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Sutton Mountain and Painted Hills Area Wildfire Resiliency Preservation and Economic Enhancement Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (1 total)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill establishes the Sutton Mountain National Monument and authorizes land exchanges in Oregon.

The bill establishes the monument, consisting of an Upper Unit and a Lower Unit, to

- increase the wildfire resiliency of Sutton Mountain and the surrounding area; and
- conserve, protect, and enhance the long-term ecological health of the mountain and the surrounding area for present and future generations.

The Department of the Interior shall develop a comprehensive management plan for the long-term conservation and management of the monument that fulfills such purposes.

Interior shall conduct a wildfire risk assessment of the monument. Interior shall develop, based on the wildfire risk assessment, a wildfire mitigation plan that identifies, evaluates, and prioritizes management activities that can be implemented in the Lower Unit to mitigate wildfire risk to structures and communities located near the monument.

Interior shall develop a comprehensive transportation plan for the monument.

The bill authorizes the exchange of federal and nonfederal lands involving the Bureau of Land Management.

Interior shall acquire, for approximately equal value, any land and interests in land owned by Oregon within the monument in exchange for

- the conveyance of federal land or federal mineral interests that are outside the boundaries of the monument,
- a payment to Oregon, or
- a combination of such methods.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 7, 2022:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held.
- **Nov 3, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 3, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.