

HR 5342

Black Hills Charter Forest Act of 2002

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 11, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Sep 5, 2002)

Black Hills Charter Forest Act of 2002 - Directs the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, to conduct a ten-year demonstration project in the Black Hills National Forest (the "Forest") for the purposes of increasing community involvement in Forest management decisions and evaluating various methods of improving the management and condition of the Forest.

Directs the Secretary to establish an independent panel of non-Federal scientists which shall: (1) conduct an assessment of the ecological, social, and economic sustainability of the Forest and submit the results to Congress; and (2) prepare a monitoring plan for the demonstration project.

Requires the Secretary to establish a community management council to advise on environmental, economic, and social issues pertaining to the Forest and on the development of binding priorities for management activities on the Forest.

Directs the Secretary to promulgate rules which, while not affecting any environmental analysis otherwise required, shall establish a predecisional review process for site specific projects during the demonstration project. Delineates procedures for the review of decisions, as well as circumstances in which exemptions from the review rules are permitted.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 11, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health.
- **Sep 5, 2002:** Introduced in House
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- **Sep 5, 2002:** Referred to the House Committee on Resources.