

Committee on Natural Resources

Rob Bishop Chairman
Mark-Up Memo

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To: All Natural Resources Committee Members

From: Terry Camp, Subcommittee on Federal Lands Majority Staff x6-7736

Subject: Full Committee Markup of H.R. 1289 (Rep. DeSaulnier), "*John Muir National Historic Site Expansion Act*"

H.R. 1289, John Muir National Historic Site Expansion Act

Summary of the Bill

H.R. 1289, introduced by Congressman Mark DeSaulnier, authorizes the Department of the Interior to acquire by donation approximately 44 acres of land to include in the John Muir National Historic Site in Martinez, California.

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Background

This legislation was introduced to expand the John Muir National Historic Site by approximately 44 acres. The acreage to be donated is directly continuous with Mount Wanda and will allow for better public access to trails.

The John Muir National Historic Site, established by Congress in 1964, is located in the San Francisco Bay Area, in Martinez, California. The historic site preserves the 14-room Italianate Victorian mansion where the naturalist and writer John Muir lived, as well as a nearby 325 acre tract of native oak woodlands and grasslands historically owned by the Muir family.

This legislation was previously introduced by Congressman George Miller in the 113th Congress as H.R. 5699. On December 09, 2014, the Committee on Natural Resources reported the bill out of committee (H. Rept. 113-652), and on December 11, 2014, H.R. 5699 passed the House by a recorded vote of 361-39.

Effect on Current Law

H.R. 1289 does not affect current law.

Cost

The Congressional Budget Office has not completed a cost estimate for H.R. 1289. In a nearly identical bill last congress, CBO estimated that the bill would have no significant impact on the federal budget.

Administration Position

Unknown.

Amendment

Congressman Bishop will offer an amendment by unanimous consent that will strike lines 14 through 17 on page 2. This amendment is necessary because the name of the land trust has changed from the Muir Heritage Land Trust to the John Muir Land Trust, and because the designated land has closed escrow.