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To designate certain lands in the State of Washington as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. Kilmer introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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- 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 "Wild Olympics Wilder-
- 5 ness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF OLYMPIC NATIONAL FOREST WIL-
- 7 DERNESS AREAS.
- 8 (a) In General.—In furtherance of the Wilderness
- 9 Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), the following Federal land
- 10 in the Olympic National Forest in the State of Wash-

- 1 ington comprising approximately 126,554 acres, as gen-
- 2 erally depicted on the map entitled "Proposed Wild Olym-
- 3 pics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act" and
- 4 dated April 8, 2019 (referred to in this section as the
- 5 "map"), is designated as wilderness and as components
- 6 of the National Wilderness Preservation System:
- 7 (1) Lost creek wilderness.—Certain Fed-
- 8 eral land managed by the Forest Service, comprising
- 9 approximately 7,159 acres, as generally depicted on
- the map, which shall be known as the "Lost Creek"
- Wilderness".
- 12 (2) Rugged Ridge Wilderness.—Certain
- 13 Federal land managed by the Forest Service, com-
- prising approximately 5,956 acres, as generally de-
- picted on the map, which shall be known as the
- "Rugged Ridge Wilderness".
- 17 (3) Alckee Creek Wilderness.—Certain
- 18 Federal land managed by the Forest Service, com-
- prising approximately 1,787 acres, as generally de-
- 20 picted on the map, which shall be known as the
- 21 "Alckee Creek Wilderness".
- 22 (4) Gates of the elwha wilderness.—Cer-
- tain Federal land managed by the Forest Service,
- comprising approximately 5,669 acres, as generally

- depicted on the map, which shall be known as the
 "Gates of the Elwha Wilderness".
- (5) Buckhorn Wilderness additions.—Cer-tain Federal land managed by the Forest Service, comprising approximately 21,965 acres, as generally depicted on the map, is incorporated in, and shall be managed as part of, the "Buckhorn Wilderness", as designated by section 3 of the Washington State Wilderness Act of 1984 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; Pub-lic Law 98–339).
 - (6) Green Mountain Wilderness.—Certain Federal land managed by the Forest Service, comprising approximately 4,790 acres, as generally depicted on the map, which shall be known as the "Green Mountain Wilderness".
 - (7) The Brothers Wilderness additions.—Certain land managed by the Forest Service, comprising approximately 8,625 acres, as generally depicted on the map, is incorporated in, and shall be managed as part of, the "The Brothers Wilderness", as designated by section 3 of the Washington State Wilderness Act of 1984 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; Public Law 98–339).
- 24 (8) MOUNT SKOKOMISH WILDERNESS ADDI-25 TIONS.—Certain land managed by the Forest Serv-

- 1 ice, comprising approximately 8,933 acres, as gen-
- 2 erally depicted on the map, is incorporated in, and
- 3 shall be managed as part of, the "Mount Skokomish
- 4 Wilderness", as designated by section 3 of the
- 5 Washington State Wilderness Act of 1984 (16
- 6 U.S.C. 1132 note; Public Law 98–339).
- 7 (9) Wonder mountain wilderness addi-
- 8 TIONS.—Certain land managed by the Forest Serv-
- 9 ice, comprising approximately 26,517 acres, as gen-
- erally depicted on the map, is incorporated in, and
- shall be managed as part of, the "Wonder Mountain
- 12 Wilderness", as designated by section 3 of the
- Washington State Wilderness Act of 1984 (16
- 14 U.S.C. 1132 note; Public Law 98–339).
- 15 (10) MOONLIGHT DOME WILDERNESS.—Certain
- 16 Federal land managed by the Forest Service, com-
- prising approximately 9,117 acres, as generally de-
- picted on the map, which shall be known as the
- 19 "Moonlight Dome Wilderness".
- 20 (11) South Quinault ridge wilderness.—
- 21 Certain Federal land managed by the Forest Serv-
- ice, comprising approximately 10,887 acres, as gen-
- erally depicted on the map, which shall be known as
- the "South Quinault Ridge Wilderness".

- (12) Colonel Bob wilderness additions.— Certain Federal land managed by the Forest Serv-ice, comprising approximately 353 acres, as gen-erally depicted on the map, is incorporated in, and shall be managed as part of, the "Colonel Bob Wil-derness", as designated by section 3 of the Wash-ington State Wilderness Act of 1984 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; Public Law 98–339).
 - (13) Sam's RIVER WILDERNESS.—Certain Federal land managed by the Forest Service, comprising approximately 13,418 acres, as generally depicted on the map, which shall be known as the "Sam's River Wilderness".
 - (14) CANOE CREEK WILDERNESS.—Certain Federal land managed by the Forest Service, comprising approximately 1,378 acres, as generally depicted on the map, which shall be known as the "Canoe Creek Wilderness".

(b) Administration.—

(1) Management.—Subject to valid existing rights, the land designated as wilderness by subsection (a) shall be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture (referred to in this section as the "Secretary"), in accordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), except that any reference in

1	that Act to the effective date of that Act shall be
2	considered to be a reference to the date of enact-
3	ment of this Act.
4	(2) Map and description.—
5	(A) In general.—As soon as practicable
6	after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
7	retary shall file a map and a legal description
8	of the land designated as wilderness by sub-
9	section (a) with—
10	(i) the Committee on Natural Re-
11	sources of the House of Representatives;
12	and
13	(ii) the Committee on Energy and
14	Natural Resources of the Senate.
15	(B) Effect.—Each map and legal de-
16	scription filed under subparagraph (A) shall
17	have the same force and effect as if included in
18	this title, except that the Secretary may correct
19	minor errors in the map and legal description.
20	(C) Public availability.—Each map
21	and legal description filed under subparagraph
22	(A) shall be filed and made available for public
23	inspection in the appropriate office of the For-
24	est Service.
25	(c) Potential Wilderness.—

- 1 (1) IN GENERAL.—In furtherance of the pur2 poses of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et
 3 seq.), certain Federal land managed by the Forest
 4 Service, comprising approximately 5,346 acres as
 5 identified as "Potential Wilderness" on the map, is
 6 designated as potential wilderness.
 7 (2) DESIGNATION AS WILDERNESS.—On the
 - (2) Designation as wilderness.—On the date on which the Secretary publishes in the Federal Register notice that any nonconforming uses in the potential wilderness designated by paragraph (1) have terminated, the potential wilderness shall be—
 - (A) designated as wilderness and as a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System; and
 - (B) incorporated into the adjacent wilderness area.

(d) Adjacent Management.—

- (1) No protective perimeters or buffer zones.—The designations in this section shall not create a protective perimeter or buffer zone around any wilderness area.
- (2) Nonconforming uses permitted outside of Boundaries of Wilderness areas.—Any activity or use outside of the boundary of any wilderness area designated under this section shall be per-

- 1 mitted even if the activity or use would be seen or
- 2 heard within the boundary of the wilderness area.
- 3 (e) Fire, Insects, and Diseases.—The Secretary
- 4 may take such measures as are necessary to control fire,
- 5 insects, and diseases, in the wilderness areas designated
- 6 by this section, in accordance with section 4(d)(1) of the
- 7 Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1133(d)(1)) and subject to
- 8 such terms and conditions as the Secretary determines to
- 9 be appropriate.
- 10 SEC. 3. WILD AND SCENIC RIVER DESIGNATIONS.
- 11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3(a) of the National Wild
- 12 and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended
- 13 by adding at the end the following:
- 14 "(231) ELWHA RIVER, WASHINGTON.—The ap-
- proximately 29.0-mile segment of the Elwha River
- and tributaries from the source to Cat Creek, to be
- administered by the Secretary of the Interior as a
- wild river.
- 19 "(232) Dungeness river, Washington.—
- The segment of the Dungeness River from the head-
- 21 waters to the State of Washington Department of
- Natural Resources land in T. 29 N., R. 4 W., sec.
- 23 12, to be administered by the Secretary of Agri-
- culture, except that portions of the river within the
- boundaries of Olympic National Park shall be ad-

1	ministered by the Secretary of the Interior, including
2	the following segments of the mainstem and major
3	tributary the Gray Wolf River, in the following class-
4	es:
5	"(A) The approximately 5.8-mile segment
6	of the Dungeness River from the headwaters to
7	the 2870 Bridge, as a wild river.
8	"(B) The approximately 2.1-mile segment
9	of the Dungeness River from the 2870 Bridge
10	to Silver Creek, as a scenic river.
11	"(C) The approximately 2.7-mile segment
12	of the Dungeness River from Silver Creek to
13	Sleepy Hollow Creek, as a wild river.
14	"(D) The approximately 6.3-mile segment
15	of the Dungeness River from Sleepy Hollow
16	Creek to the Olympic National Forest bound-
17	ary, as a scenic river.
18	"(E) The approximately 1.9-mile segment
19	of the Dungeness River from the National For-
20	est boundary to the State of Washington De-
21	partment of Natural Resources land in T. 29
22	N., R. 4 W., sec. 12, to be administered as a
23	recreational river through a cooperative man-
24	agement agreement between the State of Wash-

ington and the Secretary of Agriculture as pro-

1	vided in section 10(e) of the Wild and Scenie
2	Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1281(e)).
3	"(F) The approximately 16.1-mile segment
4	of the Gray Wolf River from the headwaters to
5	the 2870 Bridge, as a wild river.
6	"(G) The approximately 1.1-mile segment
7	of the Gray Wolf River from the 2870 Bridge
8	to the confluence with the Dungeness River, as
9	a scenic river.
10	"(233) Big quilcene river, washington.—
11	The segment of the Big Quilcene River from the
12	headwaters to the City of Port Townsend water in-
13	take facility, to be administered by the Secretary of
14	Agriculture, in the following classes:
15	"(A) The approximately 4.4-mile segment
16	from the headwaters to the Buckhorn Wilder-
17	ness boundary, as a wild river.
18	"(B) The approximately 5.3-mile segment
19	from the Buckhorn Wilderness boundary to the
20	City of Port Townsend water intake facility, as
21	a scenic river.
22	"(C) Section 7(a), with respect to the li-
23	censing of dams, water conduits, reservoirs,
24	powerhouses, transmission lines, or other
25	project works, shall apply to the approximately

1	5-mile segment from the City of Port Townsend
2	water intake facility to the Olympic National
3	Forest boundary.
4	"(234) Dosewallips river, Washington.—
5	The segment of the Dosewallips River from the
6	headwaters to the private land in T. 26 N., R. 3 W.,
7	sec. 15, to be administered by the Secretary of Agri-
8	culture, except that portions of the river within the
9	boundaries of Olympic National Park shall be ad-
10	ministered by the Secretary of the Interior, in the
11	following classes:
12	"(A) The approximately 12.9-mile segment
13	from the headwaters to Station Creek, as a wild
14	river.
15	"(B) The approximately 6.8-mile segment
16	from Station Creek to the private land in T. 26
17	N., R. 3 W., sec. 15, as a scenic river.
18	"(235) Duckabush river, washington.—
19	The segment of the Duckabush River from the head-
20	waters to the private land in T. 25 N., R. 3 W., sec.
21	1, to be administered by the Secretary of Agri-
22	culture, except that portions of the river within the
23	boundaries of Olympic National Park shall be ad-
24	ministered by the Secretary of the Interior, in the
25	following classes:

1	"(A) The approximately 19.0-mile segment
2	from the headwaters to the Brothers Wilderness
3	boundary, as a wild river.
4	"(B) The approximately 1.9-mile segment
5	from the Brothers Wilderness boundary to the
6	private land in T. 25 N., R. 3 W., sec. 1, as
7	a scenic river.
8	"(236) Hamma hamma river, washington.—
9	The segment of the Hamma Hamma River from the
10	headwaters to the eastern edge of the NW1/4 sec.
11	21, T. 24 N., R. 3 W., to be administered by the
12	Secretary of Agriculture, in the following classes:
13	"(A) The approximately 3.1-mile segment
14	from the headwaters to the Mt. Skokomish Wil-
15	derness boundary, as a wild river.
16	"(B) The approximately 5.8-mile segment
17	from the Mt. Skokomish Wilderness boundary
18	to Lena Creek, as a scenic river.
19	"(C) The approximately 6.8-mile segment
20	from Lena Creek to the eastern edge of the
21	NW1/4 sec. 21, T. 24 N., R. 3 W., to be ad-
22	ministered as a recreational river through a co-
23	operative management agreement between the
24	State of Washington and the Secretary of Agri-

1	culture as provided in section 10(e) of the Wild
2	and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1281(e)).
3	"(237) South fork skokomish river, wash-
4	INGTON.—The segment of the South Fork
5	Skokomish River from the headwaters to the Olym-
6	pic National Forest boundary to be administered by
7	the Secretary of Agriculture, in the following classes:
8	"(A) The approximately 6.7-mile segment
9	from the headwaters to Church Creek, as a wild
10	river.
11	"(B) The approximately 8.3-mile segment
12	from Church Creek to LeBar Creek, as a scenic
13	river.
14	"(C) The approximately 4.0-mile segment
15	from LeBar Creek to upper end of gorge in the
16	NW1/4 sec. 22, T. 22 N., R. 5 W., as a rec-
17	reational river.
18	"(D) The approximately 6.0-mile segment
19	from the upper end of the gorge to the Olympic
20	National Forest boundary, as a scenic river.
21	"(238) MIDDLE FORK SATSOP RIVER, WASH-
22	INGTON.—The approximately 7.9-mile segment of
23	the Middle Fork Satsop River from the headwaters
24	to the Olympic National Forest boundary, to be ad-

1	ministered by the Secretary of Agriculture, as a sce-
2	nic river.
3	"(239) West fork satsop river, wash-
4	INGTON.—The approximately 8.2-mile segment of
5	the West Fork Satsop River from the headwaters to
6	the Olympic National Forest boundary, to be admin-
7	istered by the Secretary of Agriculture, as a scenic
8	river.
9	"(240) Wynoochee river, washington.—
10	The segment of the Wynoochee River from the head-
11	waters to the head of Wynoochee Reservoir to be ad-
12	ministered by the Secretary of Agriculture, except
13	that portions of the river within the boundaries of
14	Olympic National Park shall be administered by the
15	Secretary of the Interior, in the following classes:
16	"(A) The approximately 2.5-mile segment
17	from the headwaters to the boundary of the
18	Wonder Mountain Wilderness, as a wild river.
19	"(B) The approximately 7.4-mile segment
20	from the boundary of the Wonder Mountain
21	Wilderness to the head of Wynoochee Reservoir,
22	as a recreational river.
23	"(241) East fork humptulips river, wash-
24	INGTON.—The segment of the East Fork
25	Humptulips River from the headwaters to the Olym-

1	pic National Forest boundary to be administered by
2	the Secretary of Agriculture, in the following classes:
3	"(A) The approximately 7.4-mile segment
4	from the headwaters to the Moonlight Dome
5	Wilderness boundary, as a wild river.
6	"(B) The approximately 10.3-mile segment
7	from the Moonlight Dome Wilderness boundary
8	to the Olympic National Forest boundary, as a
9	scenic river.
10	"(242) West fork humptulips river, wash-
11	INGTON.—The approximately 21.4-mile segment of
12	the West Fork Humptulips River from the head-
13	waters to the Olympic National Forest Boundary, to
14	be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture, as
15	a scenic river.
16	"(243) Quinault river, washington.—The
17	segment of the Quinault River from the headwaters
18	to private land in T. 24 N., R. 8 W., sec. 33, to be
19	administered by the Secretary of the Interior, in the
20	following classes:
21	"(A) The approximately 16.5-mile segment
22	from the headwaters to Graves Creek, as a wild
23	river.

1	"(B) The approximately 6.7-mile segment
2	from Graves Creek to Cannings Creek, as a sce-
3	nic river.
4	"(C) The approximately 1.0-mile segment
5	from Cannings Creek to private land in T. 24
6	N., R. 8 W., sec. 33, as a recreational river.
7	"(244) Queets river, washington.—The
8	segment of the Queets River from the headwaters to
9	the Olympic National Park boundary to be adminis-
10	tered by the Secretary of the Interior, except that
11	portions of the river outside the boundaries of Olym-
12	pic National Park shall be administered by the Sec-
13	retary of Agriculture, including the following seg-
14	ments of the mainstem and certain tributaries in the
15	following classes:
16	"(A) The approximately 28.6-mile segment
17	of the Queets River from the headwaters to the
18	confluence with Sams River, as a wild river.
19	"(B) The approximately 16.0-mile segment
20	of the Queets River from the confluence with
21	Sams River to the Olympic National Park
22	boundary, as a scenic river.
23	"(C) The approximately 15.7-mile segment
24	of the Sams River from the headwaters to the

1	confluence with the Queets River, as a scenic
2	river.
3	"(D) The approximately 17.7-mile segment
4	of Matheny Creek from the headwaters to the
5	confluence with the Queets River, to be admin-
6	istered as a scenic river through a cooperative
7	management agreement between the State of
8	Washington and the Secretary of Agriculture as
9	provided in section 10(e) of the Wild and Scenic
10	Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1281(e)).
11	"(245) Hoh river, washington.—The seg-
12	ment of the Hoh River and the major tributary
13	South Fork Hoh from the headwaters to Olympic
14	National Park boundary, to be administered by the
15	Secretary of the Interior, in the following classes:
16	"(A) The approximately 20.7-mile segment
17	of the Hoh River from the headwaters to Jack-
18	son Creek, as a wild river.
19	"(B) The approximately 6.0-mile segment
20	of the Hoh River from Jackson Creek to the
21	Olympic National Park boundary, as a scenic
22	river.
23	"(C) The approximately 13.8-mile segment
24	of the South Fork Hoh River from the head-

waters to the Olympic National Park boundary,
 as a wild river.

"(D) The approximately 4.6-mile segment of the South Fork Hoh River from the Olympic National Park boundary to the Washington State Department of Natural Resources boundary in T. 27 N., R. 10 W., sec. 29, to be administered as a recreational river through a cooperative management agreement between the State of Washington and the Secretary of Agriculture as provided in section 10(e) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1281(e)).

"(246) Bogachiel River, Washington.—The approximately 25.6-mile segment of the Bogachiel River from the source to the Olympic National Park boundary, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior, as a wild river.

"(247) SOUTH FORK CALAWAH RIVER, WASH-INGTON.—The segment of the South Fork Calawah River and the major tributary Sitkum River from the headwaters to Hyas Creek to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture, except those portions of the river within the boundaries of Olympic National Park shall be administered by the Secretary

1	of the Interior, including the following segments in
2	the following classes:
3	"(A) The approximately 15.7-mile segment
4	of the South Fork Calawah River from the
5	headwaters to the Sitkum River, as a wild river.
6	"(B) The approximately 0.9-mile segment
7	of the South Fork Calawah River from the
8	Sitkum River to Hyas Creek, as a scenic river.
9	"(C) The approximately 1.6-mile segment
10	of the Sitkum River from the headwaters to the
11	Rugged Ridge Wilderness boundary, as a wild
12	river.
13	"(D) The approximately 11.9-mile segment
14	of the Sitkum River from the Rugged Ridge
15	Wilderness boundary to the confluence with the
16	South Fork Calawah, as a scenic river.
17	"(248) Sol duc river, washington.—The
18	segment of the Sol Duc River from the headwaters
19	to the Olympic National Park boundary to be ad-
20	ministered by the Secretary of the Interior, including
21	the following segments of the mainstem and certain
22	tributaries in the following classes:
23	"(A) The approximately 7.0-mile segment
24	of the Sol Duc River from the headwaters to

1	the end of Sol Duc Hot Springs Road, as a wild
2	river.
3	"(B) The approximately 10.8-mile segment
4	of the Sol Duc River from the end of Sol Duc
5	Hot Springs Road to the Olympic National
6	Park boundary, as a scenic river.
7	"(C) The approximately 14.2-mile segment
8	of the North Fork Sol Duc River from the
9	headwaters to the Olympic Hot Springs Road
10	bridge, as a wild river.
11	"(D) The approximately 0.2-mile segment
12	of the North Fork Sol Duc River from the
13	Olympic Hot Springs Road bridge to the con-
14	fluence with the Sol Duc River, as a scenic
15	river.
16	"(E) The approximately 8.0-mile segment
17	of the South Fork Sol Duc River from the
18	headwaters to the confluence with the Sol Duc
19	River, as a scenic river.
20	"(249) Lyre river, washington.—The ap-
21	proximately 0.2-mile segment of the Lyre River from
22	Lake Crescent to the Olympic National Park bound-
23	ary, to be administered by the Secretary of the Inte-
24	rior as a scenic river.".

1	(b) Effect.—The amendment made by subsection
2	(a) does not affect valid existing water rights.
3	(c) Updates to Land and Resource Manage-
4	MENT PLANS.—
5	(1) In general.—Except as provided in para-
6	graph (2), not later than 3 years after the date of
7	the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agri-
8	culture shall, with respect to the designations made
9	under subsection (a) on lands under the jurisdiction
10	of the Secretary, incorporate such designations into
11	updated management plans for units of the National
12	Forest System in accordance with applicable laws
13	(including regulations).
14	(2) Exception.—The date specified in para-
15	graph (1) shall be 5 years after the date of the en-
16	actment of this Act if the Secretary of Agriculture—
17	(A) is unable to meet the requirement
18	under such paragraph by the date specified in
19	such paragraph; and
20	(B) not later than 3 years after the date
21	of the enactment of this Act, includes in the
22	Department of Agriculture annual budget sub-
23	mission to Congress a request for additional
24	sums as may be necessary to meet the require-
25	ment of such paragraph.

1	(3) Comprehensive management plan re-
2	QUIREMENTS.—Updated management plans under
3	paragraph (1) or (2) satisfy the requirements under
4	section 3(d) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16
5	U.S.C. 1274(d)).
6	SEC. 4. EXISTING RIGHTS AND WITHDRAWAL.
7	(a) In General.—In accordance with section 12(b)
8	of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C.
9	1283(b)), nothing in this title or the amendment made by
10	section 3(a) affects or abrogates existing rights, privileges,
11	or contracts held by private parties, nor does this title in
12	any way modify or direct the management, acquisition, or
13	disposition of lands managed by the Washington Depart-
14	ment of Natural Resources on behalf of the State of Wash-
15	ington.
16	(b) Withdrawal.—Subject to valid existing rights,
17	the Federal land within the boundaries of the river seg-
18	ments designated by this title and the amendment made
19	by section 3(a) is withdrawn from all forms of—
20	(1) entry, appropriation, or disposal under the
21	public land laws;
22	(2) location, entry, and patent under the mining
23	laws; and
24	(3) disposition under all laws relating to min-
25	eral and geothermal leasing or mineral materials.

1 SEC. 5. TREATY RIGHTS.

- Nothing in this title alters, modifies, diminishes, or
- 3 extinguishes the reserved treaty rights of any Indian tribe
- 4 with hunting, fishing, gathering, and cultural or religious

5 rights as protected by a treaty.

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