

S 1348

Wyoming Public Lands Initiative Act of 2023

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

Introduced: Apr 27, 2023

Current Status: Held at the desk.

Latest Action: Held at the desk. (Dec 24, 2024)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Lummis, Cynthia M. [R-WY]	R · WY		Apr 27, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Oct 25, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 4332	Identical bill	Jun 23, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

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This bill designates specified wilderness study areas, special management areas, a National Conservation Area, and other areas in Wyoming.

The bill designates the following areas as wilderness and as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System:

- certain land within the Encampment River Canyon Wilderness Study Area, to be known as the Encampment River Canyon Wilderness;
- certain land within the Prospect Mountain Wilderness Study Area, to be known as the Prospect Mountain Wilderness;
- certain land within the Sweetwater Canyon Wilderness Study Area, to be known as the Upper Sweetwater Canyon Wilderness and the Lower Sweetwater Canyon Wilderness; and
- certain land within the Bobcat Draw Wilderness Study Area, to be known as the Bobcat Draw Wilderness.

The bill designates the following special management areas:

- Bennett Mountains,
- Black Cat,
- Sweetwater Rocks, and
- Cedar Mountain.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) shall divide the land within the Dubois Badlands Wilderness Study Area into the Dubois Motorized Recreation Area and the Dubois Badlands National Conservation Area, separating the two with a fence.

The bill designates Fortification Creek, Fraker Mountain, and North Fork as management areas.

The proposed BLM rule titled *Conservation and Landscape Health* or any substantially similar rule shall not apply to the land covered by this bill.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 24, 2024:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 24, 2024:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 23, 2024:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 20, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.
- **Dec 20, 2024:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S7288-7297; text: CR S7288-7292)
- **Jun 18, 2024:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Manchin with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 118-185.
- **Jun 18, 2024:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 422.
- **Dec 14, 2023:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Oct 25, 2023:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 118-311.
- **Apr 27, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 27, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.