

HR 4474

Idaho Wilderness Water Facilities Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: ID • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Simpson, Michael K. [R-ID-2]	R · ID		Jan 20, 2010

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Mar 10, 2010
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 20, 2010

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 2966	Identical bill	Mar 10, 2010: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 111-565.
111 HRES 1038	Procedurally related	Jan 27, 2010: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
111 HR 3538	Related bill	Jan 20, 2010: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 225 - 191 (Roll no. 11).

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

Idaho Wilderness Water Facilities Act - Authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to issue a special use authorization to each of the 20 owners of a water storage, transport, or diversion facility located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in Idaho for continued operation, maintenance, and reconstruction of such facility if it is determined that: (1) the facility was in existence on the date on which the land upon which it is located was designated as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System; (2) the facility has been in continuous use to deliver water for beneficial use on the owner's non-federal land since the date of designation; (3) the owner holds a valid water right for use of the water on such land under Idaho state law, with a priority date that predates such date; and (4) it is not practicable or feasible to relocate the facility to land outside of the wilderness and continue the beneficial use of water on the non-federal land.

Authorizes the Secretary, in a special use authorization under this Act, to: (1) allow the use of motorized equipment and mechanized transport for operation, maintenance, or reconstruction of a facility, if it is determined that the use is necessary to continue delivery of water to the non-federal land for beneficial uses and, after conducting a minimum tool analysis for a facility, that the use of nonmotorized equipment and nonmechanized transport is impracticable or infeasible; and (2) preclude use of the facility for the storage, diversion, or transport of water in excess of the water right.

Authorizes the Secretary, in such an authorization, to: (1) require or allow modification or relocation of a facility in the wilderness, as determined necessary, to reduce impacts to wilderness values if the beneficial use of water on the non-federal land is not diminished; and (2) require that the owner provide a reciprocal right of access across the non-federal property, in which case the owner shall receive market value for any right-of-way or other interest in real property conveyed to the United States. Permits the market value to be paid by the Secretary, in whole or in part, by the grant of a reciprocal right-of-way or by reduction of fees or other costs that may accrue to the owner in obtaining an authorization for water facilities.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 5, 2010:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Bingaman without amendment. With written report No. 111-277.
- **Aug 5, 2010:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 547.
- **Jun 21, 2010:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Mar 10, 2010:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy. Hearings held.
- **Jan 28, 2010:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Jan 27, 2010:** Rule H. Res. 1038 passed House.
- **Jan 27, 2010:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 1038. (consideration: CR H403-405)
- **Jan 27, 2010:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 3726 and H.R. 4474. Each bill is allowed 1 hour of general debate. The previous question shall be considered as ordered, in each instance, without intervening motions except one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measures will be considered read.
- **Jan 27, 2010:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 4474.
- **Jan 27, 2010:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule. (consideration: CR H405)
- **Jan 27, 2010:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on H.R. 4474, the Chair put the question on passage and by voice vote, announced the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Hastings of Washington demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of passage until a time to be announced.
- **Jan 27, 2010:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H410-411)
- **Jan 27, 2010:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 415 - 0 (Roll no. 22).(text: CR H403)
- **Jan 27, 2010:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 415 - 0 (Roll no. 22). (text: CR H403)
- **Jan 27, 2010:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 26, 2010:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 1038 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 3726 and H.R. 4474. Each bill is allowed 1 hour of general debate. The previous question shall be considered as ordered, in each instance, without intervening motions except one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measures will be considered read.
- **Jan 20, 2010:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 20, 2010:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.