

HR 4970

Backcountry Landing Strip Access Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry. (Mar 21, 2006)

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Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Hastings, Doc [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Mar 15, 2006
Rep. Simpson, Michael K. [R-ID-2]	R · ID		Mar 15, 2006
Rep. Rehberg, Dennis R. [R-MT-At Large]	R · MT		Mar 29, 2006
Rep. Herger, Wally [R-CA-2]	R · CA		Jun 9, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 21, 2006
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 20, 2006
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 20, 2006
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 16, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 2108	Identical bill	Dec 15, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Backcountry Landing Strip Access Act - Prohibits the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture from taking any action that would permanently close, restrict, render or declare as unserviceable any aircraft landing strip located on federal land under their respective jurisdiction, unless: (1) the head of the aviation department of each state in which the aircraft landing strip is located approves the action; (2) notice of the proposed action has been published in the Federal Register; (3) a public comment period on the action has been provided; and (4) the relevant Secretary and the head of the aviation department of each state in which the affected aircraft landing strip is located have taken into consideration any comments received during the comment period.

Directs the Secretaries to: (1) adopt a nationwide policy for governing backcountry aviation issues related to the management of federal land under their jurisdiction; and (2) require regional managers to adhere to it. Declares that a policy affecting air access to an aircraft landing strip located on federal land will not take effect unless certain conditions are met.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Mar 21, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.
- **Mar 20, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health.
- **Mar 20, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks.
- **Mar 20, 2006:** Executive Comment Requested from Interior.
- **Mar 16, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
- **Mar 15, 2006:** Introduced in House
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