

HR 6994

ROUTES Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Kim, Young [R-CA-40]

Party: Republican • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		Jan 16, 2024
Rep. Tiffany, Thomas P. [R-WI-7]	R · WI		Jan 16, 2024
Rep. Lawler, Michael [R-NY-17]	R · NY		Aug 23, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 29, 2024
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jan 31, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Restoring Our Unopened Trails for Enjoyment and Safety Act or the ROUTES Act

This bill requires the reopening of certain recreation sites closed due to a natural disaster.

In the case of a recreation site that is fully or partially closed due to damage caused by a natural disaster (including certain standing trees that present a visible hazard), the Department of the Interior (with respect to Interior recreational lands) or the Department of Agriculture (with respect to National Forest System lands) must reopen the site not later than two years after the date on which the disaster ends.

The bill categorically excludes specified activities from the preparation of an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement where the primary purpose of the activity is, consistent with the applicable management plan, to

- repair and restore recreation sites damaged by a natural disaster,
- remove hazard trees for the purpose of public safety or improving access,
- mitigate and reduce soil erosion impacting a recreation site,
- restore drainage patterns to support a recreation site, or
- any combination of these purposes.

The bill provides for emergency hazard tree removal.

Interior or Agriculture must report to Congress and make the report publicly available.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 18, 2024:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 118-921, Part I.
- **Dec 18, 2024:** Committee on Agriculture discharged.
- **Dec 18, 2024:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 753.
- **Nov 20, 2024:** Subcommittee on Federal Lands Discharged
- **Nov 20, 2024:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Nov 20, 2024:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute by Voice Vote.
- **Aug 29, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.
- **Jan 31, 2024:** Subcommittee Hearings Held
- **Jan 30, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **Jan 16, 2024:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 16, 2024:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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.