



H.R. 2075 — Crooked River Ranch Fire Protection Act (Rep. Walden, R-OR)

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FLOOR SCHEDULE:

Expected to be considered July 11, 018, under suspension of the rules, which requires a 2/3 majority for passage.

TOPLINE SUMMARY:

[H.R. 2075](#) would require the Secretary of the Interior to remove 832 acres from the Deschutes Canyon-Steelhead Falls Wilderness Study Area and the Deschutes Canyon Wilderness Study Area, in Oregon, in order to facilitate fire prevention and response activities on the public land and adjacent private property.

COST:

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) [estimates](#) that implementing H.R. 2075 would have no significant effect on the federal budget.

CONSERVATIVE CONCERNS:

- **Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?** No, the bill would remove acres from Wilderness Study Areas.
- **Encroach into State or Local Authority?** No.
- **Delegate Any Legislative Authority to the Executive Branch?** No.
- **Contain Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?** No.

DETAILED SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS:

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According to the committee [report](#), the Whychus-Dechutes Wilderness Study Areas lands are in the highest risk category to exposure to wildfire. In addition, the Jefferson County community, in which the area is located, has only one entrance and exit, which endangers public safety in the case of a fire.

The report accompanying H.R. 2075 (H. Rept. 115-281) can be found [here](#).

COMMITTEE ACTION:

H.R. 2075 was introduced on April 6, 2017, and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. The committee held a mark-up on July 26, 2017, and the bill was reported by a vote of 20-13.

ADMINISTRATION POSITION:

A Statement of Administration Policy is not available.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY:

According to the bill’s sponsor: “The authority to enact this bill is derived from, but may not be limited to, Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2 (relating to the power of Congress to dispose of and make all needful rules and regulations respecting the territory or other property belonging to the United States).”

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