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S 1281

Craig Thomas Snake Headwaters Legacy Act of 2008

Congress: 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Thomas, Craig [R-WY]

Party: Republican • State: WY • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]	$R \cdot WY$		Sep 11, 2007

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	May 15, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Craig Thomas Snake Headwaters Legacy Act of 2008 - Amends the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate specified segments of the Snake River System in Wyoming as components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.

Requires each river segment to be managed by the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of the Interior (the Secretary concerned) as specified.

Requires the Secretary concerned to develop a management plan for each river segment that is in an area under the jurisdiction of the Secretary.

Requires that each management plan shall contain, with respect to the river segment that is the subject of the plan, a section containing an analysis and description of the availability and compatibility of future development with the wild and scenic character of such river segment (with particular emphasis on each river segment that contains one or more parcels of private land).

Sets forth requirements for the quantification of the water rights reserved by each river segment designated by this Act.

Authorizes the Secretary concerned to carry out activities at United States Geological Survey stream gauges that are located on the Snake River and its tributaries, including flow measurements and operation, maintenance, and replacement.

Bars the acquisition of any property or interest in property within the boundaries of any designated river segment by the Secretary concerned without the owner's consent.

Specifies this Act's effect on valid existing rights, including certain water rights.

Authorizes appropriations.

Actions Timeline

- Jun 16, 2008: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Bingaman with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 110-357.
- Jun 16, 2008: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 789.
- May 7, 2008: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- May 15, 2007: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Senate Subcommittee on National Parks. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 110-104.
- May 3, 2007: Introduced in Senate
- May 3, 2007: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.