

S 1634

Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Hickenlooper, John W. [D-CO]	D · CO		May 17, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jul 12, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 3437	Identical bill	May 22, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.

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This bill provides for the conservation of specified lands in Colorado.

Specifically, the bill designates

- specified federal lands within the White River National Forest as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System,
- the proposed Williams Fork Mountains Wilderness as a potential wilderness area,
- the Spraddle Creek Wildlife Conservation Area,
- the Porcupine Gulch Wildlife Conservation Area,
- the Williams Fork Mountains Wildlife Conservation Area,
- the Sheep Mountain and Liberty Bell East Special Management Areas,
- the Curecanti National Recreation Area, and
- the interpretive site located beside U.S. Route 24 as the Sandy Treat Overlook.

The bill adjusts the boundary of the White River National Forest and the Rocky Mountain National Park Potential Wilderness.

The bill provides for the inclusion of additional federal lands in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

The bill provides for the cancellation of all Thompson Divide oil or gas leases.

The bill establishes the Greater Thompson Divide Fugitive Coal Mine Methane Use Pilot Program to promote the capture, beneficial use, mitigation, and sequestration of fugitive methane emissions to reduce methane emissions, improve air quality, and improve public safety, among other things.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 24, 2024:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Manchin with amendments. With written report No. 118-231.
- **Sep 24, 2024:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 524.
- **Dec 14, 2023:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with amendments favorably.
- **Jul 12, 2023:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Senate Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 118-285.
- **May 17, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 17, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.