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Smith River National Recreation Area Expansion Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		May 10, 2021
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Committee Activity

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

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 7329	Identical bill	May 11, 2022: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

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This bill expands the Smith River National Recreation Area in California into Oregon and designates specified segments of the North Fork Smith River as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (NWSRS).

The management emphasis for any portion of the recreation area in Oregon shall be on roadless backcountry and white-water recreation.

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) shall study the additions to the recreation area, including inventories and assessments of water features (e.g., streams and lakes). USDA shall modify any applicable management plan to protect the resources inventoried.

USDA shall seek to enter into a memorandum of understanding with applicable Indian tribes to (1) provide them with access to the portions of the recreation area in Oregon to conduct historical and cultural activities; and (2) develop interpretive information to be provided to the public on the history of, and use of the area by, those tribes.

On the adoption of a resolution by the State Land Board of Oregon, USDA shall acquire the 555 acres of land known as the Cedar Creek Parcel in Oregon.

A streamside protection zone in which timber harvesting is prohibited (with exceptions) shall be established for each of the designated North Fork Smith River segments.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 12, 2022:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Manchin without amendment. With written report No. 117-241. Minority views filed.
- **Dec 12, 2022:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 618.
- **Jul 21, 2022:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Oct 19, 2021:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held.
- **May 10, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 10, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.