

## S 241

### Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

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

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CO • **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)	Nov 18, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 823	Identical bill	<b>Nov 18, 2020:</b> Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Senate Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 116-382.
116 HR 474	Related bill	<b>Feb 5, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
116 S 37	Related bill	<b>Jan 8, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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This bill provides for the conservation of specified lands in Colorado.

Specifically, the bill designates

- specified federal lands within the White River National Forest as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System,
- the proposed Williams Fork Wilderness as a potential wilderness area,
- the Tenmile Recreation Management Area,
- the Porcupine Gulch Wildlife Conservation Area,
- the Williams Fork Wildlife Conservation Area,
- the Camp Hale National Historic Landscape,
- the Sheep Mountain and Liberty Bell East Special Management Areas, and
- the Curecanti National Recreation Area.

The bill adjusts the boundary of the White River National Forest, the Rocky Mountain National Park Wilderness, and the Arapaho National Forest.

The bill directs the Department of Agriculture to permit by special use authorization nonmotorized access and use of the Bolts Ditch headgate and the Bolts Ditch within the Holy Cross Wilderness for the diversion of water and use, maintenance, and repair of the ditch and headgate by the town of Minturn.

The bill provides for the inclusion of additional federal lands in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

The bill provides for the cancellation of all Thompson Divide oil or gas leases.

The Department of the Interior shall carry out a program to lease federal methane from coal mines leaking methane in the North Fork Valley.

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## Actions Timeline

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