

## HR 2621

### Chimney Rock National Monument Establishment Act

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Jul 21, 2011

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (May 17, 2012)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Tipton, Scott R. [R-CO-3]

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

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Gardner, Cory [R-CO-4]	R · CO		Oct 5, 2011
Rep. Coffman, Mike [R-CO-6]	R · CO		Nov 3, 2011
Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]	R · CO		Nov 3, 2011
Rep. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Feb 6, 2012

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 17, 2012
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Apr 25, 2012

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 508	Related bill	<b>May 11, 2011:</b> Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 112-124.

**(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on May 10, 2012. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Chimney Rock National Monument Establishment Act - (Sec. 3) Establishes the Chimney Rock National Monument in Colorado in order to preserve, protect, and restore the cultural, historic, natural, educational, and scenic resources of Chimney Rock and adjacent land and to provide for public interpretation and recreation consistent with the protection of such resources.

Authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA) to make minor adjustments to the boundaries of the Monument to reflect the inclusion of significant archaeological resources discovered on adjacent National Forest System land.

(Sec. 4) Sets forth provisions for the administration of the Monument. Permits only such uses of the Monument that would further the purposes specified above.

Requires the Monument to be administered according to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act and the policy specified in the American Indian Religious Freedom Act.

Allows for continued use of the Monument by Indian tribes for traditional ceremonies and as a source of traditional plants and materials.

Authorizes the Secretary to carry out vegetation management treatments within the Monument, except that timber harvesting shall only be used when necessary for ecosystem restoration or the control of fire, insects, or diseases.

Limits the use of motor vehicles and mountain bikes in the Monument to roads and trails identified as appropriate for such use.

Permits grazing in the Monument where established prior to this Act's enactment.

Prohibits anything in this Act from precluding upgrading an existing utility right-of-way through the Monument.

Permits volunteers and scientific researchers to work within the Monument.

Requires signs, fixtures, alterations, or additions needed in connection with the designation or advertisement of the Monument to be paid for only with non-federal funds or amounts made available for those purposes in prior appropriation Acts.

Instructs the Secretary to designate a USDA employee whose duties shall include acting as the point of contact for the management of the Monument.

Allows continued use of the Monument for hunting, fishing, and other authorized recreational uses, except that the Secretary may implement temporary emergency closures or restrictions of the smallest area practicable to provide for public safety, resource conservation, or other purposes authorized by law.

(Sec. 5) Requires the Secretary to develop a management plan for the Monument in consultation with Indian tribes having a cultural or historic tie to Chimney Rock. Requires an opportunity for public comment on the plan.

(Sec. 6) Authorizes the Secretary to acquire, by purchase from willing sellers, donation, or exchange, land and interests

within or adjacent to the Monument.

(Sec. 7) Withdraws federal land in the Monument and any acquired land from: (1) entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws; (2) location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and (3) operation of the mineral leasing, mineral materials, and geothermal leasing laws, except for the issuance of gas pipeline rights-of-way within existing easements.

(Sec. 8) Specifies this Act's effect on: (1) valid water rights, (2) federal reserved water rights, (3) specified tribal rights, (4) fish and wildlife on public lands in Colorado, and (5) buffer zones or private property adjacent to the Monument.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 17, 2012:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **May 16, 2012:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2781-2782)
- **May 16, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR 5/15/2012 H2679)
- **May 16, 2012:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR 5/15/2012 H2679)
- **May 16, 2012:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 15, 2012:** Mr. Bishop (UT) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 15, 2012:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2678-2680)
- **May 15, 2012:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2621.
- **May 15, 2012:** At the conclusion of debate, the chair put the question on the motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Heinrich objected to the vote on the grounds that a quorum was not present. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. The point of no quorum was withdrawn.
- **May 10, 2012:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 112-473.
- **May 10, 2012:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 331.
- **Apr 25, 2012:** Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands Discharged.
- **Apr 25, 2012:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 25, 2012:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 3, 2011:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jul 25, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.
- **Jul 21, 2011:** Introduced in House
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