

HR 491

To modify the boundaries of Cibola National Forest in the State of New Mexico, to transfer certain Bureau of Land Management land for inclusion in the national forest, and for other purposes.

Congress: 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: Jan 26, 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. (Apr 25, 2012)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** NM • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 25, 2012
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Feb 29, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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

Expands the boundaries of the Cibola National Forest in New Mexico to include the Crest of Montezuma.

Directs the Secretary of the Interior to transfer administrative jurisdiction over such land to the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA) for inclusion in the Forest.

Instructs the Secretary of Agriculture to administer any permit or other land use authorization for such transferred land that is still in effect as of the transfer date in accordance with the terms of such permit or authorization. Permits such Secretary, upon the expiration of such a permit or authorization, to reauthorize the use covered by that permit or authorization under the authorities available to the Secretary on such terms and conditions as considered in the public interest.

Allows the Secretary of Agriculture to acquire, with the owner's consent, the private land included within the boundaries of the Forest by this Act.

Requires any federally owned lands that have already been or hereafter may be acquired for National Forest System purposes within the Forest's boundaries, as modified by this Act, to be managed as lands acquired under the Act of March 1, 1911, commonly known as the Weeks Act, and according to the other laws and regulations that pertain to the System.

Withdraws the Crest of Montezuma from: (1) entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws; (2) location, entry, and patent under the public land mining laws; and (3) operation of the mineral leasing, geothermal leasing, and mineral materials laws.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 25, 2012:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Apr 24, 2012:** Mr. Bishop (UT) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Apr 24, 2012:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2049-2050)
- **Apr 24, 2012:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 491.
- **Apr 24, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H2049)
- **Apr 24, 2012:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H2049)
- **Apr 24, 2012:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Apr 16, 2012:** Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 112-435.
- **Apr 16, 2012:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 302.
- **Feb 29, 2012:** Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands Discharged.
- **Feb 29, 2012:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 29, 2012:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Feb 3, 2012:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Feb 4, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.
- **Jan 26, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 26, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.