

Oregon Wildlands Act

Title I – Oregon National Recreation Areas

Sec. 101 – Rogue Canyon and Molalla National Recreation Areas, Oregon

Designates approximately 94,700 acres of Bureau of Land Management land as the “Rogue Canyon National Recreation Area,” and approximately 24,100 acres of Bureau of Land Management land as the “Molalla National Recreation Area.” The purposes of the designations are protecting, conserving, and enhancing the unique and nationally important recreational, ecological, scenic, cultural, watershed, and fish and wildlife values of these areas. Prohibited uses of the lands include permanent roads, commercial enterprises, and, except when necessary to meet the minimum requirements for the administration of the Federal land and to protect public health and safety, the use of motor vehicles or the establishment of temporary roads. These areas are also withdrawn from entry, appropriation, or disposal; mining activities; and mineral and geothermal leasing.

Title II – Additional Wild and Scenic River Designations and Technical Corrections

Sec. 201 – Additions to Rogue Wild and Scenic River

Designates nearly 125 miles of river as wild, scenic, or recreational rivers under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, withdraws 37 river segments from mining, and geothermal activities, and withdraws 6 river segments from hydroelectric activities.

Sec. 202 – Technical corrections to the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act

Makes technical corrections to the existing wild and scenic river designations along the Chetco River. The wild segment increases from 25.5 miles to 27.5 miles. The scenic segment decreases from 8 miles to 7.5 miles. The recreational segment decreases from 11 to 9.5 miles. 19 miles are withdrawn from entry, appropriation, or disposal; mining activities; and mineral and geothermal leasing laws.

Sec. 203 – Wild and scenic river designations, Wasson Creek and Franklin Creek, Oregon

Designates a total of 14.6 miles of river segments on the Franklin Creek and Wasson Creek as wild rivers under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

Sec. 204 – Wild and scenic river designations, Molalla River, Oregon

Designates a 15.1 mile segment of the Molalla River and a 6.2 mile segment of the Table Rock Fork Molalla River as a recreational river under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. These segments are withdrawn from entry, appropriation, or disposal; mining activities; and mineral and geothermal leasing laws.

Sec. 205 – Designation of additional wild and scenic rivers

Designates a total of approximately 35.2 miles of the Elk River as a new recreational, scenic, and wild rivers, and withdraws these segments from entry, appropriation, or disposal; mining activities; and mineral and geothermal leasing laws. Additionally, this subtitle designates an additional 54.5 miles as recreational or scenic rivers.

Title III – Wilderness Areas

Sec. 301 – Expansion of Wild Rogue Wilderness Area

This subtitle expands the existing Wild Rogue Wilderness and adds 35 tributaries of the Rogue River to the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

- Approximately 56,100 acres are added to the Wild Rogue Wilderness and nearly all of those acres will be managed by BLM, with the Forest Service managing roughly 100 acres.
- An additional 600 acres is set aside on the map as “potential wilderness” and is to be included as part of the Wild Rogue Wilderness as soon as the Secretary determines it is suitable for a wilderness designation.
- All land in this subtitle is withdrawn from mining and geothermal activities.
- The roughly 4,000 acres that are in the withdrawal area not in the wilderness or potential wilderness are also prohibited from the establishment of permanent roads, commercial activities, motor vehicle use, and temporary road construction.

Sec. 302 – Devil’s Staircase Wilderness

Creates the Devil’s Staircase Wilderness on approximately 30,540 acres of Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management land in the State of Oregon. Approximately 49 acres of administrative jurisdiction of BLM land is transferred to the Forest Service.