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Modernizing Access to Our Public Land Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]

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

Cosponsors (17 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]	R · WY		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Lummis, Cynthia M. [R-WY]	R · WY		Jun 15, 2021
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Jul 21, 2021
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Jul 21, 2021
Sen. Hickenlooper, John W. [D-CO]	D · CO		Nov 2, 2021
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Nov 18, 2021
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Nov 18, 2021
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Dec 17, 2021
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Jan 31, 2022
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Apr 4, 2022

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 3113	Identical bill	Apr 29, 2022: Became Public Law No: 117-114.

Summary (as of Feb 28, 2022)

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This bill directs the Department of the Interior, the Forest Service, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to jointly develop and adopt interagency standards to ensure compatibility and interoperability among federal databases for the collection and dissemination of certain data.

Specifically, these requirements shall apply to outdoor recreation data related to federal lands and used to depict locations at which recreation uses are available to the public.

Each such department shall digitize and make publicly available on their websites, as applicable, geographic information system mapping data that specifies, with respect to the relevant department, all federal interests in private land, including easements, reservations, and rights-of-way

- to which the federal government does not have a fee title interest, and
- that may be used to provide recreational access to the federal land.

Interior, the Forest Service, and the Corps of Engineers must digitize and publish geographic information system mapping data that includes

- status information as to whether roads and trails are open or closed,
- the dates on which roads and trails are seasonally opened and closed,
- the types of vehicles that are allowed on each segment of roads and trails, and
- the boundaries of areas where hunting or recreational shooting is regulated or closed.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 28, 2022:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Manchin with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 117-83.
- **Feb 28, 2022:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 284.
- **Nov 18, 2021:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Jun 16, 2021:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held.
- **Mar 23, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 23, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.