

HR 803

Protecting America's Wilderness and Public Lands Act

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]	D · CO		Feb 4, 2021
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Feb 4, 2021
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Feb 4, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 4, 2021
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 2, 2021
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 19, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 1154	Related bill	Jan 5, 2023: Became Public Law No: 117-331.
117 S 1321	Related bill	Sep 21, 2022: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 497.
117 S 455	Related bill	May 3, 2022: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Failed to report favorably.
117 HR 7168	Related bill	Mar 18, 2022: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.
117 S 2158	Related bill	Feb 10, 2022: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 270.
117 S 1317	Related bill	Jan 31, 2022: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 258.
117 HR 980	Related bill	Nov 9, 2021: Subcommittee Hearings Held.
117 HR 1469	Related bill	Nov 9, 2021: Subcommittee Hearings Held.
117 HR 1316	Related bill	Jun 15, 2021: Subcommittee Hearings Held.
117 HR 1424	Related bill	Jun 15, 2021: Subcommittee Hearings Held.
117 HR 1354	Related bill	Mar 31, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
117 S 1000	Related bill	Mar 25, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S1819)
117 HR 1230	Related bill	Mar 23, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
117 HR 999	Related bill	Mar 15, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
117 HR 973	Related bill	Mar 8, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.
117 HR 817	Related bill	Mar 1, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
117 S 470	Related bill	Feb 25, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S899-900)
117 HRES 147	Related bill	Feb 24, 2021: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Protecting America's Wilderness and Public Lands Act

This bill provides for the preservation, conservation, and recreational use of public lands, including in Arizona, California, Maine, North Carolina, Oregon, Virginia, Washington, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

In Colorado, the bill designates wilderness, potential wilderness, a recreation management area, wildlife conservation areas, a national historic landscape, and special management areas and establishes the Greater Thompson Divide Fugitive Coal Mine Methane Use Pilot Program, the Fugitive Methane Emission Leasing Program, and a recreation area.

In California, the bill

- establishes a recreation area, partnerships, and a special management area;
- designates a trail, wilderness, potential wilderness, and wild, scenic, and recreational rivers;
- establishes a special conservation management area;
- establishes the San Gabriel National Recreation Area Public Advisory Council and the San Gabriel National Recreation Area Partnership; and
- adds specified areas to the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park.

In Washington, the bill designates wilderness and wild, scenic, and recreational rivers.

In Arizona and Oregon, the bill withdraws specified federal lands.

In North Carolina and Virginia, the bill requires a study of designating an area as the Great Dismal Swamp National Heritage Area.

In Maine, the bill designates a recreational river.

In the U.S. Virgin Islands, the bill establishes a heritage area.

In Virginia, the bill adds certain lands to Rough Mountain and Rich Hole Wildernesses.

The bill extends the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission until September 26, 2028.

The bill establishes an outdoor recreation legacy partnership grant program.

The bill establishes a National Heritage Area System.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 2, 2021:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Feb 26, 2021:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H737-757)
- **Feb 26, 2021:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 147, the House proceeded with 20 minutes of debate on the Neguse en bloc amendment No. 1.
- **Feb 26, 2021:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Neguse amendment en bloc No.1, the Chair put the question on the adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Westerman demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **Feb 26, 2021:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 147, the House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Curtis amendment No. 3.
- **Feb 26, 2021:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Curtis amendment, the Chair put the question on the adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Curtis demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **Feb 26, 2021:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 147, the House proceeded with 20 minutes of debate on the Neguse en bloc amendment No. 2.
- **Feb 26, 2021:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Neguse amendment en bloc No.2, the Chair put the question on the adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Westerman demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings until a time to be announced.
- **Feb 26, 2021:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - Pursuant to clause 1(c) of Rule XIX, further consideration of H.R. 803 is postponed.
- **Feb 26, 2021:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H757-761)
- **Feb 26, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table. Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 26, 2021:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Feb 26, 2021:** Mr. Westerman moved to recommit to the Committee on Natural Resources. (text: CR H760)
- **Feb 26, 2021:** The previous question on the motion to recommit was ordered pursuant clause 2(b) of rule XIX.
- **Feb 26, 2021:** On motion to recommit Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 204 - 221 (Roll no. 44).
- **Feb 26, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 227 - 200 (Roll no. 45).
- **Feb 26, 2021:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 227 - 200 (Roll no. 45).
- **Feb 26, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Feb 25, 2021:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 147. (consideration: CR H661-702; text: CR H661-693)
- **Feb 25, 2021:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 803 and H.R. 5. Rule provides for 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 803 and one motion to recommit. Rule provides for 90 minutes of general debate on H.R. 5 and one motion to recommit.
- **Feb 25, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 803.
- **Feb 25, 2021:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - Pursuant to clause 1(c) of Rule 19, further consideration of H.R.803 is postponed.
- **Feb 23, 2021:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 147 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 803 and H.R. 5. Rule provides for 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 803 and one motion to recommit. Rule provides for 90 minutes of general debate on H.R. 5 and one motion to recommit.
- **Feb 19, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
- **Feb 4, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 4, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.