

B-47 RIDGE DESIGNATION ACT

SEPTEMBER 14, 2020.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. GRIJALVA, from the Committee on Natural Resources,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 1267]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Natural Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 1267) to designate a mountain ridge in the State of Montana as “B-47 Ridge”, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H.R. 1267 is to designate a mountain ridge in the State of Montana as “B-47 Ridge.”

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

On July 23, 1962, a B-47 Bomber left Dyess Air Force Base in Texas for a routine training mission over Montana but crashed into the southwestern slope of Emigrant Peak in the Gallatin National Forest, killing all four Air Force officers on board.¹

In honor of the Air Force crew that lost their lives in the crash, H.R. 1267 designates a currently unnamed mountain ridge off the southwest side of Emigrant Peak as “B-47 Ridge” and authorizes the installment of a plaque on the ridge. The legislation stipulates that no federal funds may be expended for the design, procurement, installation, or maintenance of the plaque.

¹Perrin Stein, *Senate Passes Bill to Name Ridge in Paradise Valley*, BOZEMAN DAILY CHRON. (Feb. 13, 2020), https://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/news/senate-passes-bill-to-name-ridge-in-paradise-valley/article_c4ea6514-90d6-509f-aff5-1e0f61e06fb8.html.

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 1267 was introduced on February 14, 2019, by Representative Greg Gianforte (R-MT). The bill was referred solely to the Committee on Natural Resources, and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands. On June 18, 2020, the Subcommittee held a hearing on the bill. On July 29, 2020, the Natural Resources Committee met to consider the bill. The Subcommittee was discharged by unanimous consent. No amendments were offered, and the bill was adopted and ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by unanimous consent.

HEARINGS

For the purposes of section 103(i) of H. Res. 6 of the 116th Congress—the following hearing was used to develop or consider H.R. 1267: legislative hearing by the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands held on June 18, 2020.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Regarding clause 2(b)(1) of rule X and clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Natural Resources' oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the body of this report.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII AND CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACT

1. *Cost of Legislation and the Congressional Budget Act.* With respect to the requirements of clause 3(c)(2) and (3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and sections 308(a) and 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has received the following estimate for the bill from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, September 2, 2020.

Hon. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA,
*Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 1267, the B-47 Ridge Designation Act.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Janani Shankaran.

Sincerely,

PHILLIP L. SWAGEL,
Director.

Enclosure.

H.R. 1267, B-47 Ridge Designation Act			
As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 29, 2020			
By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2020	2020-2025	2020-2030
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	0	*	not estimated
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	Mandate Effects	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2031?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 1267 would designate a mountain ridge in the Gallatin National Forest in Montana as B-47 Ridge and would permit the installation of a plaque that memorializes the crash of a U.S. Air Force B-47 aircraft at the site. The bill would prohibit the use of federal funds to design, install, or maintain the plaque.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1267 would have no significant effect on spending subject to appropriation.

On January 15, 2020, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 490, the B-47 Ridge Designation Act, as reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on December 17, 2019. The two bills are similar and CBO's estimates of their budgetary effects are the same.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Janani Shankaran. The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Director of Budget Analysis.

2. *General Performance Goals and Objectives.* As required by clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII, the general performance goals and objectives of this bill are to designate a mountain ridge in the State of Montana as "B-47 Ridge."

EARMARK STATEMENT

This bill does not contain any Congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined under clause 9(e), 9(f), and 9(g) of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

UNFUNDED MANDATES REFORM ACT STATEMENT

This bill contains no unfunded mandates.

EXISTING PROGRAMS

This bill does not establish or reauthorize a program of the federal government known to be duplicative of another program.

APPLICABILITY TO LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Committee finds that the legislation does not relate to the terms and conditions of employment or access to public services or

accommodations within the meaning of section 102(b)(3) of the Congressional Accountability Act.

PREEMPTION OF STATE, LOCAL, OR TRIBAL LAW

Any preemptive effect of this bill over state, local, or tribal law is intended to be consistent with the bill's purposes and text and the Supremacy Clause of Article VI of the U.S. Constitution.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

If enacted, this bill would make no changes to existing law.

SUPPLEMENTAL, MINORITY, ADDITIONAL, OR DISSENTING VIEWS

None.