

Committee on Natural Resources

Rob Bishop, Chairman
Mark-Up Memorandum

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To: All Committee on Natural Resources Members

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

Markup: **H.R. 1719 (Rep. Mark DeSaulnier)**, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire approximately 44 acres of land in Martinez, California, and for other purposes.
June 22 & 27, 2017; 1324 Longworth HOB.

H.R. 1719 (Rep. Mark DeSaulnier), “John Muir National Historic Site Expansion Act”

Summary of the Bill

H.R. 1719, introduced by Congressman Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA-11), 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.

Cosponsors

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Background

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.

H.R. 1719 would authorize the Department of the Interior to acquire, by donation, approximately 44 acres to expand the boundary of John Muir National Historic Site. The acreage to be donated is directly continuous with Mount Wanda and will allow for better public access to trails.

In the 114th Congress, H.R. 1289, a bill identical to H.R. 1719, passed the House by voice vote. Additionally, a similar bill introduced the 113th, Congress, introduced as H.R.5699 by former Congressman George Miller passed the House by a vote of 361-39. This Congress, Senator Kamala Harris (D-CA) has introduced a companion bill in the Senate as S. 729.

Cost

In the 114th Congress, CBO estimated that implementing H.R. 1289, a bill identical to H.R. 1719, would not have a significant impact on the federal budget and would not affect direct spending or revenues.

Administration Position

The Administration position is unknown at this time.

Effect on Current Law (Ramseyer)

None.