

HR 5748

Public Lands Forever Wild Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** GA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 22, 2002
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Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 14, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Public Lands Forever Wild Act - Prohibits, without exception, certain actions on Federal public lands, including: (1) tree cutting; (2) road building; (3) logging; (4) mining; and (5) drilling. Forbids the leasing, sale, or exchange of such lands or the sale, removal, or destruction of any resource from such lands, including timber and minerals.

Requires that all roads on Federal public lands be inventoried, with unnecessary ones to be obliterated and revegetated. Directs the Federal agencies having jurisdiction over Federal public lands to inventory them by acre, roads, rivers, and streams by mile. States that such inventory shall include a recommendation of what can be done to restore natural conditions on the lands.

Declares fires, insects, disease, and other natural destructive forces on Federal public lands to be considered acts of nature, with no further attempts to correct for them permitted.

Allows any citizen harmed by a violation of this Act to bring suit in any district court of the United States. Permits the court to impose damages for findings of violation.

Sets forth that the United States (including its agents and employees) waives its sovereign immunity in all respects in all actions with regard to court proceedings under this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 22, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.
- **Nov 19, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Nov 19, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands.
- **Nov 19, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans.
- **Nov 19, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health.
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