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# S 225

Federal Land Recreational Visitor Protection Act of 2005

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: Feb 1, 2005

Current Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

Latest Action: Subcommittee Hearings Held. (Jul 27, 2006)

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# **Sponsor**

Name: Sen. Stevens, Ted [R-AK]

Party: Republican • State: AK • Chamber: Senate

# Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Feb 1, 2005
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	$R \cdot AK$		Feb 1, 2005

# **Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 3, 2005
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Reported By	Feb 23, 2005
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 2, 2005
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jul 27, 2006
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 28, 2005

# **Subjects & Policy Tags**

### **Policy Area:**

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### **Related Bills**

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 2039	Identical bill	Jul 27, 2006: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

# (This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the Senate on February 23, 2005. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Federal Land Recreational Visitor Protection Act of 2005 - Directs the Secretary of Agriculture to establish an avalanche protection program to: (1) provide early identification of the potential for avalanches that could endanger the safety of recreational users of public land and visitors to units of the National Park System (NPS); and (2) reduce the risks and mitigate the effects of avalanches on visitors, recreational users, neighboring communities, and transportation corridors.

Requires the Secretary and the Secretary of the Interior to: (1) use the resources of the National Avalanche Center of the Forest Service to carry out this Act; and (2) establish an advisory committee to assist in the development and implementation of the program.

Directs such Secretaries and the Secretary of the Army to establish a central depository for weapons, ammunition, and parts for avalanche control purposes, including an inventory that can be made available to federal and non-federal entities.

Authorizes the Secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior to make grants to carry out projects and activities under the program to: (1) assist in the prevention, forecasting, detection, and mitigation of avalanches; (2) maintain essential transportation and communications; (3) assist avalanche artillery users to ensure the availability of adequate supplies of artillery and other explosives required for avalanche control in or affecting NPS units, other federal land used for recreation, and adjacent communities, and essential transportation corridors; and (4) assist research and development activities for alternatives to minimize reliance on military weapons for avalanche control.

Authorizes appropriations.

#### **Actions Timeline**

- Jul 27, 2006: Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- Aug 3, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.
- Aug 2, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks.
- Aug 2, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health.
- Jul 27, 2005: Received in the House.
- Jul 27, 2005: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- Jul 27, 2005: Referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and Government Reform, 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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- Jul 26, 2005: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S9018-9052; text as passed Senate: CR S9020-9021)
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- Feb 23, 2005: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Domenici under authority of the order of the Senate of 02/17/05 with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. With written report No. 109-11.
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- Feb 23, 2005: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 22.
- Feb 9, 2005: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- Feb 1, 2005: Introduced in Senate
- Feb 1, 2005: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S741)
- Feb 1, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.