

HR 886

Wild Sky Wilderness Act of 2007

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]

Party: Democratic • **State:** WA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Dicks, Norman D. [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Feb 7, 2007
Rep. Inslee, Jay [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Feb 7, 2007
Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Feb 14, 2007
Rep. Reichert, David G. [R-WA-8]	R · WA		Feb 14, 2007
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Feb 14, 2007
Rep. Baird, Brian [D-WA-3]	D · WA		Mar 5, 2007

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 28, 2007
Natural Resources Committee	House	Reported By	Apr 17, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 2739	Related bill	May 8, 2008: Became Public Law No: 110-229.
110 S 520	Identical bill	Feb 7, 2007: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1716-1717)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the House passed version is repeated here.)

Wild Sky Wilderness Act of 2007 - (Sec. 2) Designates certain lands in the Skykomish River valley, Washington, as the Wild Sky Wilderness, to be managed by the Secretary of Agriculture.

(Sec. 3) Directs the Secretary to establish a trail plan. Authorizes the use of helicopter access to construct and maintain a joint Forest Service-Snohomish County telecommunications repeater site to provide improved communication for safety, health, and emergency purposes.

Allows the continued use of floatplanes on Lake Isabel in the Wild Sky Wilderness, subject to reasonable restrictions.

Provides that such wilderness designation shall not preclude the operation and maintenance of the existing Evergreen Mountain Lookout in the same manner and degree in which the operation and maintenance were occurring as of the enactment of this Act.

(Sec. 4) Authorizes the Secretary to acquire lands in the Wild Sky Wilderness by purchase, donation, or exchange, with priority to be given to specified Priority Acquisition Lands. Requires the boundaries of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest and the Wild Sky Wilderness to be adjusted to encompass any lands so acquired. Directs the Secretary to ensure adequate access to private in-holdings within the Wild Sky Wilderness. States that valuation of private lands shall be determined without reference to any restrictions on access or use which arise out of designation as a wilderness area.

(Sec. 5) Requires the Secretary to accept specified lands within the Snoqualmie National Forest, Washington, from the Chelan County Public Utility District if the District offers such lands to the Secretary (in title acceptable to the Secretary, and provided there is no hazardous material on the site) in exchange for a permanent easement, including helicopter access, to maintain an existing telemetry site to monitor snow pack on land within the Wenatchee National Forest, Washington.

Provides for extinguishment of the easement and reversion of all conveyed rights to the United States if the District no longer needs to maintain a telemetry site.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 11, 2008:** Indefinitely postponed by Senate by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S5530)
- **Jun 28, 2007:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Bingaman without amendment. With written report No. 110-121.
- **Jun 28, 2007:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 255.
- **May 23, 2007:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Apr 18, 2007:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Apr 17, 2007:** Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 110-89.
- **Apr 17, 2007:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 54.
- **Apr 17, 2007:** Mr. Grijalva moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Apr 17, 2007:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3406-3409)
- **Apr 17, 2007:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 886.
- **Apr 17, 2007:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H3406)
- **Apr 17, 2007:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H3406)
- **Apr 17, 2007:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 7, 2007:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 7, 2007:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Feb 7, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 7, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.