

HR 1751

Federal Land Avalanche Protection Act of 2007

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** AK • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (1 total)

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Committee Activity

| Committee                                 | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Agriculture Committee                     | House   | Referred to | May 4, 2007  |
| Natural Resources Committee               | House   | Referred to | Apr 10, 2007 |
| Oversight and Government Reform Committee | House   | Referred To | Mar 28, 2007 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship   | Last Action   |
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| 110 S 3042  | Related bill   | <b>May 20, 2008:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.                |
| 110 HR 1703 | Identical bill | <b>May 4, 2007:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry. |

Federal Land Avalanche Protection Act of 2007 - Directs the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, to establish an avalanche protection program to: (1) identify the potential for avalanches on federal lands and inform the public about the probability of avalanches and their potential adverse effects; (2) carry out ongoing research to improve avalanche forecasting; and (3) reduce the risks of avalanches and mitigate their effects.

Requires the Secretary: (1) to coordinate the program to ensure protection for recreational users of public land under the Secretary of the Interior's jurisdiction, using resources of the Forest Service's National Avalanche Center; (2) to establish an advisory committee to assist in program development and implementation; and (3) with the Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary of the Army, to establish a central depository for weapons, ammunition, and parts for avalanche control purposes.

Authorizes the Secretary to make grants to carry out projects and activities to: (1) assist in the prevention, forecasting, detection, and mitigation of avalanches; (2) maintain essential transportation, utilities, and communications; (3) assist avalanche artillery users to ensure the availability of adequate supplies of artillery and explosives required for avalanche control in specified areas; and (4) assist research and development activities for alternatives to minimize reliance on military weapons for avalanche control.

Directs the Secretary to give priority to projects carried out in avalanche zones with a high frequency or severity of avalanches or in which deaths, injuries, or damage to public facilities and communities have occurred.

Requires the Administrator of General Services to transfer specified property suitable for avalanche control purposes to a user of surplus ordnance.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **May 4, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.
- **Apr 10, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.
- **Mar 28, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 28, 2007:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and Oversight 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.