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At the end of title II of division L, add the following:

1 **Subtitle A—Western Riverside**
2 **County Wildlife Refuge.**

3 **SEC. 82501. ESTABLISHMENT.**

4 The Secretary of the Interior (in this subtitle referred
5 to as the “Secretary”), acting through the U.S. Fish and
6 Wildlife Service, shall establish as a national wildlife ref-
7 uge the lands, waters, and interests therein acquired
8 under section 82504. The national wildlife refuge shall be
9 known as the Western Riverside County National Wildlife
10 Refuge (in this subtitle referred to as the “Wildlife Ref-
11 uge”).

12 **SEC. 82502. PURPOSE. The purpose of the Wildlife Refuge shall**

13 **be—**

14 (1) to conserve, manage, and restore wildlife
15 habitats for the benefit of present and future gen-
16 erations of Americans;

17 (2) to conserve species listed as threatened or
18 endangered under the Endangered Species Act of

1 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) or the California En-
2 dangered Species Act (California Fish and Game
3 Code 2050-2068), or which is a covered species
4 under the Western Riverside County Multiple Spe-
5 cies Habitat Conservation Plan;

6 (3) to support the recovery and protection of
7 threatened and endangered species under the En-
8 dangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et
9 seq.); and

10 (4) to provide for wildlife habitat connectivity
11 and migratory corridors within the Western River-
12 side County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation
13 Plan Area.

14 **SEC. 82503. NOTIFICATION OF ESTABLISHMENT. The Sec-**
15 **retary shall publish notice of the establishment**
16 **of the Wildlife Refuge in the Federal Register.**

17 **SEC. 82504. BOUNDARIES.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall include within
19 the boundaries of the Wildlife Refuge the lands and waters
20 within the Western Riverside County Multiple Species
21 Habitat Conservation Plan Area (as depicted on maps and
22 described in the Final Western Riverside County Multiple
23 Species Habitat Conservation Plan dated June 17, 2003)
24 that are owned by the Federal government, a State, or
25 a political subdivision of a State on the date of enactment.

1 **SEC. 82505. ADMINISTRATION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Upon the establishment of the
3 Wildlife Refuge and thereafter, the Secretary shall admin-
4 ister all federally owned lands, waters, and interests in the
5 Wildlife Refuge in accordance with the National Wildlife
6 Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C.
7 668dd et seq.) and this subtitle. The Secretary may use
8 such additional statutory authority as may be available to
9 the Secretary for the conservation, management, and res-
10 toration of fish and wildlife and natural resources, the de-
11 velopment of compatible wildlife dependent outdoor recre-
12 ation opportunities, and the facilitation of fish and wildlife
13 interpretation and education as the Secretary considers
14 appropriate to carry out the purposes of this subtitle and
15 serve the objectives of the Western Riverside County Mul-
16 tiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan.

17 (b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS REGARDING NON-
18 FEDERAL LANDS.—The Secretary may enter into coopera-
19 tive agreements with the State of California, any political
20 subdivision thereof, or any other person—

21 (1) for the management, in a manner consistent
22 with this subtitle and the Western Riverside County
23 Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan, of lands
24 that are owned by such State, subdivision, or other
25 person and located within the boundaries of the
26 Wildlife Refuge;

1 (2) to promote public awareness of the natural
2 resources of the Western Riverside County Multiple
3 Species Habitat Conservation Plan Area; or

4 (3) to encourage public participation in the con-
5 servation of those resources.

6 **SEC. 82506. ACQUISITION AND TRANSFERS OF LANDS AND**
7 **WATERS FOR WILDLIFE REFUGE.**

8 (a) ACQUISITIONS.—The Secretary shall acquire by
9 donation, purchase with appropriated funds, or exchange
10 the lands and water, or interest therein (including con-
11 servation easements), within the boundaries of the Wildlife
12 Refuge, except that the lands, water, and interests therein
13 owned by the State of California and its political subdivi-
14 sions may be acquired only by donation.

15 (b) TRANSFERS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The head of any Federal de-
17 partment or agency, including any agency within the
18 Department of the Interior, that has jurisdiction of
19 any Federal property located within the boundaries
20 of the Wildlife Refuge as described by this subtitle
21 shall, not later than 1 year after the date of the en-
22 actment of this Act, submit to the Secretary an as-
23 sessment of the suitability of such property for in-
24 clusion in the Wildlife Refuge.

1 (2) ASSESSMENT.—Any assessment under para-
2 graph (1) shall include—

3 (A) parcel descriptions and best existing
4 land surveys for such property;

5 (B) a list of existing special reservations,
6 designations, or purposes of the property;

7 (C) a list of all known or suspected haz-
8 arduous substance contamination of such prop-
9 erty, and any facilities, surface water, or
10 groundwater on such property;

11 (D) the status of withdrawal of such prop-
12 erty from—

13 (i) the Mineral Leasing Act; and

14 (ii) the General Mining Act of 1872;

15 and

16 (E) a recommendation as to whether such
17 property is or is not suitable for inclusion in the
18 Wildlife Refuge.

19 (3) INCLUSION IN WILDLIFE REFUGE.—

20 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall,
21 not later than 60 days after receiving an assess-
22 ment submitted pursuant to paragraph (1), de-
23 termine if the property described in such as-
24 sessment is suitable for inclusion in the Wildlife
25 Refuge.

1 (B) TRANSFER.—If the Secretary deter-
2 mines the property in an assessment submitted
3 under paragraph (1) is suitable for inclusion in
4 the Wildlife Refuge, the head of the Federal de-
5 partment or agency that has jurisdiction of
6 such property shall transfer such property to
7 the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary
8 for the purposes of this subtitle.

9 (4) PROPERTY UNSUITABLE FOR INCLUSION.—
10 Property determined by the Secretary to be unsuit-
11 able for inclusion in the Wildlife Refuge based on an
12 assessment submitted under paragraph (1) shall be
13 subsequently transferred to the Secretary for pur-
14 poses of this subtitle by the head of the department
15 or agency that has jurisdiction of such property if
16 such property becomes suitable for inclusion in the
17 Wildlife Refuge as determined by the Secretary in
18 consultation with the head of the department or
19 agency that has jurisdiction of such property.

20 (5) PUBLIC ACCESS.—If property transferred to
21 the Secretary under this subsection allows for public
22 access at the time of transfer, such access shall be
23 maintained unless such access—

24 (A) would be incompatible with the pur-
25 poses of the Wildlife Refuge;

1 (B) would jeopardize public health or safe-
2 ty; or

3 (C) must be limited due to emergency cir-
4 cumstances.

