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America's Outdoor Recreation Act of 2023

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]

Party: Independent • **State:** WV • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]	R · WY		Mar 16, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 26, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 2105	Related bill	Jun 22, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
118 S 1385	Related bill	Apr 27, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
118 HR 1614	Related bill	Apr 19, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.
118 HR 1576	Related bill	Apr 5, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.
118 HR 1065	Related bill	Mar 22, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
118 S 605	Related bill	Mar 1, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
118 S 448	Related bill	Feb 15, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S428)
118 S 390	Related bill	Feb 13, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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This bill addresses issues regarding public recreation and access to recreation on federal lands and waters, including special recreation permits for outfitting and guiding.

Among other provisions, the bill requires

- the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to identify long-distance bike trails and opportunities to develop or complete long-distance bike trails;
- USDA to issue guidance relating to climbing management for National Forest System land;
- Interior and USDA to identify and establish target shooting ranges within national forests and Bureau of Land Management districts; and
- Interior and the Forest Service to enter into an agreement with the Department of Commerce to foster the installation or construction of broadband internet infrastructure at developed recreation sites on federal recreational lands and waters.

Interior and the Forest Service must conduct a single inventory and assessment of recreation resources for federal recreational lands and waters and publish the inventory and assessment for public comment.

Interior shall establish a Federal Interagency Council on Outdoor Recreation.

Interior and the Forest Service must (1) alert the public to closure or disruption of public campsites, trails, roads, and other public areas and access points; and (2) develop and make public a national strategy to increase the number of youth recreation visits to federal land.

The bill provides for online collection of recreation fees and for the establishment of a digital version of America the Beautiful--The National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Passes.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 26, 2023:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Manchin with amendments. With written report No. 118-79.
- **Jul 26, 2023:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 172.
- **May 17, 2023:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with amendments favorably.
- **Mar 16, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 16, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.