

## HR 2276

### Virgin Valley Tourism and Lake Mead Preservation Act

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**Chamber:** House

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

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## Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 13, 2013
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## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 1744	Related bill	Feb 26, 2014: Subcommittee Hearings Held.
113 S 1054	Related bill	May 23, 2013: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3853-3857)

Virgin Valley Tourism and Lake Mead Preservation Act - Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), to establish a visitor center and field office in Mesquite, Nevada, to: (1) serve visitors; and (2) assist in fulfilling the purposes of the Lake Mead National Recreation Area, the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument, and the Gold Butte National Conservation Area established by this Act.

Requires completion of a study regarding local renewable energy development.

Amends the Mesquite Lands Act of 1986 to require proceeds from sales of parcels of public lands in Mesquite, Nevada, to be used for implementation of a multispecies habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River in Clark County, Nevada, including any associated groundwater monitoring plan.

Extends until November 29, 2021, the withdrawal of public land parcels in the fifth and sixth areas of Mesquite and the related purchase authority of the city of Mesquite for the fifth area.

Requires: (1) implementation of a plan to provide for local boat access to Lake Mead; and (2) a study of existing, designated routes outside the Conservation Area for designation as an Off-Highway Vehicle Trail. Authorizes the Secretary to designate such a Trail one year after completion of the study.

Directs the Secretary to establish: (1) the Virgin Valley Tourism and Economic Advisory Council, and (2) the Gold Butte National Conservation Area Advisory Council.

Establishes the Gold Butte National Conservation Area in Nevada. Directs the Secretary to develop a management plan for the long-term protection and management of the Area.

Designates specified wilderness areas administered by the National Park Service (NPS) or the BLM in Clark County as wilderness and as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

States that the withdrawal of certain BLM lands for use by the Bureau of Reclamation is terminated.

Directs the Secretary to credit specified multiple use lands toward the development of additional non-federal land within Clark County.

Requires the Conservation Area and the BLM wilderness areas designated by this Act to be administered as components of the National Landscape Conservation System.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 13, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation.
- **Jun 13, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power.
- **Jun 6, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 6, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.