



H.R. 3022 – Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park Wilderness Act of 2007

FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 3022 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Jim Costa (D-CA) on July 12, 2007. The bill was ordered to be reported, as amended, by voice vote by the House Committee on Natural Resources on May 14, 2008.

H.R. 3022 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on June 9, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.R. 3022 designates the following areas in California as wilderness areas and as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System:

- 69,500 acres of land in Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park, which shall be known as the “John Krebs Wilderness”; and
- 45,186 acres of land depicted the “Sequoia-Kings Canyon Wilderness Addition”.

The bill requires the Secretary of the Interior to manage maintenance and access to hydrologic, meteorologic, and climatological devices and facilities in the National Park Wilderness.

H.R. 3022 does not preclude cabin owners in the Mineral King Valley area or property owners or lessees in the Silver City area to conduct authorized activities in the Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park Wilderness. The bill also allows for horseback riding in the wilderness.

H.R. 3022 authorizes such sums as are necessary for the purposes of the bill.

BACKGROUND

The Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park area is located east of Visalia, California, in the southern Sierra Nevada mountain range. The park is most famous for its Giant Sequoia trees, including the General Sherman tree – the largest tree on Earth. The region is also home to bobcat, fox, rattlesnake and black bear. Visitors often use the Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park area for camping, hiking, and fishing.

The National Wilderness Preservation System was established by the Wilderness Act (P.L. 88-577) in 1964. Under the Wilderness Act, Congress may designate federal lands as wilderness. The National Wilderness Preservation System administers federally managed lands encompassing 107 million acres in 702 wilderness areas, as of January 2008.

[National Wilderness Preservation System website](#)

[Sequoia and Kings Canyon website](#)

COST

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that implementing H.R. 3022 “would have no significant effect on the federal budget.” [Full CBO Cost Estimate for H.R. 3022](#)

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