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An Act

Oct. 30, 1986  
[H.R. 4350]

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, and for other purposes.

Conservation.  
National parks,  
monuments, etc.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

Wild and Scenic  
Rivers System.

TITLE I—CACHE LA POUUDRE, COLORADO

SEC. 101. Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(56) CACHE LA POUUDRE, COLORADO.—The following segments as generally depicted on the proposed boundary map numbered FS-56 and dated March 1986, published by the United States Department of Agriculture, each to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture; except that those portions of the segments so designated which are within the boundary of Rocky Mountain National Park shall continue to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior:

“(A) Beginning at Poudre Lake downstream to the confluence of Joe Wright Creek, as a wild river. This segment to be designated the ‘Peter H. Dominick Wild River Area’.

“(B) Downstream from the confluence of Joe Wright Creek to a point where the river intersects the easterly north-south line of the west half southwest quarter of section 1, township 8 north, range 71 west of the sixth principal meridian, as a recreational river.

“(C) South Fork of the Cache la Poudre River from its source to the Commanche Peak Wilderness Boundary, approximately four miles, as a wild river.

“(D) Beginning at the Commanche Peak Wilderness Boundary to a point on the South Fork of the Cache la Poudre River in section 1, township 7 north, range 73 west of the sixth principal meridian, at elevation 8050 mean sea level, as a recreational river.

“(E) South Fork of the Cache la Poudre River from its intersection with the easterly section line of section 30, township 8 north, range 72 west of the sixth principal meridian, to confluence of the main stem of the Cache la Poudre River, as a wild river.

With respect to the portions of the river segments designated by this paragraph which are within the boundaries of Rocky Mountain National Park, the requirements of subsection (b) of this section shall be fulfilled by the Secretary of the Interior through appropriate revisions to the general management plan for the park, and the boundaries, classification, and development plans for such portions need not be published in the Federal Register. Such revisions to the general management plan for the park shall assure that no development or use of parklands shall be undertaken that is inconsistent with the designation of such river segments as a wild river. For the purposes of the segments designated by this paragraph, there are authorized to be appropriated \$500,000 for development and \$2,500,000 for land acquisition.”.

Appropriation  
authorization.  
Real property.

SEC. 102. Inclusion of the designated portions of the Cache la Poudre River and the Wild and Scenic Rivers System under section 101 of this title shall not interfere with the exercise of existing decreed water rights to water which has heretofore been stored or diverted by means of the present capacity of storage, conveyance, or diversion structures that exist as of the date of enactment of this title, or operation and maintenance of such structures. Nor shall inclusion of the designated portions of the Cache la Poudre River in the Wild and Scenic Rivers System be utilized in any Federal proceeding, whether concerning a license, permit, right-of-way, or other Federal action, as a reason or basis to prohibit the development or operation of any water impoundments, diversion facilities, and hydroelectric power and transmission facilities below Poudre Park located entirely downstream from and potentially affecting designated portions of the Cache la Poudre River, or relocation of highway 14 to any point east of the north-south half section line of section 2, township 8 north, range 71 west of the sixth principal meridian, as necessary to provide access to Poudre Park around such facilities: *Provided*, That due consideration shall be given to reasonable measures for minimizing the impact of such facilities and road relocation on the designated segments. Congress finds that development of water impoundments, diversion facilities, and hydroelectric power and transmission facilities located entirely downstream from the designated portions of the Cache la Poudre River below Poudre Park, in accordance with the provisions of this section, is not incompatible with the designation of portions of the Cache la Poudre River in the Wild and Scenic Rivers System under section 101 of this title. The reservation of water established by the inclusion of portions of the Cache la Poudre River in the Wild and Scenic Rivers System shall be subject to the provisions of this title, shall be adjudicated in Colorado Water Court, and shall have a priority date as of the date of enactment of this title.

Water.  
16 USC 1274  
note.

Energy.

Energy.

SEC. 103. (a) GRANTS AND ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, shall provide grants and technical assistance to the city of Fort Collins, Colorado, to carry out a study regarding the designation of the following area as a national recreation area: the 18.5-mile segment of the Cache la Poudre River Corridor from the northwest boundary of the city of Fort Collins urban growth area to the Weld-Larimer County line.

(b) STUDY.—The study under this section shall include each of the following:

(A) a comprehensive evaluation of the public recreation opportunities and flood plain management options which are available with respect to the river corridor involved;

(B) an evaluation of the natural, historical, and recreational values of such corridor;

(C) patterns for possible land acquisition within the corridor which are deemed necessary for the purpose of resource protection, scenic and integrity, or management and administration of the corridor area;

(D) cooperative management proposals for the administration of the corridor area;

(E) the number of visitors and types of public use within the corridor area that can be accommodated in accordance with the full protection of its resources; and

(F) the facilities deemed necessary to accommodate and provide access for such visitors and uses, including the location and estimated costs of such facilities.

(c) **REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—Within three years of the date of enactment of this title, the Secretary of Agriculture shall transmit to the Congress a comprehensive report containing the results of the study conducted pursuant to this section.

Appropriation  
authorization.

(d) **FUNDING.**—There are hereby authorized to be appropriated up to \$150,000 to carry out the provisions of this section.

(e) **COST SHARING.**—Not more than 75 per centum of the cost of the study carried out under this section shall be paid by the United States: *Provided*, That in no event shall the contribution of the United States exceed \$150,000. The remaining portion of such costs shall be contributed by interested parties. The portion contributed by such interested parties may consist of appropriated funds or contributed services.

**SEC. 104.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior shall, within 30 days of the enactment of this title, complete the exchange as described in the Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact, Trust For Public Land Proposed Land-for-Land Exchange, signed by the Rocky Mountain Regional Forester, on August 22, 1985, to acquire certain private lands in the portion of the Cache la Poudre River designated in section 3(a)(56)(B) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)(56)(B)).

## TITLE II—FARMINGTON, WEST BRANCH, CONNECTICUT AND MASSACHUSETTS

Farmington  
Wild and  
Scenic River  
Study Act.  
16 USC 1271  
note.  
Fish and fishing.

**SEC. 201.** This title may be cited as the “Farmington Wild and Scenic River Study Act”.

**SEC. 202.** (a) The Congress finds that—

(1) the West Branch of the Farmington River and related land areas possess resource values of national significance, such as significant white water rapids, undeveloped lands, scenic and cultural areas, important sport fisheries, and prime agricultural lands;

(2) based on the National Rivers Inventory by the National Park Service, published in January 1982, this portion of the Farmington River is eligible for study for inclusion in the wild and scenic rivers system;

State and local  
governments.

(3) there is strong support among local, State, and Federal officials, area residents, and river users for a concerted cooperative effort to manage the river in a productive and meaningful way; and

State and local  
governments.

(4) in view of the longstanding Federal practice of assisting States and local governments in protecting, conserving, and enhancing rivers of national significance, the United States has an interest in assisting the States of Connecticut and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the appropriate local governments in managing the river.

(b) Section 5(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(a)) is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

“(92) **FARMINGTON, WEST BRANCH, CONNECTICUT AND MASSACHUSETTS.**—The segment from the intersection of the New Hartford-Canton, Connecticut, town line upstream to the base of the West Branch Reservoir in Hartland, Connecticut; and the segment from

the confluence with Thorp Brook in Sandisfield, Massachusetts, to Hayden Pond in Otis, Massachusetts.”

(c) Section 5(b) of such Act (16 U.S.C. 1276(b)) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

“(7) The study of the West Branch of the Farmington River identified in paragraph (92) of subsection (a) shall be completed and the report submitted thereon not later than the end of the third fiscal year beginning after the enactment of this paragraph. Such report shall include a discussion of management alternatives for the river if it were to be included in the national wild and scenic river system.”

Reports.

(d)(1) At the earliest practicable date following the enactment of this title, but not later than forty-five days after enactment, the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter in this title referred to as the “Secretary”) shall establish the Farmington River Study Committee (hereinafter in this title referred to as the “Committee”). The Secretary shall consult with the Committee on a regular basis during the conduct of the study. Membership on the Committee shall consist of seventeen members appointed by the Secretary as follows:

(A) One member shall be appointed by the Secretary.

(B) Two members shall be appointed by the Secretary from a list of candidates supplied to the Secretary by the Governor of the State of Connecticut.

(C) Two members shall be appointed by the Secretary from a list of candidates supplied to the Secretary by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

(D) Two members shall be appointed by the Secretary from a list of candidates supplied to the Secretary by the Farmington River Watershed Association.

(E) One member shall be appointed by the Secretary from each of the eight towns located along the West Branch of the river. The governing body of each of the eight towns shall provide a list of candidates to the Secretary from which the eight appointments under this paragraph shall be made.

(F) Two members shall be appointed by the Secretary from a list of candidates supplied to the Secretary by the Metropolitan District Commission of Hartford, Connecticut.

(2) The members of the Committee shall elect a chairman, vice chairman, and recording secretary from the membership at the first official meeting of the Committee. Official minutes shall be kept of each regular and special meeting of the Committee and shall be open for public inspection.

(3) Any vacancy on the Committee shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed shall be appointed only for the remainder of such term. Vacancies in the membership of the Committee shall not affect its power to function if there remain sufficient members to constitute a quorum under paragraph (4) of this subsection.

(4) A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for all meetings.

(5) The Committee shall advise the Secretary in conducting the study of the Farmington River segment specified in section 5(a)(92) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. The Committee also shall advise

16 USC 1276.

the Secretary concerning management alternatives should the river be included in the wild and scenic rivers system.

(6) Members of the Committee shall serve without compensation but may be compensated for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members of the Committee.

(7) The Committee may accept and utilize the services of voluntary, uncompensated personnel.

(8) The Committee shall terminate on the later of the following:

16 USC 1276.

(A) the completion of the river study of the Farmington River described in section 5(a)(92) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act; or

(B) the publication of management alternatives should the river be included in the wild and scenic rivers system.

(e) As used in this title (other than in subsection (b)) the term "River" means the segments of the Farmington River described in paragraph (92) of section 5(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1275(a)).

Appropriation authorization.

(f) There are authorized to be appropriated up to \$150,000 to carry out the purposes of this title.

### TITLE III—GREAT EGG HARBOR, NEW JERSEY

16 USC 1276.

**SEC. 301. (a) STUDY.**—Section 5(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1271-1287) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

"(93) Great Egg Harbor River, New Jersey: The entire river."

(b) **COMPLETION DATE.**—Section 5(b)(3) of such Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "The study of the river named in paragraph (93) of subsection (a) shall be completed not later than three years after the date of the enactment of this sentence."

(c) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—Paragraph (4) of section 5(b) of such Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "Effective October 1, 1986, there are authorized to be appropriated for the purpose of conducting the study of the river named in paragraph (93) not to exceed \$150,000."

### TITLE IV—SALINE BAYOU, LOUISIANA

**SEC. 401.** Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

"(57) **SALINE BAYOU, LOUISIANA.**—The segment from Saline Lake upstream to the Kisatchie National Forest, as generally depicted on the Proposed Boundary Map, numbered FS-57, and dated March 1986; to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture. For the purposes of the segment designated by this paragraph, there are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal years commencing after September 30, 1986, not to exceed \$1,000,000 for the acquisition of lands and interests in lands and for development."

Appropriation authorization.

### TITLE V—GENERIC AMENDMENTS

**SEC. 501. (a)** Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by redesignating the paragraphs relating to the Au Sable River, the Tuolumne River, the Illinois River, and the Owyhee River as paragraphs (52) through (55) respectively.

(b)(1) The first sentence of section 3(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act is amended as follows: 16 USC 1274.

(A) Strike out “one year from the date of this Act” and substitute “one year from the date of designation of such component under subsection (a)”.

(B) Strike out the second parenthetical statement, “(which boundaries shall include an average of not more than 320 acres of land per mile measured from the ordinary high water mark on both sides of the river)”.

(C) Strike out the semicolon and the remainder of the sentence after the words “its various segments” and substitute a period.

(2) The second sentence of section 3(b) of such Act is amended by striking out “Said boundaries, classification, and development plans” and substituting the words “Notice of the availability of the boundaries and classification, and of subsequent boundary amendments”.

(3) Section 3 of such Act is amended by adding the following new subsections at the end:

“(c) Maps of all boundaries and descriptions of the classifications of designated river segments, and subsequent amendments to such boundaries, shall be available for public inspection in the offices of the administering agency in the District of Columbia and in locations convenient to the designated river.

District of  
Columbia.  
Public  
information.

“(d)(1) For rivers designated on or after January 1, 1986, the Federal agency charged with the administration of each component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System shall prepare a comprehensive management plan for such river segment to provide for the protection of the river values. The plan shall address resource protection, development of lands and facilities, user capacities, and other management practices necessary or desirable to achieve the purposes of this Act. The plan shall be coordinated with and may be incorporated into resource management planning for affected adjacent Federal lands. The plan shall be prepared, after consultation with State and local governments and the interested public within 3 full fiscal years after the date of designation. Notice of the completion and availability of such plans shall be published in the Federal Register.

State and local  
governments.

Federal  
Register,  
publication.

“(2) For rivers designated before January 1, 1986, all boundaries, classifications, and plans shall be reviewed for conformity within the requirements of this subsection within 10 years through regular agency planning processes.”.

SEC. 502. Section 4 of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act is amended by adding a new subsection (d) after subsection (c): 16 USC 1275.

“(d) The boundaries of any river proposed in section 5(a) of this Act for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System shall generally comprise that area measured within one-quarter mile from the ordinary high water mark on each side of the river. In the case of any designated river, prior to publication of boundaries pursuant to section 3(b) of this Act, the boundaries also shall comprise the same area. This subsection shall not be construed to limit the possible scope of the study report to address areas which may lie more than one-quarter mile from the ordinary high water mark on each side of the river.”.

SEC. 503. Section 5 of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act is amended as follows: 16 USC 1276.

- (a) In subsection (a) paragraph (90) relating to the North Umpqua is redesignated as paragraph (91).
- Reports. (b) At the end of subsection (b)(1) add: "Studies of the river named in paragraphs (38), (55), (83), and (87) shall be completed and the reports transmitted to the Congress not later than January 1, 1987."
- Appropriation authorization. (c) Amend paragraph (4) of subsection (b) to read as follows: "(4) For the purposes of conducting the studies of rivers named in subsection (a), there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as necessary."
- 16 USC 1277. SEC. 504. (a) Section 6(e) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act is amended by striking out "Congress in authorized" and substituting "Congress is authorized".
- (b) Section 6(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act is amended by striking out "donation, and lands" in the second sentence and substituting "donation or by exchange in accordance with subsection (d) of this section. Lands".
- (c) Section 6(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act is amended by inserting "(1)" after "(a)" and by adding the following at the end: "(2) When a tract of land lies partially within and partially outside the boundaries of a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, the appropriate Secretary may, with the consent of the landowners for the portion outside the boundaries, acquire the entire tract. The land or interest therein so acquired outside the boundaries shall not be counted against the average one-hundred-acre-per-mile fee title limitation of subsection (a)(1). The lands or interests therein outside such boundaries, shall be disposed of, consistent with existing authorities of law, by sale, lease, or exchange."
- (d) Section 6(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act is amended as follows:
- (1) Insert in the first sentence "outside the ordinary high water mark on both sides of the river" after the word "acreage".
- (2) Insert "in fee title" after the word "owned".
- 16 USC 1278. SEC. 505. (a) The second sentence of section 7(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act is amended by deleting "approval of this Act" and substituting "designation of a river as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System".
- (b) Section 7(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act is amended as follows:
- (1) In the first sentence after clause (i) insert a new clause (ii) as follows: "(ii) during such interim period from the date a report is due and the time a report is actually submitted to the Congress; and".
- (2) Redesignate existing clause (ii) as clause (iii).
- (3) At the end of the second sentence, delete "approval of this Act" and insert in lieu thereof the words, "designation of a river for study as provided for in section 5 of this Act".
- Ante*, p. 3335. 16 USC 1279. SEC. 506. Section 8(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act is amended by adding the following at the end thereof: "This subsection shall not be construed to limit the authorities granted in section 6(d) or section 14A of this Act."
- 16 USC 1277, 1285a. 16 USC 1280. SEC. 507. Section 9(b) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act is amended by striking out "issuance or leases" in the second sentence and substituting "issuance of leases".

SEC. 508. Section 11 of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act is amended by deleting the second sentence in subsection (a) and by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

16 USC 1282.

“(b)(1) The Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, or the head of any other Federal agency, shall assist, advise, and cooperate with States or their political subdivisions, landowners, private organizations, or individuals to plan, protect, and manage river resources. Such assistance, advice, and cooperation may be through written agreements or otherwise. This authority applies within or outside a federally administered area and applies to rivers which are components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System and to other rivers. Any agreement under this subsection may include provisions for limited financial or other assistance to encourage participation in the acquisition, protection, and management of river resources.

State and local governments.  
Contracts.

“(2) Wherever appropriate in furtherance of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior are authorized and encouraged to utilize the following:

“(A) For activities on federally owned land, the Volunteers in the Parks Act of 1969 (16 U.S.C. 18g-j) and the Volunteers in the Forest Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 558a-558d).

“(B) For activities on all other lands, section 6 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (relating to the development of statewide comprehensive outdoor recreation plans).

16 USC 4607-8.  
Voluntarism.

“(3) For purposes of this subsection, the appropriate Secretary or the head of any Federal agency may utilize and make available Federal facilities, equipment, tools and technical assistance to volunteers and volunteer organizations, subject to such limitations and restrictions as the appropriate Secretary or the head of any Federal agency deems necessary or desirable.

“(4) No permit or other authorization provided for under provision of any other Federal law shall be conditioned on the existence of any agreement provided for in this section.”.

SEC. 509. Section 12(c) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act is amended by deleting the words “Secretary of the Interior” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency”.

16 USC 1283.

SEC. 510. Section 16(c) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act is amended by adding at the end thereof: “For any designated wild and scenic river, the appropriate Secretary shall treat the acquisition of fee title with the reservation of regular existing uses to the owner as a scenic easement for purposes of this Act. Such an acquisition shall not constitute fee title ownership for purposes of section 6(b).”.

16 USC 1286.

*Ante*, p. 3336.

## TITLE VI

SEC. 601. Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

“(58) BLACK CREEK, MISSISSIPPI.—The segment from Fairley Bridge Landing upstream to Moody’s Landing as generally depicted on a map entitled ‘Black Creek Wild and Scenic River’, numbered FS-58 and dated March 1986, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as a scenic river area under section 2(b)(2). For the purposes of the segment designated by this paragraph, there are authorized to be appropriated up to \$300,000 for the acquisition of lands and interests in lands and for development.”.