

HR 822

Wild Sky Wilderness Act of 2003

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jul 22, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 13, 2003)

Wild Sky Wilderness Act of 2003 - Designates certain lands in the Skykomish River valley, Washington, as the Wild Sky Wilderness, to be managed by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Directs the Secretary to establish a hiking trail plan. Authorizes the use of helicopter access to construct and maintain a joint Forest Service-Snohomish County communication repeater site to provide improved communication for safety, health, and emergency purposes.

Allows the continued use of floatplanes on Lake Isabel in the Wild Sky Wilderness, subject to reasonable restrictions.

Authorizes the Secretary to acquire lands in the Wild Sky Wilderness by purchase, donation, or exchange, with priority to be given to specified priority acquisition lands. Requires the boundaries of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forests and the Wild Sky Wilderness to be adjusted to encompass any lands so acquired. Directs the Secretary to assure adequate access to private in-holdings within the Wild Sky Wilderness. States that valuation of private lands shall be determined without reference to any restrictions on access or use which arise out of designation as a wilderness area.

Requires the Secretary to accept specified lands within the Snoqualmie National Forest, Washington from the Chelan County Public Utility District if the District offers such lands to the Secretary in exchange for a permanent easement, including helicopter access, to maintain an existing snowtel site on land within the Wenatchee National Forest, Washington.

Provides for extinguishment of the easement and reversion of all conveyed rights to the United States if the District no longer needs to maintain a snowtel site.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 22, 2004:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Feb 24, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health.
- **Feb 24, 2003:** Executive Comment Requested from USDA.
- **Feb 13, 2003:** Introduced in House
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- **Feb 13, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on Resources.