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Dolores River National Conservation Area and Special Management Area Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

**Introduced:** Mar 2, 2023

**Current Status:** Star Print ordered on the measure.

**Latest Action:** Star Print ordered on the measure. (May 22, 2024)

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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		Mar 2, 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 1534	Identical bill	<b>Apr 14, 2023:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.

## **Dolores River National Conservation Area and Special Management Area Act**

This bill establishes the Dolores River National Conservation Area and the Dolores River Special Management Area in Colorado.

A management plan must be developed for each area. The bill allows for the continued use of the areas by members of Indian tribes for traditional ceremonies and as a source of traditional plants and other materials.

The Department of the Interior shall establish the Dolores River National Conservation Area Advisory Council.

Interior must manage the areas identified as Ponderosa Gorge in a manner that maintains its wilderness character, including certain restrictions on (1) road construction; (2) the use of motor vehicles, motorized equipment, or mechanical transport; and (3) projects undertaken for the purpose of harvesting commercial timber.

The bill releases segments of the Dolores River inside the areas from further study for potential addition to the Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 22, 2024:** Star Print ordered on the measure.
- **May 16, 2024:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Manchin with amendments. With written report No. 118-176.
- **May 16, 2024:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 392.
- **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.
- **Mar 2, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 2, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.