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98TH CONGRESS
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S. 626

To designate the Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness in the State of Arizona.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 1 (legislative day, FEBRUARY 23), 1983

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

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A BILL

To designate the Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness in the State of Arizona.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
 3 That this Act may be cited as the "Aravaipa Canyon Wilder-
 4 ness Act".

5 SEC. 2. The Congress finds that—

6 (a) the Aravaipa Canyon, situated in the Galiuro
 7 Mountains in the Sonoran desert region of southern
 8 Arizona, is a primitive place of great natural beauty
 9 that, due to the rare presence of a perennial stream,
 10 supports an extraordinary abundance and diversity of

1 native plant, fish, and wildlife, making it a resource of
2 national significance; and

3 (b) the Aravaipa Canyon should, together with
4 certain adjoining public lands, be incorporated within
5 the national wilderness preservation system in order to
6 provide for the preservation and protection of this rela-
7 tively undisturbed but fragile complex of desert, ripar-
8 ian and aquatic ecosystems, and the native plant, fish,
9 and wildlife communities dependent on it, as well as to
10 protect and preserve the area's great scenic, geologic,
11 and historical values, to a greater degree than would
12 be possible in the absence of wilderness designation.

13 SEC. 3. In furtherance of the purposes of the Wilderness
14 Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 890, 16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) and
15 consistent with the policies and provisions of the Federal
16 Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (90 Stat. 2743;
17 43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), certain public lands in Graham and
18 Pinal Counties, Arizona, which comprise approximately six
19 thousand six hundred and seventy acres, as generally depict-
20 ed on a map entitled "Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness—Pro-
21 posed" and dated May 1980, are hereby designated as the
22 Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness and, therefore, as a component
23 of the national wilderness preservation system.

24 SEC. 4. Subject to valid existing rights, the Aravaipa
25 Canyon Wilderness shall be administered by the Secretary of

1 the Interior in accordance with the provisions of the Wilder-
2 ness Act governing areas designated by that Act as wilder-
3 ness. For purposes of this Act, any references in such provi-
4 sions to the effective date of the Wilderness Act shall be
5 deemed to be a reference to the effective date of this Act and
6 any reference to the Secretary of Agriculture with regard to
7 administration of such areas shall be deemed to be a refer-
8 ence to the Secretary of the Interior, and any reference to
9 wilderness areas designated by the Wilderness Act or desig-
10 nated national forest wilderness areas shall be deemed to be a
11 reference to the Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness. For purposes
12 of this Act, the reference to national forest rules and regula-
13 tions in the second sentence of section 4(d)(3) of the Wilder-
14 ness Act shall be deemed to be a reference to rules and regu-
15 lations applicable to public lands, as defined in section 103(e)
16 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43
17 U.S.C. 1701, 1702).

18 SEC. 5. As soon as practicable after this Act takes
19 effect, the Secretary of the Interior shall file a map and a
20 legal description of the Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness with the
21 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the United
22 States Senate and with the Committee on Interior and Insu-
23 lar Affairs of the United States House of Representatives,
24 and such map and description shall have the same force and
25 effect as if included in this Act: *Provided*, That correction of

1 clerical and typographical errors in the legal description and
2 map may be made. The map and legal description shall be on
3 file and available for public inspection in the offices of the
4 Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

5 SEC. 6. Except as further provided in this section, the
6 Aravaipa Primitive Area designations of January 16, 1969,
7 and April 28, 1971, are hereby revoked. Prior to promulga-
8 tion of rules and regulations to provide for its administration
9 as a component of the national wilderness preservation
10 system, subject to existing withdrawals, the Aravaipa
11 Canyon Wilderness shall be administered under rules and
12 regulations of the Secretary of the Interior applicable to des-
13 ignated primitive areas to the extent consistent with the pro-
14 visions of this Act.

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