

The Crystal River Wild and Scenic River Addition Act of 2018

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act by designation of the Crystal River in Colorado as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

The Act shall allow no dams on the main stem of the Crystal River, no diversion of water out of the Crystal River Basin, and the protection of the free flowing nature of the Crystal River.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Crystal River Wild and Scenic River Addition Act of 2018."

SEC. 2. WILD AND SCENIC RIVER DESIGNATION.

Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (82 Stat. 906; 16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by adding the following new paragraphs at the end:

CRYSTAL RIVER, COLORADO.—(A) Approximately 39 miles of both the north and south forks of the Crystal River, beginning at their headwaters and then downstream to a point immediately upstream of the Sweet Jessup headgate structures shall be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as follows:

The Act shall limit the effects of designation to only these three features:

- (1) no dams on the main stem of the Crystal River including both the North and South Forks,
- (2) no diversion of water out of the Crystal River Basin and
- (3) protection of the free flowing nature of the waters of the Crystal River.

As the Crystal River flows through private property, regulatory control, generated by designation of the Wild and Scenic Act, does not extend beyond the natural stream flow of the Crystal River and includes only the waters of the Crystal River.

To that end, development anywhere along the Crystal River shall not include dams or diversions in the North or South Fork nor the main stem of the Crystal River and shall not interfere with the free flowing nature of the waters of the Crystal River from its beginnings to the Sweet Jessup takeout facility.

Accordingly, the protections of this ACT in said System shall not result in any imposition of Federal control over land use of property adjacent to the Crystal River.

Inclusion of this amendment, the addition of the Crystal River to the Wild and Scenic River System Act, is intended to apply only these powers:

1. to prevent dams on the Crystal River
2. to prohibit diversions of the waters of the Crystal River out of the Crystal River basin.

No other features of the Act of 1968 shall apply.