

S 3046

Root and Stem Project Authorization Act of 2022

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: Oct 21, 2021

Current Status: Held at the desk.

Latest Action: Held at the desk. (Dec 23, 2022)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]

Party: Republican • **State:** MT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA] | D · CA | | Oct 21, 2021 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Energy and Natural Resources Committee | Senate | Hearings By (subcommittee) | Jun 7, 2022 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 117 HR 9184 | Related bill | Oct 28, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry. |

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This bill authorizes the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to conduct certain forest restoration projects.

Specifically, the Forest Service or BLM may enter into an agreement for a project on federal land that was developed through a collaborative process that meets local and rural community needs if

- the party with whom it enters into an agreement initially provides the Forest Service or BLM with a portion of the funding necessary to complete any analysis deemed necessary under federal law for consideration of the proposed project;
- the Forest Service or BLM uses the funding to pay a contractor included on a list of contractors that it maintains to conduct the analysis;
- upon completion of the analysis, the Forest Service or BLM solicits bids to carry out the project and enters into a contract or agreement under the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to carry out the project; and
- using certain receipts from the project, the Forest Service or BLM repays the initially provided funding.

For purposes of a civil action relating to such a project, any person that participated in the collaborative process to develop the proposal for the project shall be (1) entitled to intervene, as of right, in any subsequent civil action; and (2) considered to be a full participant in any settlement negotiation relating to the project.

The authority to enter into an agreement and the requirement to maintain a list of contractors shall expire on January 1, 2033.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 23, 2022:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 23, 2022:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 23, 2022:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 22, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 22, 2022:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S10102-10103; text: CR S10102-10103)
- **Nov 15, 2022:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Manchin with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 117-197.
- **Nov 15, 2022:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 548.
- **Jul 21, 2022:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jun 7, 2022:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held.
- **Oct 21, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Oct 21, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.