

WILDERNESS LEGISLATION IN 116TH CONGRESS

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“Clean” means bill is free of any special provisions or management exceptions.**

Bill No./Sponsor	Title (not exact)	Latest Action	Comments
HR 21 Lowey (D-NY)	Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019	Passed House on 3 Jan. 2019. Placed on Senate General Orders, Calendar No. 5	Sec. 434 directs Forest Service to conduct inventory of possible additions to Flatside Wilderness in Arkansas.
HR 138 Keating (D-MA)	Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge Submerged Lands	Referred to House Administration Committee	Declares that the US did not acquire submerged lands or waters above submerged lands in a 1944 condemnation case affecting Monomoy NWR and Monomoy Wilderness.
HR 244 Stewart (R-UT)	Advancing Conservation and Education Act	Referred to NR Committee	Allows Western States to exchange state land grant parcels inside conservation areas, including Wilderness, for federal lands outside conservation areas.
HR 252 Amodeo (R-NV)	Pershing County Economic Development and Conservation Act	Subcommittee hearing held 10 July 2019.	Among other things, bill would designate 7 new BLM Wildernesses in Pershing Co., NV, totaling 136,072 acres. Has customary bad special provisions buffer zones and military overflights. Allows hydrologic, meteorological, or climatological data collection devices in Wilderness. Has bad water rights language. Allows installation of “temporary” telecommunications device in Selenite Peak Wilderness. Has terrible wildlife language (allows helicopters, guzzlers, structures and facilities in Wilderness). Releases 48,600 acres of WSAs. S. 2804 is companion.
HR 253 Amodei (R-NV)	Nevada lands bill	Referred to NR Committee. Included in PL 116-9, the 2019 Public Lands Omnibus bill.	Among other things, the bill adjusts the boundaries of the Mt. Moriah, High Schells, and Arc Dome Wildernesses in NV.
HR 266 McCollum (D-MN)	Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019	Passed House on 11 Jan. 2019. Placed on Senate General Orders, Calendar No. 12	Sec. 434 directs Forest Service to conduct inventory of possible additions to Flatside Wilderness in Arkansas.

HR 403 Panetta (D-CA)	Clear Creek National Recreation Area and Conservation Act	Referred to NR Committee	Among other things, bill would designate the 21,000-acre Joaquin Rocks Wilderness in Fresno and San Benito Counties, CA, apparently on BLM-administered land. Releases remainder of San Benito WSA.
HR 474 Neguse (D-CO)	Bolt's Ditch Access and Use Act	Referred to NR Committee. Included in P.L. 116-9, the 2019 Public Lands Omnibus bill.	Would allow nonmotorized access and use of Bolts Ditch headgate and ditch segment by Town of Minturn within the Holy Cross Wilderness in CO. <i>S. 37 is companion.</i>
HR 482 Simpson (R-ID)	Smith Gulch Bill	Referred to NR Committee. Included in P.L. 116-9, the 2019 Public Lands Omnibus bill.	Allows permanent maintenance and replacement of commercial recreation facilities at Smith Gulch on the wild Salmon River in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness in ID. <i>S. 79 is companion.</i>
HR 483 Simpson (R-ID)	Henry's Lake WSA Deletion	Referred to NR Committee. Included in PL 116-9, the 2019 Public Lands Omnibus bill.	Would use land from Henry's Lake WSA to resolve an unauthorized use and occupancy encroachment dating back to 1983, .5 acre to private landowner and .4 acre of the WSA to allow Fall River Electric to operate, maintain, and rehabilitate an existing right-of-way.
HR 524 Walden (R-OR)	Deschutes Canyon-Steelhead Falls WSA Boundary Reduction, aka Crooked River Ranch Fire Protection Act	Referred to NR Committee. Included in PL 116-9, the 2019 Public Lands Omnibus bill.	Removes 688 acres from the Deschutes Canyon-Steelhead Falls WSA to improve fire resiliency and forest health, incl. the conduct of wildfire prevention and response. <i>S. 81 is companion.</i>
HR 527 Stauber (R-MN)	Superior National Forest Land Exchange Act (PolyMet Mining)	Referred to NR Committee	Would force through a land exchange needed by PolyMet Mining Co. to develop a copper-nickel mine south of the BWCAW in northeastern MN, and avoid multiple litigation cases in federal district court challenging that exchange.
HR 572 LaMalfa (R-CA)	Restoring Access to Public Lands Act (WSA Release Bill)	Referred to NR Committee	Would remove Wilderness Study Area protection for 13 WSAs on BLM land in CA totaling 170,284 acres.
HR 612 Johnson (R-LA)	Securing Our Borders and Wilderness Act	Referred to NR Committee and Homeland Security Committee	Would directly amend the 1964 Wilderness Act to access structures, installations and roads; use motor vehicles; use and land aircraft; deploy "temporary" infrastructure, including forward operating bases; construct and maintain roads.

<p>HR 823 Neguse (D-CO)</p>	<p>Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy (CORE) Act</p>	<p>H. Rept. 116-226. Passed full House on 31 October 2019.</p>	<p>Incorporates 4 previous bills (Continental Divide, San Juan Mtns Wilderness, Thompson Divide, and Curecanti NRA Acts) and would designate 73,000 acres of Wilderness. 26,395 acres in 4 additions on White River NF, plus 8,036-acre Williams Fork Potential Wilderness on White River NF. Allows motorized equip/transport in potential Wilderness for range improvement, and has language to determine whether 2 vacant grazing allotments will be filled. Designates 3 Wilderness additions totaling 22,841 acres on GMUG NF, plus new 8,884-acre McKenna Peak Wilderness on BLM land, with buffer zone language. Releases remainder of Dominguez Canyon WSA. Also removes 15.5 acres of potential wilderness in Rocky Mtn Natl Park for the Trail River Ranch within the Park. Also contains Bolt's Ditch access and use. <i>S. 241 is companion.</i></p>
<p>HR 872 Lowenthal (D-CA)</p>	<p>Wildlife Innovation and Longevity Driver (WILD) Act</p>	<p>Referred to NR; Science, Space and Technology; Transportation; and Ag Committees. Included in PL 116-9, the 2019 Public Lands Omnibus bill.</p>	<p>Among other good measures, this bill contains broad language to control invasive species. The bill needs additional language that these actions will not be taken in violation of the Wilderness Act.</p>
<p>HR 999 DeFazio (D-OR)</p>	<p>Devil's Staircase Wilderness</p>	<p>Referred to NR Committee. Included in PL 116-9, the 2019 Public Lands Omnibus bill.</p>	<p>Would establish the 30,621-acre Devil's Staircase Wilderness in OR, and designate parts of Wasson and Franklin Creeks as wild or recreational rivers.</p>
<p>HR 1050 Haaland (D-NM)</p>	<p>National Monument Enhancement Fund and wilderness designation</p>	<p>Referred to NR Committee. The New Mexico Wildernesses passed as part of P.L. 116-9, the Public Lands Omnibus bill.</p>	<p>Would establish a National Monument Enhancement Fund, and designate Wildernesses in NM (in Organ Mtns-Desert Peaks Nat'l Mon) and NV (Clark Co.). The Clark Co. portion of bill would designate 7 Wildernesses totaling 129,595 acres of BLM land. <i>S. 367 is companion.</i></p>
<p>HR 1146 Huffman (D-CA)</p>	<p>Save Arctic Refuge from Oil Drilling</p>	<p>H. Rept. 116-133. Passed full House on 12 Sept. 2019.</p>	<p>Would amend Public Law 115-97 (Tax Cuts law) to repeal the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge oil and gas program found in sec. 20001 of that law.</p>
<p>HR 1321 Maloney (D-NY)</p>	<p>Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act (NREPA)</p>	<p>Referred to NR Committee</p>	<p>Would designate 23 million acres of Wilderness in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming, plus 1800 miles of wild & scenic river segments. <i>S. 827 is companion.</i></p>

HR 1475 Stauber (R-MN)	BWCAW Permit Lottery System	Subcommittee hearing held 10 July 2019.	Would create in statute a required permit lottery system for motorized and nonmotorized permits in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) of MN.
HR 2199 Carbajal (D-CA)	Central Coast Heritage Protection Act	Passed full House 12 Feb. 2020. H. Rpt. 116-390.	Designates 250,000 acres on the Los Padres National Forest in CA as Wilderness. Expands 9 Wildernesses on Los Padres NF, and designates 4 new Wildernesses on Carrizo Plain Natl Monument. Full of bad special provisions: buffer zones, military overflights, horses, hydrologic/meteorological/climatological collection devices, 2 existing water diversion/transport facilities and their roads, and an electrical distribution line in San Rafael Wilderness addition. Also incorporates bad wildlife practices from bad House Report 101-405. S. 1111 is companion.
HR 2215 Chu (D-CA)	San Gabriel Foothills and Rivers Protection Act	Passed full House 12 Feb. 2020. H. Rpt. 116-385.	Would designate 2 new Wilderness and 2 wilderness additions totaling 31,069 acres on the Angeles NF in CA. Full of bad special provisions: allows motor vehicles and aircraft for fish and wildlife management and guzzlers, buffer zones, military overflights, horses, law enforcement activities, and hydrologic/meteorologic/climatological collection devices. Also incorporates bad wildlife practices from bad House Report 101-405. S. 1109 is companion.
HR 2250 Huffman (D-CA)	Northwest California Wilderness, Recreation and Working Forests Act	Passed full House 12 Feb. 2020. H. Rpt. 116-389.	Would designate 17 Wildernesses or wilderness additions totaling 251,023 acres on lands administered by FS and BLM in NW CA. Full of bad special provisions: buffer zones, military overflights, horses, hydrologic/meteorologic/climatological collection devices, and competitive equestrian event. Also incorporates bad wildlife practices from bad House Report 101-405. CONTAINS NEW SPECIAL PROVISION LEGALIZING PERMANENT FIXED CLIMBING ANCHORS IN WILDERNESS. S. 1110 is companion.
HR 2532 Grijalva (D-AZ)	Tribal Heritage and Grizzly Protection Act	Subcommittee hearing held 15 May 2019; referred to Ag subcommittee.	Not strictly a wilderness bill. Except for narrow circumstances, it would be unlawful “to take, possess, or

			transport a grizzly bear, or any part thereof.” The bill would not apply to any population of grizzlies that are listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act. (In other words, would protect grizzlies even if they are taken off the threatened or endangered species lists.) Establishes a Grizzly Bear Scientific Committee to carry out expert consultations and scientific studies specified by this Act. Requires tribal consultation, and allows tribes to reintroduce grizzlies on tribal lands. Prohibits predator control measures if they might result in the inadvertent taking of grizzlies.
HR 2546 DeGette (D-CO)	Colorado Wilderness Act of 2019	Passed full House 12 Feb. 2020. H. Rpt. 116-387.	Would designate 13 new Wildernesses on BLM-administered land totaling 263,994 acres, plus 20 wilderness additions totaling 477,613 acres on mostly BLM land. Also designated 2 potential Wildernesses totaling 35,280 acres. Contains special provisions on legalizing permanent fixed climbing anchors in wilderness, buffers, military overflights, and allows competitive running events to continue in the Redcloud Peak and Handies Peak Wildernesses. Also contains extensive provisions on wilderness water rights.
HR 2579 Grijalva (D-AZ)	Hardrock Leasing and Reclamation Act of 2019	Passed Natural Resources Committee 23 October 2019.	Extensive language reforming/replacing the 1872 Mining Act. For Wilderness, the bill prohibits hardrock mining activity in units of the National Conservation System (including the National Wilderness Preservation System), Wilderness Study Areas, and elsewhere. For existing mining claims in Wilderness, the bill contains provisions whereby those claims will become invalid and void after 10 years if no plan of operation has been approved. Establishes royalty payment of 12.5%. Requires reclamation standards and bonding requirements.
HR 2642 Kilmer (D-WA)	Wild Olympics Wilderness & Wild and Scenic Rivers Act	Passed full House 12 Feb. 2020. H. Rpt. 116-388.	Would designate 14 new Wildernesses totaling 126,500 acres of Wilderness in Olympic National Forest, one Potential Wilderness of 5,346 acres, and 464 miles of Wild and Scenic Rivers. Contains the usual buffer zone language. <i>S. 1382 is companion.</i>

HR 3247 Tipton (R-CO)	Military Aircraft over CO Wilderness	Referred to Armed Services Committee	Would allow military aircraft flying over mountainous Wildernesses in CO outside of DOD airspaces to deviate from service level requirements if conditions prevent safe transiting.
HR 4547 Case (D-HI)	Safe and Quiet Skies Act	Referred to Transportation Committee	Among other things, this bill would prohibit commercial air tours from operating within a half mile of units of the National Wilderness Preservation System. <i>S. 3967 is companion.</i>
HR 5474 Bishop (R-UT)	Shawnee Wilderness Area Designation Act	Referred to Ag and NR Committees	Would designate 289,000 acres of Shawnee National Forest lands in southern IL as Wilderness. Appears to be a tit-for-tat for Durbin introducing America's Red Rock Wilderness Act in UT. <i>S. 3075 is companion.</i> Bill is free of special provisions.
HR 5598 McCollum (D-MN)	Boundary Waters Wilderness Protection and Pollution Prevention Act	Subcommittee hearing 5 Feb. 2020	Withdraws federal lands and minerals in 234,328-acre Rainy River watershed from mineral exploration and development, to protect Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and Voyageurs National Park from mining pollution.
HR 5606 Horsford (D-NV)	Desert National Wildlife Refuge	Referred to NR and Armed Forces Committees	Would give the military 98,000 acres of the Desert National Wildlife Refuge, but would designate 8 Wildernesses totaling 1.31 million acres elsewhere on the Refuge as Wilderness. Includes buffer zone, military overflights, and guzzler special provisions. <i>S. 3145 is companion.</i>
HR 5714 Tipton (R-CO)	Safeguarding Readiness in Military Aviation Training Act	Referred to Armed Services Committee	Directs Sec. of Defense to conduct a study on the impacts that the expansion of wilderness designations in the Western US would have on readiness of Armed Forces with respect to aviation training and other purposes.
HR 5737 Smith (D-WA)	Voluntary Grazing Permit Retirement Act	Referred to NR Committee	Would provide federal public lands commercial grazing permit holders the option to relinquish their commercial grazing permits in exchange for compensation paid by private parties. The federal agency would then be directed to permanently retire the associated commercial grazing allotment from any further commercial livestock grazing activity. This bill has the potential to begin eliminating the

			harmful effects of livestock grazing within designated Wildernesses as well as other federal public lands.
HR 5775 Lowenthal (D-CA)	America's Red Rock Wilderness Act	Referred to NR Committee	Would designate 8.4 million acres of Wilderness in the Colorado Plateau and Great Basin Deserts of Utah. Lands in the southern half of Uintah County were taken out of the bill to respect the Ute Indian tribe's ancestral claims. <i>S. 3056 is companion.</i>
HR 5999 Huffman (D-CA)	Arctic Coastal Plain Wilderness	Referred to NR Committee	Would designate the 1.55 million-acre coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in AK as Wilderness. <i>S. 2461 is companion.</i>
HR 6228 Amodei (R-NV)	Northern Nevada Economic Development and Conservation Act	Referred to Natural Resources, Veterans' Affairs, and Agriculture Committees	Combines several NV bills dealing with Douglas, Pershing, and Lander Counties. Would designate the 12,392-acre Burbank Canyons Wilderness in Douglas Co., and would designate 7 wildernesses in Pershing Co. totaling 136,072 acres. Contains very bad wilderness special provisions for military overflight, buffers, guzzlers and other wildlife water installations, aircraft and motor vehicles for wildlife, climatological data collection stations, water rights, non-native weeds, and allows a telecommunications device/tower in the Selenite Peak Wilderness. Also releases 48,600 acres of WSA lands for development.
HR 6889 Amodei (R-NV)	Northern Nevada Economic Development, Conservation and Military Modernization Act of 2020	Referred to Natural Resources, Veterans Affairs, Agriculture, and Armed Services Committees	Would nearly triple the size of the Fallon Range Training Complex in Churchill from current 232,000 acres to 600,000 acres. Would designate 3 BLM Wildernesses in Churchill Co, totaling 168,572 acres. Would designate 12,392-acre Burbank Canyons Wilderness in Douglas Co. Would designate 7 Wildernesses in Pershing Co. totaling 136,072 acres. Contains really bad wilderness special provisions for military overflight, buffers, guzzlers and other wildlife water installations, aircraft and motor vehicles for wildlife, climatological data collection stations, water rights, non-native weeds. Also releases many WSAs.

HR 7626 Curtiss (R-UT)	Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act	Referred to NR Committee	Would add 334 acres to the Mount Olympus Wilderness, and delete 19 acres from the Mount Naomi Wilderness, 197 acres from the Mount Olympus Wilderness, 10 acres from the Twin Peaks Wilderness, and 108 acres from the Lone Peak Wilderness. <i>S. 4215 is companion.</i>
S. 37 Gardner (R-CO)	Bolt's Ditch Access and Use Act	Referred to ENR Committee. Included in P.L. 116-9, the 2019 Public Lands Omnibus bill.	Would allow nonmotorized access and use of Bolts Ditch headgate and ditch segment by Town of Minturn within the Holy Cross Wilderness in CO. <i>HR 474 is companion.</i>
S. 47 Murkowski (R-AK)	Public Lands Omnibus Bill	President Trump signed it into law on 12 Mar. 2019 as P.L. 116-9.	This 662-pp bill was originally developed during lame duck session of Dec. 2018. Contains unprecedented bad special provisions on fixed climbing anchors in Wilderness, the Smith Gulch development bill in ID's FC-RNRW, unprecedented bad paragliding language, bad CA Desert fire language, and bad Owyhee Wilderness boundary reductions.
S. 67 Feinstein (D-CA)	California Desert Conservation Area	Referred to ENR Committee. Included in P.L. 116-9, the 2019 Public Lands Omnibus bill.	Designates 5 BLM Wildernesses totaling 206,490 acres. Expands 4 BLM Wildernesses by 73,870 acres. Adds 6 additions to Death Valley Wilderness totaling 91,596 acres. Adds 7,141 acres to San Geronio Wilderness. Has bad fire language. Allows utility rights-of-way by So. CA Edison Co. in Wilderness. Releases parts of 6 WSAs not designated as Wilderness.
S. 79 Risch (R-ID)	Smith Gulch Bill	Referred to ENR Committee. Included in P.L. 116-9, the 2019 Public Lands Omnibus bill.	Allows permanent maintenance and replacement of commercial recreation facilities at Smith Gulch on the wild Salmon River in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness in ID. <i>HR 482 is companion.</i>
S. 81 Wyden (D-OR)	Deschutes Canyon-Steelhead Falls WSA Boundary Reduction	Referred to ENR Committee. Included in PL 116-9, the 2019 Public Lands Omnibus bill.	Removes 688 acres from the Deschutes Canyon-Steelhead Falls WSA to improve fire resiliency and forest health, incl. the conduct of wildfire prevention and response. <i>HR 524 is companion.</i>
S. 86 Wyden (D-OR)	Oregon Wildlands Act	Referred to ENR Committee. Included in P.L. 116-9, the 2019 Public Lands Omnibus bill.	Would expand Wild Rogue Wilderness by 59,512 acres and create the Devil's Staircase Wilderness of 30,621 acres, both of which include BLM- and FS-administered land. Has buffer zone language, but otherwise clean.

S. 241 Bennett (D-CO)	Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy (CORE) Act	Referred to ENR Committee	Incorporates 4 previous bills (Continental Divide, San Juan Mtns Wilderness, Thompson Divide, and Curecanti NRA Acts) and would designate 73,000 acres of Wilderness. 33,038 acres in 5 additions on White River NF, plus 8,191-acre Williams Fork Potential Wilderness on White River NF. Allows motorized equip/transport in potential Wilderness for range improvement , and has language to determine whether 2 vacant grazing allotments will be filled. Designates 3 Wilderness additions totaling 22,841 acres on GMUG NF, plus new 8,884-acre McKenna Peak Wilderness on BLM land, with buffer zone language . Releases remainder of Dominguez Canyon WSA. Also removes 15.5 acres of potential wilderness in Rocky Mtn Natl Park for the Trail River Ranch within the Park. Also contains Bolt's Ditch access and use. <i>HR 823 is companion.</i>
S. 247 Kaine (D-VA)	Virginia Wilderness Bill	Referred to Agriculture Committee	Would designate additions to Rough Mountain Wilderness (1000 acres) and Rich Hole Wilderness (4600 acres) on George Washington NF in VA. Allows motorized equip. and mechanized travel in Rich Hole addition for up to 2 years to implement Lower Cowpasture Restoration Project.
S. 264 Heinrich (D-NM)	Protecting Wildlife and Wilderness Areas from Border Walls	Referred to Homeland Security Committee	Would prohibit construction levee wall, bollard fence, or other wall along southern border in federal wildlife and Wilderness areas, and on State land.
S. 367 Udall (D-NM)	National Monument Enhancement Fund and wilderness designation	Referred to ENR Committee. The New Mex Wildernesses passed as part of P.L. 116-9, the Public Lands Omnibus bill.	Would establish a National Monument Enhancement Fund, and designate Wildernesses in NM (in Organ Mtns-Desert Peaks Nat'l Mon) and NV (Clark Co.). The Clark Co. portion of bill would designate 7 Wildernesses totaling 129,595 acres of BLM land. <i>HR 1050 is companion.</i>
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S. 1262 Wyden (D-OR)	Oregon Recreation Enhancement (ORE) Act	Passed ENR Committee 12 Dec. 2019. On General Orders, Calendar No. 382.	Would expand the Wild Rogue Wilderness by 59,512 acres, establish a 98,000-acre Rogue Canyon Recreation Area next to the Wild Rogue Wilderness, and a 30,000-acre Molalla Recreation Area next to the Table Rock Wilderness. Would also withdraw 100,000 acres of federal minerals next to the Kalmiopsis Wilderness. The wilderness section is free of special provisions.

S. 1382 Murray (D-WA)	Wild Olympics Wilderness & Wild and Scenic Rivers Act	Referred to ENR Committee	Would designate 14 new Wildernesses totaling 126,500 acres of Wilderness in Olympic National Forest, one Potential Wilderness of 5,346 acres, and 464 miles of Wild and Scenic Rivers. Contains the usual buffer zone language. <i>HR 2642 is companion.</i>
S. 1597 Merkley (D-OR)	Sutton Mtn./Oregon BLM Wilderness Bill	Referred to ENR Committee	Would designate 4 BLM-administered areas in OR totaling 57,465 acres as Wilderness in the Prineville Dist. Contains language for voluntary relinquishment of grazing permits. Contains bad wildlife language (H. Rpt. 101-405), buffer zone and military overflights language, and outfitter/guide language.
S. 1695 Lee (R-UT)	Mountain Bikes in Wilderness	Referred to ENR Committee	Would amend Wilderness Act to allow bikes and any other human-powered mechanical transit in every Wilderness in nation. Allows local officials of federal agencies 2 years to limit/prohibit human-powered mechanical transit, after which time the Wildernesses will automatically be opened to bikes and other human-powered mechanical transit if no determination had been made.
S. 1765 Tester (D-MT)	Blackfoot Clearwater Stewardship Act	Subcommittee hearing held 16 Sept. 2020	Would add 2 additions to Bob Marshall Wilderness totaling 47,206 acres, 1 addition to Mission Mtns W of 4,462 acres, and 1 addition to Scapegoat W of 27,392 acres. Requires access to private inholdings (apparently no exchange option); allows installation or maintenance of hydrological, meteorological, or climatological instrumentation in any wilderness addition; specifically allows commercial outfitter/guide activity (“may be authorized”); and has special provisions on buffers.
S. 2461 Markey (D-MA)	Arctic Refuge Coastal Plain Wilderness Bill	Referred to EPW Committee	Would designate the 1.56 million-acre coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in AK as Wilderness. <i>HR 5999 is companion.</i>
S. 2804 Cortez Masto (D-NV)	Pershing County Bill	Referred to ENR Committee	Among other things, bill would designate 7 new BLM Wildernesses in Pershing Co., NV, totaling 136,072 acres. Has customary bad special provisions buffer zones and military overflights. Allows hydrologic, meteorological,

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<p>S. 2828 Wyden (D-OR)</p>	<p>Malheur Community Empowerment for the Owyhee Act</p>	<p>Subcommittee hearing held 16 Sept. 2020</p>	<p>Would designate 30 Wildernesses totaling 1,133,481 acres on BLM-administered land in Malheur Co., OR. Contains many bad special provisions including fire pre-suppression, invasive species management, lax livestock structure maintenance guidelines, and setbacks for roads adjacent to wildernesses. Also releases WSAs for development.</p>
<p>S. 2890 Cortez Masto (D-NV)</p>	<p>Douglas County Economic Development and Conservation Act</p>	<p>Subcommittee hearing held 16 Sept. 2020</p>	<p>Designates the 12,392-acre Burbank Canyons Wilderness on BLM-administered land. Contains bad wilderness special provisions dealing with buffers; military overflights; installation of hydrologic, meteorologic, or climatological collection stations; water rights; allows helicopters and motor vehicles for wildlife management; and releases 1,065 acres of WSAs for development.</p>
<p>S. 3056 Durbin (D-IL)</p>	<p>America’s Red Rock Wilderness Act</p>	<p>Referred to ENR Committee</p>	<p>Would designate 8.2 million acres of Wilderness in the Colorado Plateau and Great Basin Deserts of Utah. Lands in the southern half of Uintah County were taken out of the bill to respect the Ute Indian tribe’s ancestral claims. <i>HR 5775 is companion.</i></p>
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<p>S. 3076 Roberts (R-KS)</p>	<p>Virginia Wilderness Additions</p>	<p>Passed Senate on 6 Jan. 2020</p>	<p>Adds 1,000 acres to the Rough Mountain Wilderness on the George Washington NF in VA, plus creates a 4,600-acre Rich Hole potential wilderness addition on the same NF to</p>

			be transferred to full Wilderness status once the FS finishes a water project that requires mechanized and motorized equipment.
S. 3145 Cortez Masto (D-NV)	Desert National Wildlife Refuge	Referred to Armed Services Committee	Would give the military 98,000 acres of the Desert National Wildlife Refuge, but would designate 8 Wildernesses totaling 1.31 million acres elsewhere on the Refuge as Wilderness. Includes buffer zone, military overflights, and guzzler special provisions. <i>HR 5606 is companion.</i>
S. 3241 Heinrich (D-NM)	Cerro de la Olla Wilderness	Subcommittee hearing held 16 Sept. 2020	Would designate the 13,103-acre Cerro de la Olla Wilderness within the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument in Taos Co., NM. Allows wildlife water development projects inside this Wilderness, including guzzlers. Also allows a cooperative agreement with State of NM to determine which other wildlife management activities may be carried out within the Wilderness.
S. 3320 Gardner (R-CO)	Sangre de Cristo Wilderness Additions Act	Referred to ENR Committee	Would add 40,038 acres to the Sangre de Cristo Wilderness on the Rio Grande National Forest in CO. Has bad special provisions on military overflights and permanent fixed climbing anchors.
S. 4028 Daines (R-MT)	Increased Penalty for Unauthorized Landing of Aircraft in Wilderness	Referred to ENR Committee	Would increase the penalty to \$20,000 and/or 6 months prison time for unauthorized landing of aircraft in Wilderness in the National Forest System.
S. 4215 Romney (R-UT)	Bonneville Shoreline Trail Advancement Act	Referred to ENR Committee	Would add 334 acres to the Mount Olympus Wilderness, and delete 19 acres from the Mount Naomi Wilderness, 197 acres from the Mount Olympus Wilderness, 10 acres from the Twin Peaks Wilderness, and 108 acres from the Lone Peak Wilderness. <i>HR 7626 is companion.</i>