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Columbine-Hondo Wilderness Act

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Nov 20, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 1683	Identical bill	May 2, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation.

Columbine-Hondo Wilderness Act - **Title I: Addition to the National Wilderness Preservation System** - (Sec. 101) Designates approximately 45,000 acres of specified land in Carson National Forest in New Mexico as: (1) the Columbine-Hondo Wilderness, and (2) a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System. States that Congress does not intend for the designation to create a protective perimeter or buffer zone around the Wilderness.

Authorizes the grazing of livestock to continue in the wilderness if grazing was established before this Act's enactment, and if it proceeds in accordance with specified guidelines.

Releases any federal land within the Columbine-Hondo Wilderness Study Area administered by the Forest Service that is not designated as wilderness by this Act from further review for designation as wilderness.

(Sec. 102) Modifies the boundary of the Wheeler Peak Wilderness in New Mexico.

Title II: Land Conveyances and Sales - (Sec. 201) Directs Department of Agriculture (USDA) to convey to the town of Red River, New Mexico, without consideration and by quitclaim deed, one or more of Parcels, 1, 2, 3, and 4 of federal land in Taos County, New Mexico. Subjects the conveyance to public rights-of-way through Parcels 1, 3, and 4 and an administrative right-of-way through Parcel 2 reserved by the United States. Requires the town to use Parcel 1 for a wastewater treatment plant, Parcel 2 for a cemetery, Parcel 3 for a public park, and Parcel 4 for a public road.

(Sec. 202) Directs USDA to convey approximately 4.6 acres of National Forest System land to the village of Taos Ski Valley in New Mexico. Subjects the conveyance to an administrative right-of-way reserved to the United States. Directs the Village to use the land for a wastewater treatment plant.

(Sec. 203) Authorizes the USDA to convey at fair market value: (1) 0.2 acres of National Forest System land in New Mexico depicted as Parcel 5 to the holder of the permit numbered, "QUE302101," and (2) 0.1 acres of National Forest System land depicted as Parcel 6 to the owner of the private property adjacent to that parcel. Requires proceeds from the sale to be deposited in the Sisk Act fund.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 10, 2014:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Landrieu with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 113-291.
- **Dec 10, 2014:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 631.
- **Nov 13, 2014:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Nov 20, 2013:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 113-342.
- **Apr 22, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 22, 2013:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.