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Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy Act

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: Feb 2, 2021

Current Status: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Failed to report favorably.

Latest Action: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Failed to report favorably. (May 3, 2022)

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Hickenlooper, John W. [D-CO]	D · CO		Feb 2, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jun 16, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 577	Related bill	Feb 18, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral 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 Mountains Wilderness as a potential wilderness area,
- the Tenmile Recreation Management Area,
- the Porcupine Gulch Wildlife Conservation Area,
- the Williams Fork Mountains Wildlife Conservation Area,
- the Camp Hale National Historic Landscape,
- the Sheep Mountain and Liberty Bell East Special Management Areas,
- the Curecanti National Recreation Area, and
- the interpretive site located beside U.S. Route 24 as the Sandy Treat Overlook.

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

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 bill establishes the Greater Thompson Divide Fugitive Coal Mine Methane Use Pilot Program to promote the capture, beneficial use, mitigation, and sequestration of fugitive methane emissions to reduce methane emissions, improve air quality, and improve public safety, among other things.

Actions Timeline

- **May 3, 2022:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Failed to report favorably.
- **Jun 16, 2021:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held.
- **Feb 2, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 2, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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