

S 1459

PUBLIC Lands Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Current Status: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearing

Latest Action: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held. (Oct 19, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]

Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 29, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Oct 19, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 973	Related bill	Mar 8, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.

Protecting Unique and Beautiful Landscapes by Investing in California Lands Act or the PUBLIC Lands Act

This bill sets forth provisions concerning the restoration, economic development, and conservation of, and recreational access to, certain public lands in California.

The bill establishes

- the South Fork Trinity-Mad River Restoration Area,
- the California Public Lands Remediation Partnership,
- the Trinity Lake and Del Norte County visitor centers,
- the Horse Mountain Special Management Area,
- the Elk Camp Ridge Recreation Trail,
- the Sanhedrin Special Conservation Management Area, and
- the Condor National Scenic Trail.

The bill designates

- specified federal lands as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System,
- the North Fork Wilderness as the North Fork Eel River Wilderness,
- specified federal lands as potential wilderness areas,
- specified segments of certain rivers and creeks and of a specified river estuary as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System,
- the Machesna Mountain and the Fox Mountain Potential Wilderness Areas,
- the Condor Ridge and Black Mountain Scenic Areas, and
- the San Gabriel National Recreation Area.

Also, the bill

- authorizes the utilization of certain forest residues for research and development of biobased products that result in net carbon sequestration,
- authorizes initiatives to restore degraded redwood forest ecosystems in the Redwood National Forest and state parks,
- requires specified recreational studies and partnerships, and
- expands the boundaries of the Elkhorn Ridge Wilderness and the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 19, 2021:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held.
- **Apr 29, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 29, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S2359)