

Colorado Chapter President's Newsletter

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Current Colorado Issues

Browns Canyon Wilderness Bill Introduced

Democratic Senator Ken Salazar introduced on May 22nd a bill in Congress to designate a 20,00-acre Browns Canyon Wilderness in Chaffee county similar to the bill offered in 2006 by Republican Congressman Joel Hefley. The National Rifle Association has already expressed opposition to this bill because it would close 4 miles of a non-maintained route used by ATV's. If you are an NRA member, please urge this group to support this bill because of the prime hunting habitat and prime traditional non-motorized hunting opportunities it will protect. Then contact Senator Allard and Congressman Lamborn and urge them to support this bill. (Sorry, I don't have a bill number yet.) Be sure to mention you are a member of REP.

Dominguez-Escalante NRA & Dominguez Canyon Wilderness Area

Senator Salazar also introduced on May 22nd a bill to designate 210,677 acres in Mesa, Montrose and Delta counties as a Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area (NCA) and 66,280 acres within the NCA as the Dominguez Canyon Wilderness Area. (No bill number available.) Contact Senator Allard and urge him to support this bill. Let him know you are a member of REP.

America Climate Security Act: Vote at our annual meeting

Our Chapter was contacted by The Kenney Group, a Denver PR firm, to help build grassroots support for this bill (S 2191). It is a good, balanced bi-partisan "cap and trade" bill sponsored by Republican Senator John Warner and Democratic Senator Joe Lieberman and is expected to come up for a vote this month. Please contact Senator Allard and urge him to support this bill.

We need your vote! An amendment is being proposed which would give special preference to the nuclear power industry. The environmental community (and our own Executive Committee) is split on whether to support nuclear power.

We will vote at the annual chapter membership meeting on whether to support this amendment.

Once again, I want to thank you for your membership in our REP chapter. We are making a difference!

Sincerely,



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