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An Act

To designate certain lands in the California Desert as wilderness, to establish the Death Valley and Joshua Tree National Parks, to establish the Mojave National Preserve, and for other purposes.

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

Sections 1 and 2, and titles I through IX of this Act may be cited as the “California Desert Protection Act of 1994”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND POLICY.

(a) The Congress finds and declares that—

(1) the federally owned desert lands of southern California constitute a public wildland resource of extraordinary and inestimable value for this and future generations;

(2) these desert wildlands display unique scenic, historical, archeological, environmental, ecological, wildlife, cultural, scientific, educational, and recreational values used and enjoyed by millions of Americans for hiking and camping, scientific study and scenic appreciation;

(3) the public land resources of the California desert now face and are increasingly threatened by adverse pressures which would impair, dilute, and destroy their public and natural values;

(4) the California desert, embracing wilderness lands, units of the National Park System, other Federal lands, State parks and other State lands, and private lands, constitutes a cohesive unit posing unique and difficult resource protection and management challenges;

(5) through designation of national monuments by Presidential proclamation, through enactment of general public land statutes (including section 601 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 90 Stat. 2743, 43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) and through interim administrative actions, the Federal Government has begun the process of appropriately providing for protection of the significant resources of the public lands in the California desert; and

(6) statutory land unit designations are needed to afford the full protection which the resources and public land values of the California desert merit.

(b) In order to secure for the American people of this and future generations an enduring heritage of wilderness, national parks, and public land values in the California desert, it is hereby declared to be the policy of the Congress that—

(1) appropriate public lands in the California desert shall be included within the National Park System and the National Wilderness Preservation System, in order to—

(A) preserve unrivaled scenic, geologic, and wildlife values associated with these unique natural landscapes;

(B) perpetuate in their natural state significant and diverse ecosystems of the California desert;

(C) protect and preserve historical and cultural values of the California desert associated with ancient Indian cultures, patterns of western exploration and settlement, and sites exemplifying the mining, ranching and railroad history of the Old West;

(D) provide opportunities for compatible outdoor public recreation, protect and interpret ecological and geological features and historic, paleontological, and archeological sites, maintain wilderness resource values, and promote public understanding and appreciation of the California desert; and

(E) retain and enhance opportunities for scientific research in undisturbed ecosystems.

TITLE I—DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

SEC. 101. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds and declares that—

(1) wilderness is a distinguishing characteristic of the public lands in the California desert, one which affords an unrivaled opportunity for experiencing vast areas of the Old West essentially unaltered by man's activities, and which merits preservation for the benefit of present and future generations;

(2) the wilderness values of desert lands are increasingly threatened by and especially vulnerable to impairment, alteration, and destruction by activities and intrusions associated with incompatible use and development; and

(3) preservation of desert wilderness necessarily requires the highest forms of protective designation and management.

SEC. 102. DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS.

In furtherance of the purpose of the Wilderness Act (78 Stat. 890, 16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), and sections 601 and 603 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (90 Stat. 2743, 43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), the following lands in the State of California, as generally depicted on maps referenced herein, are hereby designated as wilderness, and therefore, as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System:

(1) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately seventy-four thousand eight hundred and ninety acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Argus Range Wilderness—Proposed 1", dated May 1991, and two maps entitled "Argus Range Wilderness—Proposed 2" and "Argus Range Wilderness—Proposed 3", dated January 1989, and which shall

be known as the Argus Range Wilderness. If at any time within fifteen years after the date of enactment of this Act the Secretary of the Navy notifies the Secretary that permission has been granted to use lands within the area of the China Lake Naval Air Warfare Center for installation of a space energy laser facility, and that establishment of a right-of-way across lands within the Argus Range Wilderness is desirable in order to facilitate access to the lands to be used for such facility, the Secretary of the Interior, pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, may grant a right-of-way for, and authorize construction of, a road to be used solely for that purpose across such lands, notwithstanding the designation of such lands as wilderness. So far as practicable, any such road shall be aligned in a manner that takes into account the desirability of minimizing adverse impacts on wilderness values.

(2) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately ten thousand three hundred and eighty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Bigelow Cholla Garden Wilderness— Proposed”, dated July 1993, and which shall be known as the Bigelow Cholla Garden Wilderness.

(3) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, and within the San Bernardino National Forest, which comprise approximately thirty-nine thousand one hundred and eighty-five acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Bighorn Mountain Wilderness—Proposed”, dated July 1993, and which shall be known as the Bighorn Mountain Wilderness.

(4) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area and the Yuma District, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately forty-seven thousand five hundred and seventy acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Big Maria Mountains Wilderness—Proposed”, dated February 1986, and which shall be known as the Big Maria Mountains Wilderness.

(5) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately thirteen thousand nine hundred and forty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Black Mountain Wilderness—Proposed”, dated July 1993, and which shall be known as the Black Mountain Wilderness.

(6) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately nine thousand five hundred and twenty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Bright Star Wilderness—Proposed”, dated October 1993, and which shall be known as the Bright Star Wilderness.

(7) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately sixty-eight thousand five hundred and fifteen acres, as generally depicted on two maps entitled “Bristol Mountains Wilderness—Proposed 1”, and “Bristol Mountains Wilderness—Proposed 2”, dated September 1991, and which shall be known as Bristol Mountains Wilderness.

(8) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise

approximately thirty-nine thousand seven hundred and forty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Cadiz Dunes Wilderness—Proposed”, dated July 1993, and which shall be known as the Cadiz Dunes Wilderness.

(9) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area and Eastern San Diego County, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately fifteen thousand seven hundred acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Carrizo Gorge Wilderness—Proposed”, dated February 1986, and which shall be known as the Carrizo Gorge Wilderness.

(10) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area and Yuma District, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately sixty-four thousand three hundred and twenty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Chemehuevi Mountains Wilderness—Proposed”, dated July 1993, and which shall be known as the Chemehuevi Mountains Wilderness.

(11) Certain lands in the Bakersfield District, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately thirteen thousand seven hundred acres, as generally depicted on two maps entitled “Chimney Park Wilderness—Proposed 1” and “Chimney Peak Wilderness—Proposed 2”, dated May 1991, and which shall be known as the Chimney Peak Wilderness.

(12) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately eighty thousand seven hundred and seventy acres, as generally depicted on two maps entitled “Chuckwalla Mountains Wilderness—Proposed 1” and “Chuckwalla Mountains Wilderness—Proposed 2”, dated July 1992, and which shall be known as the Chuckwalla Mountains Wilderness.

(13) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise thirty-three thousand nine hundred and eighty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Cleghorn Lakes Wilderness—Proposed”, dated July 1993, and which shall be known as the Cleghorn Lakes Wilderness. The Secretary may, pursuant to an application filed by the Department of Defense, grant a right-of-way for, and authorize construction of, a road within the area depicted as “nonwilderness road corridor” on such map.

(14) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately twenty-six thousand acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Clipper Mountain Wilderness—Proposed”, dated July 1993, and which shall be known as Clipper Mountain Wilderness.

(15) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately fifty thousand five hundred and twenty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Coso Range Wilderness—Proposed”, dated May 1991, and which shall be known as Coso Range Wilderness.

(16) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately seventeen thousand acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Coyote Mountains Wilderness—Proposed”,

dated July 1993, and which shall be known as Coyote Mountains Wilderness.

(17) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately eight thousand six hundred acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Darwin Falls Wilderness—Proposed”, dated May 1991, and which shall be known as Darwin Falls Wilderness.

(18) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area and the Yuma District, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately forty-eight thousand eight hundred and fifty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Dead Mountains Wilderness—Proposed”, dated October 1991, and which shall be known as Dead Mountains Wilderness.

(19) Certain lands in the Bakersfield District, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately thirty-six thousand three hundred acres, as generally depicted on two maps entitled “Domeland Wilderness Additions—Proposed 1” and “Domeland Wilderness Additions—Proposed 2”, dated February 1986, and which are hereby incorporated in, and which shall be deemed to be a part of, the Domeland Wilderness as designated by Public Laws 93–632 and 98–425.

(20) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately twenty-three thousand seven hundred and eighty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “El Paso Mountains Wilderness—Proposed”, dated July 1993, and which shall be known as the El Paso Mountains Wilderness.

(21) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately twenty-five thousand nine hundred and forty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Fish Creek Mountains Wilderness—Proposed”, dated July 1993, and which shall be known as Fish Creek Mountains Wilderness.

(22) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately twenty-eight thousand one hundred and ten acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Funeral Mountains Wilderness—Proposed”, dated May 1991, and which shall be known as Funeral Mountains Wilderness.

(23) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately thirty-seven thousand seven hundred acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Golden Valley Wilderness—Proposed”, dated February 1986, and which shall be known as Golden Valley Wilderness.

(24) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately thirty-one thousand six hundred and ninety-five acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Grass Valley Wilderness—Proposed”, dated July 1993, and which shall be known as the Grass Valley Wilderness.

(25) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately twenty-two thousand two hundred and forty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Hollow Hills

Wilderness—Proposed”, dated May 1991, and which shall be known as the Hollow Hills Wilderness.

(26) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately twenty-six thousand four hundred and sixty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Ibex Wilderness—Proposed”, dated May 1991, and which shall be known as the Ibex Wilderness.

(27) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately thirty-three thousand eight hundred and fifty-five acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Indian Pass Wilderness—Proposed”, dated July 1993, and which shall be known as the Indian Pass Wilderness.

(28) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area and the Bakersfield District, of the Bureau of Land Management, and within the Inyo National Forest, which comprise approximately two hundred and five thousand and twenty acres, as generally depicted on three maps entitled “Inyo Mountains Wilderness—Proposed 1”, “Inyo Mountains Wilderness—Proposed 2”, “Inyo Mountains Wilderness—Proposed 3”, dated May 1991, and which shall be known as the Inyo Mountains Wilderness.

(29) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately thirty-three thousand six hundred and seventy acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Jacumba Wilderness—Proposed”, dated July 1993, and which shall be known as the Jacumba Wilderness.

(30) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately one hundred and twenty-nine thousand five hundred and eighty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Kelso Dunes Wilderness—Proposed 1”, dated October 1991, a map entitled “Kelso Dunes Wilderness—Proposed 2”, dated May 1991, and a map entitled “Kelso Dunes Wilderness—Proposed 3”, dated September 1991, and which shall be known as the Kelso Dunes Wilderness.

(31) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, and the Sequoia National Forest, which comprise approximately eighty-eight thousand two hundred and ninety acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Kiavah Wilderness—Proposed 1”, dated February 1986, and a map entitled “Kiavah Wilderness—Proposed 2”, dated October 1993, and which shall be known as the Kiavah Wilderness.

(32) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately two hundred nine thousand, six hundred and eight acres, as generally depicted on four maps entitled “Kingston Range Wilderness—Proposed 1”, “Kingston Range Wilderness—Proposed 2”, “Kingston Range Wilderness—Proposed 3”, “Kingston Range Wilderness—Proposed 4”, dated July 1993, and which shall be known as the Kingston Range Wilderness.

(33) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately twenty-nine thousand eight hundred and eighty

acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Little Chuckwalla Mountains Wilderness—Proposed”, dated July 1993, and which shall be known as the Little Chuckwalla Mountains Wilderness.

(34) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area and the Yuma District, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately thirty-three thousand six hundred acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Little Picacho Wilderness—Proposed”, dated July 1993, and which shall be known as the Little Picacho Wilderness.

(35) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately thirty-two thousand three hundred and sixty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Malpais Mesa Wilderness—Proposed”, dated September 1991, and which shall be known as the Malpais Mesa Wilderness.

(36) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately sixteen thousand one hundred and five acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Manly Peak Wilderness—Proposed”, dated October 1991, and which shall be known as the Manly Peak Wilderness.

(37) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately twenty-four thousand two hundred acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Mecca Hills Wilderness—Proposed”, dated July 1993, and which shall be known as the Mecca Hills Wilderness.

(38) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately forty-seven thousand three hundred and thirty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Mesquite Wilderness—Proposed”, dated May 1991, and which shall be known as the Mesquite Wilderness.

(39) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately twenty-two thousand nine hundred acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Newberry Mountains Wilderness—Proposed”, dated February 1986, and which shall be known as the Newberry Mountains Wilderness.

(40) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately one hundred ten thousand eight hundred and sixty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Nopah Range Wilderness—Proposed”, dated July 1993, and which shall be known as the Nopah Range Wilderness.

(41) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately thirty-two thousand two hundred and forty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “North Algodones Dunes Wilderness—Proposed”, dated October 1991, and which shall be known as the North Algodones Dunes Wilderness.

(42) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately twenty-five thousand five hundred and forty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “North Mesquite

Mountains Wilderness—Proposed”, dated May 1991, and which shall be known as the North Mesquite Mountains Wilderness.

(43) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately one hundred forty-six thousand and twenty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Old Woman Mountains Wilderness—Proposed 1”, dated July 1993 and a map entitled “Old Woman Mountains Wilderness—Proposed 2”, dated July 1993, and which shall be known as the Old Woman Mountains Wilderness.

(44) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately forty thousand seven hundred and thirty-five acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Orocopia Mountains Wilderness—Proposed”, dated July 1993, and which shall be known as the Orocopia Mountains Wilderness.

(45) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area and the Bakersfield District, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately seventy-four thousand and sixty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Owens Peak Wilderness—Proposed 1”, dated February 1986, a map entitled “Owens Peak Wilderness—Proposed 2”, dated March 1994, and a map entitled “Owens Peak Wilderness—Proposed 3”, dated May 1991, and which shall be known as the Owens Peak Wilderness.

(46) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately seventy-four thousand eight hundred acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Pahrump Valley Wilderness—Proposed”, dated February 1986, and which shall be known as the Pahrump Valley Wilderness.

(47) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately two hundred seventy thousand six hundred and twenty-nine acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Palen/McCoy Wilderness—Proposed 1”, dated July 1993, and a map entitled “Palen/McCoy Wilderness—Proposed 2”, dated July 1993, and which shall be known as the Palen/McCoy Wilderness.

(48) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately thirty-two thousand three hundred and ten acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Palo Verde Mountains Wilderness—Proposed”, dated July 1993, and which shall be known as the Palo Verde Mountains Wilderness.

(49) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately seven thousand seven hundred acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Picacho Peak Wilderness—Proposed”, dated May 1991, and which shall be known as the Picacho Peak Wilderness.

(50) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately seventy-two thousand five hundred and seventy-five acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Piper Mountain Wilderness—Proposed”, dated October 1993, and which shall be known as the Piper Mountain Wilderness.

(51) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately thirty-six thousand eight hundred and forty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Piute Mountains Wilderness—Proposed”, dated July 1993, and which shall be known as the Piute Mountains Wilderness.

(52) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately seventy-eight thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Resting Spring Range Wilderness—Proposed”, dated May 1991, and which shall be known as the Resting Spring Range Wilderness.

(53) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately forty thousand eight hundred and twenty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Rice Valley Wilderness—Proposed”, dated May 1991, and which shall be known as the Rice Valley Wilderness.

(54) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area and the Yuma District, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately twenty-two thousand three hundred eighty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Riverside Mountains Wilderness—Proposed”, dated May 1991, and which shall be known as the Riverside Mountains Wilderness.

(55) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately twenty-seven thousand six hundred and ninety acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Rodman Mountains Wilderness—Proposed”, dated October 1994, and which shall be known as the Rodman Mountains Wilderness.

(56) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area and the Bakersfield District, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately fifty-one thousand nine hundred acres, as generally depicted on two maps entitled “Sacatar Trail Wilderness—Proposed 1” and “Sacatar Trail Wilderness—Proposed 2”, dated May 1991, and which shall be known as the Sacatar Trail Wilderness.

(57) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately one thousand four hundred and forty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Saddle Peak Hills Wilderness—Proposed”, dated July 1993, and which shall be known as the Saddle Peak Hills Wilderness.

(58) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately thirty-seven thousand nine hundred and eighty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “San Geronio Wilderness Additions—Proposed”, dated July 1993, and which are hereby incorporated in, and which shall be deemed to be a part of, the San Geronio Wilderness as designated by Public Laws 88–577 and 98–425.

(59) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately sixty-four thousand three hundred and forty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Santa Rosa Wilderness Additions—Proposed”, dated March 1994, and which

are hereby incorporated in, and which shall be deemed to be part of, the Santa Rosa Wilderness designated by Public Law 98-425.

(60) Certain lands in the California Desert District, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately thirty-five thousand and eighty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Sawtooth Mountains Wilderness—Proposed", dated July 1993, and which shall be known as the Sawtooth Mountains Wilderness.

(61) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately one hundred seventy-four thousand eight hundred acres, as generally depicted on two maps entitled "Sheephole Valley Wilderness—Proposed 1", dated July 1993, and "Sheephole Valley Wilderness—Proposed 2", dated July 1993, and which shall be known as the Sheephole Valley Wilderness.

(62) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately sixteen thousand seven hundred and eighty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "South Nopah Range Wilderness—Proposed", dated February 1986, and which shall be known as the South Nopah Range Wilderness.

(63) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately seven thousand and fifty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Stateline Wilderness—Proposed", dated May 1991, and which shall be known as the Stateline Wilderness.

(64) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately eighty-one thousand six hundred acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Stepladder Mountains Wilderness—Proposed", dated February 1986, and which shall be known as the Stepladder Mountains Wilderness.

(65) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately twenty-nine thousand one hundred and eighty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Surprise Canyon Wilderness—Proposed", dated September 1991, and which shall be known as the Surprise Canyon Wilderness.

(66) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately seventeen thousand eight hundred and twenty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Sylvania Mountains Wilderness—Proposed", dated February 1986, and which shall be known as the Sylvania Mountains Wilderness.

(67) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately thirty-one thousand one hundred and sixty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Trilobite Wilderness—Proposed", dated July 1993, and which shall be known as the Trilobite Wilderness.

(68) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately one hundred forty-four thousand five hundred acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Turtle Moun-

tains Wilderness—Proposed 1”, dated February 1986 and a map entitled “Turtle Mountains Wilderness—Proposed 2”, dated May 1991, and which shall be known as the Turtle Mountains Wilderness.

(69) Certain lands in the California Desert Conservation Area and the Yuma District, of the Bureau of Land Management, which comprise approximately seventy-seven thousand five hundred and twenty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Whipple Mountains Wilderness—Proposed”, dated July 1993, and which shall be known as the Whipple Mountains Wilderness.

SEC. 103. ADMINISTRATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS.

(a) **MANAGEMENT.**—Subject to valid existing rights, each wilderness area designated under section 102 shall be administered by the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”) or the Secretary of Agriculture, as appropriate, in accordance with the provisions of the Wilderness Act, except that any reference in such provisions to the effective date of the Wilderness Act shall be deemed to be a reference to the effective date of this title and any reference to the Secretary of Agriculture shall be deemed to be a reference to the Secretary who has administrative jurisdiction over the area.

(b) **MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS.**—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of section 102, the Secretary concerned shall file a map and legal description for each wilderness area designated under this title with the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the United States Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the United States House of Representatives. Each such map and description shall have the same force and effect as if included in this title, except that the Secretary or the Secretary of Agriculture, as appropriate, may correct clerical and typographical errors in each such legal description and map. Each such map and legal description shall be on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, or the Chief of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, as appropriate.

(c) **LIVESTOCK.**—Within the wilderness areas designated under section 102, the grazing of livestock, where established prior to the date of enactment of this Act, shall be permitted to continue subject to such reasonable regulations, policies, and practices as the Secretary deems necessary, as long as such regulations, policies, and practices fully conform with and implement the intent of Congress regarding grazing in such areas as such intent is expressed in the Wilderness Act and section 101(f) of Public Law 101–628.

(d) **NO BUFFER ZONES.**—The Congress does not intend for the designation of wilderness areas in section 102 of this title to lead to the creation of protective perimeters or buffer zones around any such wilderness area. The fact that nonwilderness activities or uses can be seen or heard from areas within a wilderness area shall not, of itself, preclude such activities or uses up to the boundary of the wilderness area.

(e) **FISH AND WILDLIFE.**—As provided in section 4(d)(7) of the Wilderness Act, nothing in this title shall be construed as affecting the jurisdiction of the State of California with respect to wildlife and fish on the public lands located in that State.

(f) FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT.—Management activities to maintain or restore fish and wildlife populations and the habitats to support such populations may be carried out within wilderness areas designated by this title and shall include the use of motorized vehicles by the appropriate State agencies.

(g) LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCESS.—Nothing in this Act, including the wilderness designations made by such Act, may be construed to preclude Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies from conducting law enforcement and border operations as permitted before the date of enactment of this Act, including the use of motorized vehicles and aircraft, on any lands designated as wilderness by this Act.

SEC. 104. WILDERNESS REVIEW.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), the Congress hereby finds and directs that lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, of the Bureau of Land Management, not designated as wilderness or wilderness study areas by this Act have been adequately studied for wilderness designation pursuant to section 603 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (90 Stat. 2743, 43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), and are no longer subject to the requirement of section 603(c) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 pertaining to the management of wilderness study areas in a manner that does not impair the suitability of such areas for preservation as wilderness.

(b) AREAS NOT RELEASED.—The following areas shall continue to be subject to the requirements of section 603(c) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, pertaining to the management of wilderness study areas in a manner that does not impair the suitability of such areas for preservation as wilderness—

(1) certain lands which comprise approximately sixty-one thousand three hundred and twenty, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Avawatz Mountains Wilderness—Proposed”, dated May 1991;

(2) certain lands which comprise approximately thirty-nine thousand seven hundred and fifty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Kingston Range Wilderness—Proposed 4”, dated July 1993;

(3) certain lands which comprise approximately eighty thousand four hundred and thirty acres, as generally depicted on two maps entitled “Soda Mountains Wilderness—Proposed 1”, dated May 1991, and “Soda Mountains Wilderness—Proposed 2”, dated January 1989;

(4) certain lands which compromise approximately twenty-three thousand two hundred and fifty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “South Avawatz Mountains—Proposed”, dated May 1991;

(5) certain lands which comprise approximately seventeen thousand two hundred and eighty acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Death Valley National Park Boundary and Wilderness 17—Proposed”, dated July 1993;

(6) certain lands which comprise approximately eight thousand eight hundred acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Great Falls Basin Wilderness—Proposed”, dated February 1986; and