder-  
24 ness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the approximately  
25 30,540 acres of Forest Service land and Bureau of Land  
26 Management land in the State, as generally depicted on

1 the map, is designated as wilderness and as a component  
2 of the National Wilderness Preservation System, to be  
3 known as the “Devil’s Staircase Wilderness”.

4 (b) MAP; LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after  
6 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
7 shall prepare a map and legal description of the Wil-  
8 derness.

9 (2) FORCE OF LAW.—The map and legal de-  
10 scription prepared under paragraph (1) shall have  
11 the same force and effect as if included in this Act,  
12 except that the Secretary may correct clerical and  
13 typographical errors in the map and legal descrip-  
14 tion.

15 (3) AVAILABILITY.—The map and legal descrip-  
16 tion prepared under paragraph (1) shall be on file  
17 and available for public inspection in the appropriate  
18 offices of the Forest Service and Bureau of Land  
19 Management.

20 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—Subject to valid existing  
21 rights, the area designated as wilderness by this section  
22 shall be administered by the Secretary in accordance with  
23 the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), except  
24 that—

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

4           (2) any reference in that Act to the Secretary  
5           of Agriculture shall be considered to be a reference  
6           to the Secretary that has jurisdiction over the land  
7           within the Wilderness.

8           (d) FISH AND WILDLIFE.—Nothing in this section  
9           affects the jurisdiction or responsibilities of the State with  
10          respect to fish and wildlife in the State.

11          (e) ADJACENT MANAGEMENT.—

12           (1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this section cre-  
13           ates any protective perimeter or buffer zone around  
14           the Wilderness.

15           (2) ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE WILDERNESS.—The  
16           fact that a nonwilderness activity or use on land out-  
17           side the Wilderness can be seen or heard within the  
18           Wilderness shall not preclude the activity or use out-  
19           side the boundary of the Wilderness.

20          (f) PROTECTION OF TRIBAL RIGHTS.—Nothing in  
21          this section diminishes any treaty rights of an Indian  
22          tribe.

23          (g) TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDIC-  
24          TION.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Administrative jurisdiction  
 2 over the approximately 49 acres of Bureau of Land  
 3 Management land north of the Umpqua River in sec.  
 4 32, T. 21 S., R. 11 W, is transferred from the Bu-  
 5 reau of Land Management to the Forest Service.

6           (2) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary shall ad-  
 7 minister the land transferred by paragraph (1) in  
 8 accordance with—

9                   (A) the Act of March 1, 1911 (commonly  
 10 known as the “Weeks Law”) (16 U.S.C. 480 et  
 11 seq.); and

12                   (B) any laws (including regulations) appli-  
 13 cable to the National Forest System.

14 **SEC. 4. WILD AND SCENIC RIVER DESIGNATIONS, WASSON**  
 15 **CREEK AND FRANKLIN CREEK, OREGON.**

16           Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16  
 17 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
 18 lowing:

19                   “(208) FRANKLIN CREEK, OREGON.—The 4.5-  
 20 mile segment from its headwaters to the line of  
 21 angle points within sec. 8, T. 22 S., R. 10 W.,  
 22 shown on the survey recorded in the Official Records  
 23 of Douglas County, Oregon, as M64–62, to be ad-  
 24 ministered by the Secretary of Agriculture as a wild  
 25 river.

1           “(209) WASSON CREEK, OREGON.—The 10.1-  
2 mile segment in the following classes:

3           “(A) The 4.2-mile segment from the east-  
4 ern boundary of sec. 17, T. 21 S., R. 9 W.,  
5 downstream to the western boundary of sec. 12,  
6 T. 21 S., R. 10 W., to be administered by the  
7 Secretary of the Interior as a wild river.

8           “(B) The 5.9-mile segment from the west-  
9 ern boundary of sec. 12, T. 21 S., R. 10 W.,  
10 downstream to the eastern boundary of the  
11 northwest quarter of sec. 22, T. 21 S., R. 10  
12 W., to be administered by the Secretary of Ag-  
13 riculture as a wild river.”.



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