

Public Law 96-248  
96th Congress

An Act

To amend the Act of November 8, 1978 (92 Stat. 3095), to designate certain Cibola National Forest lands as additions to the Sandia Mountain Wilderness, New Mexico.

May 23, 1980  
[H.R. 3928]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 3 of the Act of November 8, 1978 (92 Stat. 3096), is amended by adding the following new subsection at the end thereof:

Cibola National  
Forest, N. Mex.

“(c) In furtherance of the purposes of the Wilderness Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 890) and section 2(g) of the Endangered American Wilderness Act of 1978 (92 Stat. 42), the western exterior boundary of the Sandia Mountain Wilderness is extended to a line beginning at the closing corner between sections 35 and 36 of township 11 north, range 4 east, on the south boundary of the Elena Gallegos Grant and extending north 2,700 feet; thence east 1,515 feet; thence north 1,260 feet; thence east 3,160 feet; thence north 4,125 feet; thence north 42 degrees east, 4,480 feet; thence north 1,710 feet; thence west 3,235 feet; thence north 19 degrees west, 2,350 feet; thence west 1,400 feet; thence north 3,820 feet to a point on the north boundary of such grant; thence south 81 degrees 30 minutes east, 150 feet along the boundary of such grant to the 7½-mile corner. Such boundary will enclose approximately 6,423 acres of the lands in the grant as it is described in section 1 of this Act. Such lands, upon acquisition by the United States, will be administered as a part of the Sandia Mountain Wilderness. Subject to valid existing rights, all lands within the Sandia Mountain Wilderness, including those lands added to such wilderness by operation of this Act, and all other lands in the grant described in section 1 of this Act which have been or may hereafter be acquired by the United States, are hereby withdrawn from all forms of entry or appropriation under the mining laws and from the operation of the mineral leasing laws of the United States.

Sandia  
Mountain  
Wilderness,  
boundary  
extension.  
16 USC 1131  
note.  
16 USC 1132  
note.

Mining and  
mineral leasing  
laws.

SEC. 2. Section 4 of the Act of November 8, 1978, is amended by changing “\$12,000,000” to “\$20,000,000”.

92 Stat. 3096.

Albuquerque,  
N. Mex.,  
purchase option.  
92 Stat. 3095.

**SEC. 3.** The proviso in section 1 of the Act of November 8, 1978, is amended to read as follows: "*Provided*, That the tract of land described in this section shall not be included within the exterior boundaries of the Cibola National Forest until the Secretary of Agriculture determines that the city of Albuquerque, New Mexico, has acquired an option to purchase a tract of land containing approximately 640 acres located immediately to the west of such tract for open space or city park use: *And provided further*, That if such option is not exercised the tract of land described in this section shall no longer be included within the exterior boundaries of the Cibola National Forest."

Approved May 23, 1980.

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

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SENATE REPORT No. 96-666 (Comm. on Energy and Natural Resources).  
CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

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