

HR 2794

Boundary Waters Wilderness Protection and Pollution Prevention Act

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MN • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (58 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Bush, Cori [D-MO-1]	D · MO		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6]	D · IL		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-8]	D · MI		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Apr 22, 2021
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		May 14, 2021
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		May 14, 2021
Rep. Newman, Marie [D-IL-3]	D · IL		May 14, 2021
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		May 14, 2021
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		May 14, 2021
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Jul 30, 2021

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Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Jul 30, 2021
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Jul 30, 2021
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Jul 30, 2021
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Jul 30, 2021
Rep. Stansbury, Melanie Ann [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8]	D · PA		Oct 20, 2021
Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Dec 1, 2021
Rep. Bustos, Cheri [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Dec 1, 2021
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Dec 1, 2021
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Dec 1, 2021
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Mar 29, 2022
Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Oct 28, 2022
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Oct 28, 2022
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Nov 17, 2022
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Dec 5, 2022
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Dec 5, 2022
Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Dec 8, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Discharged from	Jul 13, 2022
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Boundary Waters Wilderness Protection and Pollution Prevention Act

This bill withdraws certain federal lands and waters in Minnesota from mining and related activities.

Specifically, the bill withdraws approximately 234,328 acres of federal land and waters in a specified area in the Rainy River Watershed of Superior National Forest from

- entry, appropriation, and disposal under the public land laws;
- location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and
- operation of the mineral leasing, mineral materials, and geothermal leasing laws.

The area is adjacent to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness Mining Protection Area. Land or interest in land within such area that is acquired by the United States shall be immediately withdrawn in accordance with this bill.

The Forest Service is authorized to permit the removal of sand, granite, iron ore, and taconite from national forest system lands within such area if the removal is not detrimental to the water quality, air quality, and health of forest habitat within the Rainy River Watershed.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 14, 2022:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 117-634.
- **Dec 14, 2022:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 457.
- **Jul 13, 2022:** Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources Discharged.
- **Jul 13, 2022:** Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands Discharged.
- **Jul 13, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 13, 2022:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 24 - 16.
- **May 24, 2022:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jun 8, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
- **Jun 8, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Apr 22, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 22, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.