

## HR 6155

Ensuring Safety of Federal Wilderness Areas Act of 2016

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**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Sep 22, 2016

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. (Oct 19, 2016)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Meadows, Mark [R-NC-11]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** NC • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 19, 2016
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 3, 2016

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Ensuring Safety of Federal Wilderness Areas Act of 2016

This bill amends the Wilderness Act to prohibit the Department of Agriculture (for wilderness areas under the jurisdiction of the Forest Service) and the Department of the Interior (for wilderness areas under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management) from adopting, amending, or enforcing, any regulations, policies, or guidance that would delay federal, state, or local emergency response personnel from entering into a wilderness area or wilderness study area to respond to an emergency.

Any entrance by federal, state, or local emergency response personnel into a wilderness area or wilderness study area in response to an emergency shall be reported to the appropriate Department within 24 hours of the time at which such personnel first entered such area.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Oct 19, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
- **Oct 3, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **Sep 22, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 22, 2016:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.