

Recreation Not Red Tape (RNR) Act

One Page Summary

In Oregon and nationwide, the outdoor recreation economy is growing. Nationally, outdoor recreation generates \$887 billion in annual consumer spending and 7.6 million American jobs. As those numbers keep rising, communities across the country are benefiting from growing American interest in enjoying the great outdoors.

Unfortunately, getting outside often requires permits, parking passes and camping fees that are important to maintaining public lands, but too often involve confusing, complicated and lengthy processes to obtain. This bill removes barriers to outdoor recreation, making it easier for visitors from near and far to get outdoors and enjoy America's treasures. By streamlining paths for more people to get outdoors, the Recreation Not Red Tape (RNR) Act will encourage outdoor recreation opportunities, giving communities an economic boost.

Modernizing Recreation Permitting

The RNR Act includes provisions from Senator Heinrich's Simplifying Outdoor Access for Recreation Act. The bill improves the federal outdoor recreation permitting process by eliminating duplicative and bureaucratic reviews, requiring time limits for processing permit applications, reducing fees, and simplifying multi-jurisdictional trips. The bill also ensures recreation permits are available for online purchases.

Getting More Veterans Outdoors

The RNR Act encourages all military branches to include information about outdoor recreation opportunities as part of the basic services provided to service members and veterans, and encourages all military branches to allow active-duty service members to engage in outdoor recreation or environmental stewardship activities without taking away their hard-earned leave.

Making Recreation a Priority

For the first time, the RNR Act directs federal land management agencies to enhance recreation opportunities when making land and water management decisions. The RNR Act ensures federal land managers have and maintain recreation access goals.

Importantly, the RNR Act highlights the recreational values of public lands across the country and encourages more National Recreation Area designations in the future by creating a system of National Recreation Areas to manage recreation lands in uniform guidelines.

Maintenance of Public Lands

Encourages volunteer opportunities to help agencies carry out public lands maintenance projects, such as trail maintenance on federal lands. Establishes a pilot program to create uniform interagency trail management standards for trails that cross agency jurisdictional boundaries.