

HR 1236

Protect the West Act of 2023

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry. (Mar 22, 2023)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: CO • Chamber: House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 22, 2023
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 22, 2023
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 22, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 540	Identical bill	Feb 28, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Protect the West Act of 2023

This bill establishes and provides funding for the Restoration and Resilience Grant Program and the Restoration and Resilience Partnership Program.

Specifically, the bill establishes in the Treasury an Outdoor and Watershed Restoration Fund to provide funding for such programs.

The bill establishes a Restoration Fund Advisory Council to provide recommendations to the Department of Agriculture (USDA) respecting the disbursement of amounts from the fund for the grant program, priority setting for landscapes, and evaluation and monitoring for restoration and resilience project success.

The grant program shall provide grants or pay-for-performance contracts to eligible entities (e.g., a state agency, a unit of local government, or a tribal government) for

- increasing the capacity for planning, coordinating, and monitoring restoration and resilience projects on nonfederal land and providing support for collaboration and monitoring on federal land; and
- supporting, on nonfederal land, restoration and resilience projects, efforts to improve wildfire resistive construction and reduce risks within the home ignition zone, and projects to expand equitable outdoor access.

Under the Restoration and Resilience Partnership Program, USDA shall carry out restoration and resilience projects that reduce wildfire potential, improve community resilience in the wildland-urban interface, or restore wildlife habitat.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 22, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **Mar 22, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology.
- **Mar 22, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.
- **Feb 28, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 28, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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.