

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1606

To designate as wilderness certain National Forest System land in the State of Illinois, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 13, 2021

Mr. ROMNEY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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 “Shawnee Wilderness
5 Designation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SHAWNEE WILDERNESS, ILLINOIS.**

7 (a) DESIGNATION.—In accordance with the Wilder-
8 ness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), there is designated as
9 wilderness and as a component of the National Wilderness
10 Preservation System, to be known as the “Shawnee Wil-

1 derness” (referred to in this Act as the “Wilderness”), the
2 approximately 289,000 acres of Forest Service land com-
3 prising the Shawnee National Forest in the State of Illi-
4 nois.

5 (b) MAP; LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after
7 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
8 Agriculture (referred to in this Act as the “Sec-
9 retary”) shall prepare a map and legal description of
10 the Wilderness.

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

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

21 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—Subject to valid existing
22 rights, the Wilderness shall be administered by the Sec-
23 retary in accordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C.
24 1131 et seq.), except that any reference in that Act to

- 1 the effective date shall be considered to be a reference to
- 2 the date of enactment of this Act.

