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Oregon Recreation Enhancement Act

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Chamber: Senate

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Feb 15, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 11, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Oregon Recreation Enhancement Act

This bill designates specified Bureau of Land Management land in Oregon as the Rogue Canyon and Molalla Recreation Areas and adds approximately 59,512 acres of federal land to the Wild Rogue Wilderness.

The Department of the Interior, for public land, and the Department of Agriculture (USDA), for National Forest System land, must conduct a wildfire risk assessment that covers the recreation areas, the Wild Rogue Wilderness, and any adjacent federal land. Interior and USDA must develop plans to mitigate wildfire risk to communities located near the land.

No new permanent or temporary roads shall be constructed within the recreation areas except as necessary for public safety or to implement the wildfire mitigation plan.

USDA may take measures within such wilderness additions as are necessary to control fire, insects, and disease.

All federal surface and subsurface land within the recreation areas or the wilderness additions is withdrawn from

- entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws;
- location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and
- disposition under all laws pertaining to mineral leasing, geothermal leasing, or mineral materials.

The bill also withdraws identified federally owned lands and interests within the Hunter Creek, Pistol River Headwaters Withdrawal Proposal, or the Rough and Ready and Baldface Creeks Mineral Withdrawal Proposal in Curry County and Josephine County, Oregon, and any land or interest in land located within such withdrawal proposals that is acquired by the federal government.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 11, 2023:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Manchin without amendment. With written report No. 118-51.
- **Jul 11, 2023:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 123.
- **May 17, 2023:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Feb 15, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 15, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.