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Recreational Fishing and Hunting Heritage and Opportunities Act

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Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Jul 9, 2014
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Jul 16, 2014

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 29, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 2363	Related bill	Jul 10, 2014: Cloture on the bill not invoked in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 41 - 56. Record Vote Number: 220. (consideration: CR S4377-4378; text: CR S4377)
113 HR 3590	Related bill	Feb 10, 2014: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 305.
113 S 1996	Related bill	Feb 6, 2014: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 304.
113 HR 1825	Related bill	Jan 31, 2014: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 250.
113 S 1660	Related bill	Nov 6, 2013: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
113 HR 3197	Related bill	Oct 15, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
113 S 1335	Related bill	Jul 18, 2013: Introduced in the Senate. Read twice. Ordered Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 143.

Summary (as of Jan 29, 2013)

Recreational Fishing and Hunting Heritage and Opportunities Act - Requires a federal public land management official, in cooperation with the respective state and fish and wildlife agency, to exercise the authority of the official under law, including regarding land use planning, to facilitate the use of, and access to, federal public land for hunting, recreational fishing, and recreational shooting, except as described in this Act.

Requires the heads of federal public land management agencies to exercise their discretion in a manner that supports and facilitates hunting, recreational fishing, and recreational shooting opportunities, to the extent authorized under applicable law.

Requires that Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Forest Service land, excluding land on the Outer Continental Shelf, be open to hunting, recreational fishing, or recreational shooting unless the managing agency acts to close lands to such activity. Permits closures or restrictions on such land for purposes including resource conservation, public safety, energy or mineral production, energy generation or transmission infrastructure, water supply facilities, national security, or compliance with other law.

Allows agencies to: (1) lease or permit use of federal public land for recreational shooting ranges, and (2) designate specific land for recreational shooting activities. Excepts from such use or designation land including a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System, land designated as a wilderness study area or administratively classified as wilderness eligible or suitable, and primitive or semiprimitive areas.

Requires annual reports on closures of federal public lands to hunting, recreational fishing, or recreational shooting. Sets forth requirements for specified closures or significant restrictions involving 1280 or more contiguous acres of federal public land or water to hunting or recreational fishing or related activities.

Instructs federal public land agencies to consult with the advisory councils specified in Executive Orders 12962 (relating to recreational fisheries) and 13443 (relating to the facilitation of hunting heritage and wildlife conservation) in carrying out this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 29, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 29, 2013:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S367)
- **Jan 29, 2013:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.