



**NATURAL RESOURCES  
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## ***TITLE VII: COLORADO OUTDOOR RECREATION AND ECONOMY ACT (NEGUSE – H.R. 577)***

*Supports Colorado’s Recreation Economy by Designating Wilderness, Recreation, and Conservation Areas*

### **Summary of the Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Enhancement (CORE) Act**

Title VII is the result of years of locally driven, collaborative efforts among a diverse set of stakeholders with a shared interest in providing long-term protections for key public lands in Colorado. The title unites and improves upon earlier proposals to protect roughly 400,000 acres of public lands for the benefit of the people of the United States and for future generations. Of the roughly 400,000 acres protected, over half of the acreage is federal mineral withdrawals, about 73,000 acres are new wilderness areas, and nearly 80,000 acres are designated as recreation, wildlife conservation, and special management areas. The legislation would establish approximately 28,676 acres of public land as a first-of-its-kind National Historic Landscape to honor the legacy of the 10th Mountain Division, members of which trained at Camp Hale and helped win World War II and many of whom went on to create the modern outdoor industry in Colorado and across the country. Lastly, the bill congressionally establishes the Curecanti National Recreation Area (NRA) along the Gunnison River. Overall, the CORE Act will provide permanent protections for Colorado’s clean air, clean water, wildlife, and public lands while helping to bolster the state’s rapidly growing outdoor recreation economy.

### **Title VII would:**

- Withdraw approximately 200,000 acres of public land from new mining claims.
- Designate approximately 73,000 acres of new wilderness areas.
- Establish the approximately 28,676-acre Camp Hale National Historic Landscape.
- Establish the approximately 50,667-acre Curecanti National Recreation Area.
- Designate nearly 80,000 acres as recreation, conservation, and special management areas.
- Establish a pilot program for capturing fugitive methane emissions.

### **List of Supporters and Endorsing Organizations**

*Local Governments and Elected Officials (21) including:* Colorado Governor Jared Polis; San Miguel County Board of County Commissioners; Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners; Eagle County Board of County Commissioners; San Juan County Board of County Commissioners; Summit County Board of County Commissioners; Ouray County Board of County Commissioners; Pitkin County Board of Commissioners; Town of Crested Butte; Town of Carbondale; City of Glenwood Springs; Town of Telluride; Town of Basalt; Town of Breckenridge; Town of Ophir; Town of Ridgeway; Town of Mountain Village; Town of Snowmass Village; Town of Frisco; Town of Dillon; State of Colorado Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

*Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Organizations (16):* Conservation Colorado; National Parks Conservation Association; The Conservation Alliance; Backcountry Hunters & Anglers; Wilderness Workshop; Roaring Fork Audubon Society; Sierra Club, Roaring Fork Group Colorado Chapter; Carbondale Historical Society; Crystal Valley Environmental Protection Association; International Mountain Biking Association; Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership; National Wildlife Federation; Trout Unlimited; Trust for Public Land; American Whitewater; Arapahoe Basin.

### **Links**

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