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HEARING ANNOUNCEMENT

Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Subcommittee on National Parks

Title: National Park Subcommittee to Receive Testimony on Pending Legislation

Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Time: 10:00 am

Location: SD-366

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the following bills:

- S. 290, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to upgrade existing emergency communications centers in units of the National Park System to Next Generation 9-1-1 systems, and for other purposes (Barrasso);
- S. 332, to require a study on Holocaust education efforts of States, local educational agencies, and public elementary and secondary schools, and for other purposes (Rosen);
- S. 446, to prohibit Big Cypress National Preserve from being designated as wilderness or as a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System, and for other purposes (Scott);
- S. 573, to designate a mountain in the State of Alaska as Denali (Murkowski);
- S. 601, to remove restrictions from a parcel of land in Paducah, Kentucky (Paul);
- S. 730, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of establishing the African Burial Ground International Memorial Museum and Educational Center at the African Burial Ground National Monument, and for other purposes (Gillibrand);
- S. 791, to establish the Justice Thurgood Marshall National Historic Site in the State of Maryland as an affiliated area of the National Park System, and for other purposes (Van Hollen);
- H.R. 186 / S. 858, to authorize the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation to establish a commemorative work on the National Mall to honor the extraordinary acts of valor, selfless service, and sacrifice displayed by Medal of Honor recipients (Rep. Moore) / (Justice);
- S. 1088, to provide that the memorial to commemorate the sacrifice and service of the women who worked on the home front to support the efforts of the United States military during World War II may be located on the National Mall, and for other purposes (Shaheen);
- S. 1131, to establish the Ocmulgee Mounds National Park and Preserve in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes (Ossoff);

- S. 1135, to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Bonneville Shoreline Trail (Curtis);
- S. 1280, to designate six creeks in North Carolina in honor of the lives lost in a plane crash in Carteret County, North Carolina, on February 13, 2022, and for other purposes (Tillis);
- S. 1353, to extend the authority for modifications to the Second Division Memorial in the District of Columbia (Murkowski);
- S. 1377, to ensure the maintenance of a herd of horses in Theodore Roosevelt National Park, and for other purposes (Hoeven);
- S. 1518, to redesignate the Saratoga National Historical Park as the “Saratoga National Battlefield Park” (Gillibrand);
- S. 1777, to amend the California Desert Protection Act of 1994 to expand the boundary of Joshua Tree National Park, to redesignate the Cottonwood Visitor Center at Joshua Tree National Park as the “Dianne Feinstein Visitor Center”, and for other purposes (Padilla);
- S. 1870, to adjust the boundary of the Santa Monica National Recreation Area to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor, and for other purposes (Schiff);
- S. 1926, to encourage reduction of disposable plastic products in units of the National Park System, and for other purposes (Merkley);
- S. 2270, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate the portion of the Myakka River in Sarasota County, Florida, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes (Scott);
- S. 2308, to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to collect a surcharge from international visitors to units of the National Park System, and for other purposes (Banks);
- S. 2369, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to remove or permanently conceal the name of Francis Newlands on the grounds of the memorial fountain located at Chevy Chase Circle in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes (Van Hollen);
- S. 2385, to codify Executive Order 14253 relating to restoring truth and sanity to American history, and for other purposes (Banks);
- S. 2546, to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs (Coons);
- S. 2708, to enhance the preservation, maintenance, and management of national historic trails and national scenic trails, and for other purposes (Kaine);
- S. 2970, to authorize the use of off-highway vehicles in certain areas of the Capitol Reef National Park, Utah (Lee); and
- H.R. 249, to redesignate certain facilities at Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park in honor of Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr. (Rep. Pallone).

The hearing will be webcast live on the Committee’s website, and an archived video will be available shortly after the hearing concludes. Witness testimony will be available on the website at the start of the hearing.

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WITNESSES

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