

S 2809

Emery County Public Land Management Act of 2018

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Current Status: By Senator Murkowski from Committee on Energy and Natural Resources filed written report. Report No.

Latest Action: By Senator Murkowski from Committee on Energy and Natural Resources filed written report. Report No. 115-440. (Dec 19, 2018)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]

Party: Republican • **State:** UT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Aug 22, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 3803	Related bill	Dec 20, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
115 HR 5727	Identical bill	Dec 10, 2018: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 832.

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This bill establishes the San Rafael Swell Western Heritage and Historic Mining National Conservation Area, consisting of 336,467 acres in Utah. The bill also amends the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a 54-mile segment of Green River, which is located in the area, as a component of the national wild and scenic rivers system.

Over 500,000 acres in Utah are designated as national wilderness areas, including Candland Mountain, Crack Canyon, Desolation Canyon, Devil's Canyon, Horseshoe Canyon (North), Mexican Mountain, Muddy Creek, Nelson Mountain, San Rafael Reef, and Sid's Mountain.

With respect to the newly established conservation area and wilderness areas, the bill:

- allows for commercial services to the extent necessary to fulfill the areas' recreational or other purposes;
- allows the grazing of livestock, if already established, to continue;
- allows for the "casual collection" (for noncommercial use) of plants, rocks, and minerals; and
- otherwise provides for management by the Department of the Interior.

In addition, with respect to other land in Utah, the bill provides for:

- the cooperative (state and federal) management of the Temple Mountain Cooperative Management Area (7,792 acres);
- the management of the Goblin Valley State Park Expansion as a state park;
- the establishment and management of the Jurassic National Monument (2,534 acres); and
- public purpose conveyances, by Interior to the applicable local government entity, of the Huntington Airport (1,400 acres), the Emery City Recreation Area (640 acres), the State Road 6 Emery Sheriff's Office substation site (640 acres), and the Buckhorn Information Center (65 acres).

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 19, 2018:** By Senator Murkowski from Committee on Energy and Natural Resources filed written report. Report No. 115-440.
- **Dec 5, 2018:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Murkowski with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. Without written report.
- **Dec 5, 2018:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 721.
- **Oct 2, 2018:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Aug 22, 2018:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 115-528.
- **May 9, 2018:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 9, 2018:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.