

# Committee on Natural Resources

Rob Bishop Chairman  
Mark-Up Memorandum

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To: All Natural Resources Committee Members

From: Majority Committee Staff – Brent Blevins  
Subcommittee on Federal Lands (x 6-7736)

Mark-Up: S. 3028 (Sen. Maria Cantwell), To redesignate the Olympic Wilderness as the Daniel J. Evans Wilderness.  
**September 21 & 22, 2016; 1334 Longworth House Office Building**

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**S. 3028 (Sen. Maria Cantwell), “Daniel J. Evans Olympic National Park Wilderness”**

## **Summary of the Bill**

S. 3028, introduced by Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA), renames the Olympic Wilderness in the Olympic National Park in Washington to the Daniel J. Evans Wilderness.

## **Cosponsors**

Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA)

## **Background**

Daniel J. Evans was elected Governor of Washington in 1964, and was reelected in 1968 and 1972. In 1983, he was appointed to fill the term of the late Senator Henry M. “Scoop” Jackson and served an additional term in the Senate before retiring in January 1989. From 1993 through 2005, Senator Evans served as a member of the University of Washington Board Of Regents.

During his time in the Senate, Senator Evans was a leader in the passage of two major wilderness bills in the State of Washington. He was a cosponsor of the 1984 Washington Wilderness Act, which designated more than one million acres of national forest lands in Washington as wilderness. In addition, he was the lead sponsor of the Washington Park Wilderness Act of 1988, which designated more than 1.5 million acres of Wilderness in Olympic, Mount Rainier, and North Cascade National Parks.

The Olympic Wilderness, which would be renamed by this bill, covers 876,447 acres in the Olympic National Park, and is the largest wilderness area in the state of Washington. This renaming will not affect the management of the national park or the wilderness.

## **Major Provisions**

- Amends the Washington Park Wilderness Act of 1988 to rename the “Olympic Wilderness” to “Daniel J. Evans Wilderness.”
- Clarifies that any reference to “Olympic Wilderness” in law, map, or regulation shall be considered a reference to “Daniel J. Evans Wilderness.”

## **Cost**

A Congressional Budget Office cost estimate prepared after Senate markup of the bill indicated no score for the bill.

## **Administration Position**

The Administration supports the passage of S. 3028.<sup>1</sup>

## **Anticipated Amendments**

None.

## **Effect on Current Law (Ramseyer):**

### **Showing Current Law as Amended by S. 3028**

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## **Section 101(a) of the Washington Park Wilderness Act of 1988 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note)**

### **TITLE I—OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK WILDERNESS**

#### **SEC. 101. DESIGNATION.**

(a) WILDERNESS.—In furtherance of the purposes of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.; 78 Stat. 890), certain lands in the Olympic National Park, Washington, which— (1) comprise approximately eight hundred and seventy-six thousand six hundred and sixty-nine acres of wilderness, and approximately three hundred and seventy-eight acres of potential wilderness additions, and (2) are depicted on a map entitled "Wilderness Boundary, Olympic National Park, Washington", numbered 149/60,051A and dated August 1988, are hereby designated as wilderness and therefore as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System. Such lands shall be known as the [Olympic Wilderness] Daniel J. Evans Wilderness.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.energy.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/files/serve?File\\_id=E7CFFF68-8C7E-46D1-A5BF-9C09E2E09CB9](http://www.energy.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/files/serve?File_id=E7CFFF68-8C7E-46D1-A5BF-9C09E2E09CB9)