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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]

Party: Democratic • State: VA • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Mar 25, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 25, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 803	Related bill	Mar 2, 2021: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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This bill

- adds specified additional lands in the George Washington National Forest (a part of the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests in Virginia, West Virginia, and Kentucky) to the Rough Mountain Wilderness, and
- designates specified land in the forest as a potential wilderness area for incorporation into the Rich Hole Wilderness.

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) may use motorized equipment and mechanized transport in the potential wilderness area until it is incorporated into the Rich Hole Wilderness in order to enhance natural ecosystems by implementing certain activities to improve water quality and aquatic passage, as described in the Forest Service document titled *Decision Notice for the Lower Cowpasture Restoration and Management Project* and dated December 2015. In carrying out such water quality and aquatic passage improvement activities, USDA must use the minimum tool or administrative practice that has the least amount of adverse impact on wilderness character and resources.

Actions Timeline

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