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S 738

Northern California Coastal Wild Heritage Wilderness Act

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: Mar 27, 2003

Current Status: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests. Hearings

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Latest Action: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests. Hearings held.

With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 108-714. (Jul 21, 2004)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]

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Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 3, 2004
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jul 21, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 1501	Identical bill	Apr 2, 2003: Executive Comment Requested from USDA, Interior.

Summary (as of Mar 27, 2003)

Northern California Coastal Wild Heritage Wilderness Act - Designates specified National Forest System and Bureau of Land Management district lands in Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino, and Napa Counties in California as wilderness and components of the National Wilderness Preservation System. Requires that such lands be administered by the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture, whoever has current administrative jurisdiction.

Provides for the adjustment of the boundaries of certain of the lands to allow and encourage mechanical fire-suppression activities near Wildfire risk areas.

Designates specified Bureau of Land Management district lands in California as potential wilderness areas. Requires that the Secretary of the Interior manage such lands as wilderness and carry out ecological restoration activities.

Designates specified segments of the Black Butte River in Mendocino County, California as a wild and scenic river. Requires the Secretary of Agriculture to submit a fire management plan and a report on the cultural and historic resources of Black Butte River.

Authorizes appropriations to the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture for: (1) the establishment of a program to provide grants for creating wilderness-related jobs and for developing visitors centers, brochures, and kiosks; (2) the development of trails and other facilities to promote wilderness recreation; (3) the support of law enforcement activities; and (4) the support of firefighting activities.

Actions Timeline

- Jul 21, 2004: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 108-714.
- Mar 27, 2003: Introduced in Senate
- Mar 27, 2003: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4527-4528)
- Mar 27, 2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.