Public Law 98-484
98th Congress

An Act

To modify the boundary of the Pike National Forest in the State of Colorado, 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. In order to provide for the more efficient administration of certain Federal lands in the vicinity of Waterton Canyon, South Platte River in the State of Colorado, the exterior boundary of the Pike National Forest is hereby modified as shown on Department of Agriculture, Forest Service maps entitled "Boundary Modification, Pike National Forest", dated March 1981. The maps and legal description of the boundary of such lands shall be on file and available for public inspection in the offices of the Chief of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture and the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, and appropriate field offices of those agencies.

Sec. 2. All public lands brought within the boundary of the Pike National Forest as a result of the boundary modification set forth in the first section of this Act (comprising about 2,869 acres and currently administered by the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior) are hereby added to the Pike National Forest, and shall be administered in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations applicable with respect to lands in the National Forest System.

Sec. 3. Nothing in this Act shall affect valid existing rights, or interests in existing land use authorizations, except that any such right or authorization shall be administered by the agency having jurisdiction of the land after the enactment of this Act in accordance with section 2 of this Act and other applicable law. Reissuance of any such authorization shall be in accordance with applicable law and the regulations of the agency having jurisdiction, except that the change of administrative jurisdiction resulting from the enactment of this Act shall not in itself constitute a basis for denying the renewal or reissuance of any such authorization.

Sec. 4. For the purpose of section 7 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 4601-9), the boundary of the Pike National Forest, as modified by the first section of this Act, shall be treated as if it were the boundary of that forest as of January 1, 1965.

Sec. 5. (a) Section 5(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1271-1287) is amended by adding the following new paragraph at the end thereof—

"(90) Horsepasture, North Carolina: The segment from Bohaynee Road (N.C. 281) downstream to Lake Jocassee."

(b) Section 5(b)(3) of such Act is amended by adding the following at the end thereof: "The study of the river named in paragraph (90) of subsection (a) shall be completed not later than three years after the date of the enactment of this sentence."
(c) The first paragraph (4) in section 5(b) of such Act is amended by adding the following at the end thereof: "There are authorized to be appropriated for the purpose of conducting the study of the river named in paragraph (90) such sums as may be necessary." The second paragraph (4) in such section 5(b) and paragraph (5) in such section 5(b) are redesignated as paragraphs (5) and (6) respectively.

Sec. 6. The provisions of this Act shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

Approved October 17, 1984.