

Abbreviated Summary for  
Organ Mountain-Desert Peaks Wilderness Act  
Emphasis on Amended Access and Management  
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Sec. 1 Title: Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks Wilderness Act

Sec. 2 Definitions

Sec. 3 Designation of Wilderness Areas

- (a) Listing- Aden Lava Flow, Broad Canyon, Cinder Cone, Organ Mountains, Potrillo Mountains, Robledo Mountains, Sierra De Las Uvas, and Whitethorn Wilderness.
- (b) Administered by Secretary under Wilderness Act (16 USC 1131)
- (d) Grazing shall be under Wilderness Act and Grazing Guidelines
- (e) 1. Low level Military flights- OK to be seen or heard in wilderness  
2. OK for new units of airspace over wilderness  
3. OK for Military training flights over wilderness (Navy?)
- (f) Buffer
  - 1. No buffer around the wilderness
  - 2. Outside sight and sounds Ok in wilderness
- (g) Competitive running event permitted 1970-2010 may continue (Death March?)
- (h) Potential Wilderness Area-Robledo Mountains
  - 1. Signal Peak to be included in Wilderness
  - 2. Remove cherry stem
  - 3. Buildings and tower to be compatible with Wilderness
- (i) Release of WSA's not in Wilderness

Sec. 4 NCA establishment for

- (a) 1. Organ Mountains NCA  
2. Desert Peaks NCA
- (b) Use of vehicles on authorized roads, no new roads
- (c) grazing permitted
- (d) Write Management plan 3 years. Consult with Fed. Agencies, state, tribal, local govt. & public (where are the Permittees in consultation for the plan)

Sec 5. General Provisions

- (b) NCA and Wilderness Administrated under National Landscape Conservation System
- (c) May limit hunting- Wildlife belongs to state but Sec may designate restricted zones, establish periods of no hunting for public safety, administration, protect non-game and habitat or public use and enjoyment
- (d) Withdrawals from
  - 1.(A) entry, appropriation, or disposal under public laws
  - (B) location, entry, and patent under mining laws
  - (C) operation of the mineral leasing, mineral materials and geothermal leasing laws

Sec.7. Border Security

- (a)1. Authorizes Homeland Security motorized access while in pursuit. The rest of law enforcement and border security activities are to be in accordance with the Wilderness Act Sec 4(c) (the prohibitions list-no motorized vehicle, structures etc.)
- 2. 2006 MOU still in effect (prohibited uses require permit-may or may not be approved)
- 3. Low level flights for law enforcement and border security OK.
- (b) 1. Withdrawl- Restricted Use Area (2 miles along the southern border of Potrillos)
- 2. Managed to protect wilderness character
- 3. Prohibit use of vehicle except
  - (A) Administration of area to include law enforcement and border security activities
  - (B) Grazing uses by authorized permittees
- 4. Allow to install and maintain communication or surveillance infrastructure necessary for law enforcement and border security activities.
- (c) Restricted Route Restricted-Administrative Access
  - 1. Closed to public access, but
  - 2. available for administrative and law enforcement and border security activities.

Sec 8. Authorization of Appropriations as much as necessary to carry out the act