

HR 652

National Forest Ecosystem Protection Act of 2002

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: Feb 7, 2003

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture. (Feb 13, 2003)

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Sponsor

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

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Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Agriculture Committee | House | Referred to | Feb 13, 2003 |
| Agriculture Committee | House | Referred to | Feb 13, 2003 |
| Natural Resources Committee | House | Referred to | Feb 12, 2003 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 7, 2003)

National Forest Ecosystem Protection Act of 2002 (sic) - Establishes a National Forest Ecosystem Protection Program composed of lands within existing units of the National Forest System that contain large wilderness areas as a core area and a Primitive Area extending outward from them, hereby designated Ecosystem Protection Areas.

Requires the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Forest Service, to manage the wilderness areas. Requires the Secretary to promote the reestablishment or protection of animal and plant species native to the designated Ecosystem Protection Areas.

Requires the Secretary to strive to acquire private lands and mineral rights located within wilderness designated areas and eliminate, through phase out, commercial grazing in the Ecosystem Protection Areas.

Requires the Secretary to provide forest plan revision assessments in specified areas.

Specifies original Ecosystem Protection Areas and Primitive Areas.

Requires the Secretary to provide technical and financial assistance to enable States to acquire Ecosystem Protection Areas on State-owned lands.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 13, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.
- **Feb 13, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture.
- **Feb 12, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health.
- **Feb 12, 2003:** Executive Comment Requested from Interior, USDA.
- **Feb 7, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 7, 2003:** Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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