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U. S. Senator Hugh Scott (R-Pa.) said today Senate committee approval of his amendment adding wilderness study areas in the Allegheny National Forest is a first step toward "protecting some of Pennsylvania's most precious natural resources."

The Senate Republican Leader and Senator Richard S. Schweiker (R-Pa.) had urged study of additional acreage in an amendment to the Eastern Wilderness Act in January.

The Senators had asked that 10,000 acres in Allegheny Front (Warren County) be added for study, and that proposed reductions in study areas in Hickory Creek (Warren County) and Tracy Ridge (Warren and Forest Counties) not be made.

Scott was notified by Senator Herman E. Talmadge (D-Ga.), Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, that the committee had approved the amendment.

Besides adding Allegheny Front, the amendment calls for study areas of 11,200 acres (instead of 8,200) in Hickory Creek (Warren County) and of 10,000 acres (instead of 7,900) in Tracy Ridge (Warren and Forest Counties).

When he introduced the amendment, Scott said the Pennsylvania Chapter of the Sierra Club had recommended the Allegheny Front area for study because of its "high wilderness qualities."

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