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Buffalo Soldiers in the National Parks Study Act

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Chamber: Senate

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Feb 4, 2013

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Apr 23, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 520	Identical bill	Dec 20, 2013: Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 285.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

Buffalo Soldiers in the National Parks Study Act - Directs the Secretary of the Interior to study alternatives for the commemoration and interpretation of the role of the Buffalo Soldiers (African-American troops who, in the late 19th century and early 20th century, came to be known as the Buffalo Soldiers) in the early years of the National Parks, which shall include: (1) an historical assessment of the Buffalo Soldiers who served in National Parks in the years prior to the establishment of the National Park Service (NPS); (2) an evaluation of the suitability and feasibility of establishing a national historic trail commemorating the route traveled by the Buffalo Soldiers from their post in the Presidio in San Francisco to the Sequoia and Yosemite National Parks and to any other National Parks where they may have served; (3) identification of properties that could meet criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or criteria for designation as National Historic Landmarks; and (4) an evaluation of ways of enhancing historical research, education, and awareness of the story of the Buffalo Soldiers' stewardship role in the National Parks. Requires the Secretary to submit to Congress a report on the findings and recommendations of such study.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 27, 2013:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Wyden without amendment. With written report No. 113-53.
- **Jun 27, 2013:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 107.
- **May 16, 2013:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Apr 23, 2013:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 113-27.
- **Feb 4, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 4, 2013:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S473)
- **Feb 4, 2013:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (text of measure as introduced: CR S473)