

HR 2569

Upper Missisquoi and Trout Wild and Scenic Rivers Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Latest Action: Received in the Senate. (Sep 16, 2014)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	May 29, 2014

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 1252	Identical bill	May 22, 2014: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 396.

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on June 30, 2014. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Upper Missisquoi and Trout Wild and Scenic Rivers Act - (Sec. 2) Amends the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate specified segments of the Missisquoi River and Trout River in Vermont as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

(Sec. 3) Requires the river segments designated by this Act to be managed in accordance with the Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Management Plan and any amendments meeting certain criteria.

Requires the Secretary of the Interior to coordinate the management responsibilities with the Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Wild and Scenic Committee.

Authorizes the Secretary to enter into cooperative agreements for the protection, preservation, and enhancement of the river segments with: (1) the state of Vermont; (2) specific municipalities; and (3) local, regional, statewide, or multi-state planning, environmental, or recreational organizations.

States that the designation of the river segments does not: (1) preclude the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) from licensing, relicensing, or otherwise authorizing the operation of specified hydroelectric projects; or (2) limit the modernization, upgrades, or other changes to the projects. Prohibits resource protection, mitigation, or enhancement measures required by FERC hydropower proceedings from being considered project works under this Act. Permits such measures within the segments. Prohibits resource protection, mitigation, or enhancement measures required by FERC hydropower proceedings from being considered project works under this Act. Permits such measures within the segments.

Considers zoning ordinances adopted by specific towns as satisfying provisions in the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act that prohibit the Secretary from acquiring lands by condemnation within a designated Wild and Scenic River boundary when certain local zoning ordinances are in place.

Limits the authority of the Secretary to acquire lands under this Act to acquisition by donation or exchange and subject to additional management plan criteria.

Prohibits the Secretary from acquiring by condemnation any land or interest in land within the boundaries of the river segments designated by this Act.

Bars the inclusion of any private or non-federal public property within the boundaries of such river segments without the owner's written consent.

Bars the Missisquoi and Trout Rivers from being administered as part of the National Park System.

Declares that nothing in this Act or the Upper Missisquoi and Trout Rivers Management Plan shall be construed to create buffer zones outside the river segment boundaries designated by this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 16, 2014:** Received in the Senate.
- **Sep 15, 2014:** Mr. Hastings (WA) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 15, 2014:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H7492-7494)
- **Sep 15, 2014:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2569.
- **Sep 15, 2014:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H7492-7493)
- **Sep 15, 2014:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H7492-7493)
- **Sep 15, 2014:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 30, 2014:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 113-502.
- **Jun 30, 2014:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 375.
- **May 29, 2014:** Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation Discharged.
- **May 29, 2014:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 29, 2014:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Feb 26, 2014:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jul 8, 2013:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation.
- **Jun 27, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 27, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.