HR 3701

Ecosystem Protection Act of 2005

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 21, 2005
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 16, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Sep 8, 2005)

Ecosystem Protection Act of 2005 - 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. Provides a voluntary grazing permit buyout program for the extinguishment of existing grazing permits on such lands.

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

- **Sep 21, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.
- **Sep 16, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health.
- **Sep 8, 2005:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 8, 2005:** 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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