

90TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 16252

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 27, 1968

Mrs. MAY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs

## A BILL

To establish the North Cascades National Recreation Area in the State of Washington, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3 That in order to preserve for the benefit, use, and inspiration  
4 of present and future generations majestic mountain scenery,  
5 snow fields, glaciers, alpine meadows, and other unique nat-  
6 ural features in the North Cascade Mountains of the State of  
7 Washington; in order to provide for the public outdoor  
8 recreation use and enjoyment of portions of the rivers, lakes,  
9 and scenic areas and for the conservation of the scenic, scien-  
10 tific, historic, and other values contributing to the public en-  
11 joyment of such lands and waters; and in order to further



1 the purposes of the Wilderness Act, there is hereby estab-  
2 lished, subject to valid existing rights, the North Cascades  
3 Recreation Area consisting of the units of national park,  
4 wilderness, and recreation areas hereinafter referred to and  
5 designated on the map entitled North Cascades National  
6 Recreation Area, numbered ——— and dated ———,  
7 1968. The map shall be on file and available for public  
8 inspection in the Office of the Director, National Park Serv-  
9 ice, Department of the Interior, and in the Office of the Chief,  
10 Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

11 SEC. 2. (a) In furtherance of the purposes of this Act  
12 and subject to valid existing rights there is hereby established  
13 the North Cascades National Park comprising approximately  
14 three hundred and twelve thousand acres as designated on the  
15 map referred to in section 1. The land within such national  
16 park is hereby eliminated from the Mount Baker National  
17 Forest. The national park shall be administered by the Secre-  
18 tary of the Interior as a substantially undeveloped and wilder-  
19 ness type national park in accordance with the Act of August  
20 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535; 16 U.S.C. 1-4), as amended and  
21 supplemented.

22 (b) Within the boundaries of the park the Secretary of  
23 the Interior may acquire lands, waters, and interest therein  
24 by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, or  
25 exchange. In exercising his authority to acquire property by



1 exchange the Secretary may accept title to any non-Federal  
2 property within the boundaries of the park, and in exchange  
3 therefor he may convey to the grantor of such property any  
4 federally owned property under his jurisdiction in the State  
5 of Washington which he classifies as suitable for exchange or  
6 other disposal. The values of the properties so exchanged  
7 either shall be approximately equal, or if they are not ap-  
8 proximately equal the value shall be equalized by the pay-  
9 ment of cash to the grantor or to the Secretary as the cir-  
10 cumstances require.

11 SEC. 3. (a) In furtherance of the purposes of this Act  
12 and subject to valid existing rights there are hereby estab-  
13 lished the Mount Baker Recreation Area, the Ross Lake  
14 Recreation Area, the Lake Chelan Recreation Area, the  
15 Cascade River Recreation Area, and the North Cascade  
16 Highway Recreation Area, each as designated on the map  
17 referred to in section 1 of this Act, comprising in the aggre-  
18 gate approximately three hundred and ninety-nine thousand  
19 acres.

20 (b) The recreation areas shall be administered by the  
21 Secretary of Agriculture in accordance with the laws, rules,  
22 and regulations applicable to the national forests in such  
23 manner as in his judgment will best provide for: (1) public  
24 outdoor recreation benefits; (2) conservation of scenic,  
25 scientific, historic, and other values contributing to the public



1 enjoyment; and (3) such management, utilization, and  
2 disposal of renewable natural resources and the continua-  
3 tion of such existing uses and developments as are compati-  
4 ble with, or do not significantly impair, public recreation  
5 and conservation of the scenic, scientific, historic, or other  
6 values contributing to public enjoyment.

7 (c) The lands within the recreation areas, subject to  
8 valid existing rights, are hereby withdrawn from location,  
9 entry, and patent under the United States mining laws. The  
10 Secretary of the Interior, under such regulations as he deems  
11 appropriate, may permit the removal of the nonleasable min-  
12 erals from the lands within the recreation area in the man-  
13 ner prescribed by section 10 of the Act of August 4, 1939,  
14 as amended (53 Stat. 1196; 43 U.S.C. 387), and he may  
15 permit the removal of leasable minerals from lands within  
16 the recreation area in accordance with the Mineral Leasing  
17 Act of February 25, 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181 et  
18 seq.), or the Acquired Lands Mineral Leasing Act of August  
19 7, 1947 (30 U.S.C. 351 et seq.). Any such permit or lease  
20 may be issued by the Secretary of the Interior only with the  
21 approval of the Secretary of Agriculture and upon a determi-  
22 nation by him that such disposition would not have significant  
23 adverse effects on the administration of the recreation area  
24 or recreation areas involved, and each permit or lease shall  
25 be subject to such conditions as the Secretary of Agriculture



1 may prescribe to insure the adequate utilization of the lands  
2 for the primary purposes for which the recreation areas are  
3 being administered.

4 (d) Any license for water power developments or other  
5 power purposes within any part of the recreation areas shall  
6 be issued by the Federal Power Commission only with the  
7 consent of the Secretary of Agriculture and shall contain  
8 such conditions as may be prescribed by the Secretary of  
9 Agriculture to insure the adequate utilization of the lands  
10 for the primary purposes for which the recreation areas are  
11 administered.

12 (e) The Secretary of Agriculture shall permit hunting  
13 and fishing on lands or waters under his jurisdiction within  
14 the recreation areas in accordance with applicable laws of the  
15 United States and the State of Washington, except that the  
16 Secretary may designate zones where, and establish periods  
17 when no hunting or fishing shall be permitted for reasons of  
18 public safety, administration, or public use and enjoyment.  
19 Except in emergencies, any regulations of the Secretary pur-  
20 suant to this subsection shall be put into effect only after con-  
21 sultation with the Department of Game of the State of  
22 Washington.

23 SEC. 4. (a) In furtherance of the purposes of this Act  
24 and subject to valid existing rights there are hereby estab-



1 lished the Eldorado Wilderness, and the Okanogan Wilder-  
2 ness, and the Glacier Peak Wilderness is hereby enlarged, all  
3 as designated on the map referred to in section 1 of this Act.  
4 Within the Mount Baker Recreation Area, the Secretary of  
5 Agriculture is hereby authorized and directed to designate a  
6 wilderness core including Mount Baker itself. The Eldorado  
7 Wilderness, the Okanogan Wilderness, the Glacier Peak  
8 Wilderness as enlarged, and the wilderness core in the Mount  
9 Baker Recreation Area contain in the aggregate approxi-  
10 mately one million one hundred and eighty thousand acres.  
11 Such areas shall be administered by the Secretary of Agri-  
12 culture in accordance with the provisions of the Wilderness  
13 Act.

14 (b) For the purposes of this Act, the boundary of the  
15 North Cascades National Recreation Area and the boundaries  
16 of its component national park, wilderness areas, recreation  
17 areas, and North Cascade Highway shall be shown on the  
18 map referred to in section 1 of this Act. The Secretary of  
19 Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior are instructed  
20 to develop precise boundaries which as nearly as possible  
21 are those shown on the map referred to in section 1. When  
22 such precise and actual boundaries have been described, maps  
23 and legal descriptions of such boundaries shall be filed with  
24 the Interior and Insular Affairs Committees of the United  
25 States Senate and House of Representatives, and such de-



1 descriptions shall have the same force and effect as if included  
2 in this Act: *Provided, however,* That correction of clerical  
3 or typographical errors in such legal descriptions and maps  
4 may be made.

5 (c) Upon the filing of the legal descriptions and maps  
6 as provided for in subsection (b) of this section the Eldorado  
7 Wilderness, the Okanogan Wilderness, the wilderness core  
8 of the Mount Baker Recreation Area, and the additions to the  
9 Glacier Peak Wilderness shall be subject to the provisions  
10 of the Wilderness Act governing areas designated by that  
11 Act as wilderness areas, except that any reference in such  
12 provisions to the effective date of the Wilderness Act shall  
13 be deemed to be a reference to the effective date of this Act.

14 SEC. 5. There is hereby established the North Cascades  
15 Advisory Board to consist of the Governor of the State of  
16 Washington or his representative, the Secretary of Agriculture  
17 or his representative, and the Secretary of the Interior  
18 or his representative. The North Cascades Advisory Board  
19 shall review from time to time and submit to the Federal  
20 agencies charged with administration of units of the North  
21 Cascades National Recreation Area its recommendations on  
22 plans for the development of and administration of such units.

23 SEC. 6. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect  
24 adversely or to authorize any Federal agency to take any  
25 action that would affect adversely any rights or privileges of



the State of Washington in property within the recreation areas established by this Act which is being utilized for the North Cross State Highway.

SEC. 7. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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