

## HR 612

### Securing Our Borders and Wilderness Act

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**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Jan 16, 2019

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands. (Feb 6, 2019)

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Palmer, Gary J. [R-AL-6]	R · AL		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Feb 28, 2019
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Mar 28, 2019
Rep. Cloud, Michael [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Apr 30, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 4, 2019
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 6, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Securing Our Borders and Wilderness Act

This bill amends the Wilderness Act to allow the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to conduct the following activities within a wilderness area for the purpose of securing the international land borders of the United States:

- access structures, installations, and roads;
- execute search and rescue operations;
- use motor vehicles, motorboats, and motorized equipment;
- conduct patrols on foot and on horseback;
- use aircraft;
- deploy tactical infrastructure and technology; or
- construct and maintain roads and physical barriers.

Any such activity shall be carried out in a manner that protects the wilderness character of the area.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 6, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
- **Feb 4, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations.
- **Jan 16, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 16, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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.