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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

OCTOBER 27, 2025

Reported by Mr. BOOZMAN, without amendment

AN ACTTo 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Flatside Wilderness
5 Additions Act”.

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

7 Section 3(d) of Arkansas Wilderness Act of 1984
8 (Public Law 98–508; 98 Stat. 2349) is amended by insert-
9 ing “and certain land in the Ouachita National Forest,

1 which comprise approximately 2,212 acres, generally de-
2 picted as” Land Proposed for Wilderness Designation “on
3 the map titled” Flatside Wilderness, Proposed Addition
4 Designation “, dated November 12, 2024” after “1984”.

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

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

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

12 The wilderness designated by section 3(d) of Arkan-
13 sas Wilderness Act of 1984 (Public Law 98–508; 98 Stat.
14 2349), shall be known as the “Flatside-Bethune Wilder-
15 ness”. Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document,
16 paper, or other record of the United States to such portion
17 of the Flatside Wilderness shall be deemed to be a ref-
18 erence to the Flatside-Bethune Wilderness.

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