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Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 4:29 PM
To: AZSFWC Board
Subject: GC Bison Management Act...update on the Senate side

Folks, I had some dialog yesterday with Senator Flake's Natural Resources Policy Advisor Chuck Podolak. I asked him about the status of the GC Bison Management Act language missing from any legislation in the Senate. I inquired about a plan to get it added to a bill sooner rather than later.

I was told they are coordinating their efforts with McCain's office and see the best window for action when the Senate takes up consideration of the Sportsmen bill, currently embedded in the Energy bill, S.1460.

Since it isn't in that bill now, I asked how soon it could be added. I was advised the Energy & Natural Resources committee is pushing for floor time, but it is not expected to get to the floor before early 2018. Why...because of healthcare, disaster relief, budget, gov't funding, debt ceiling, and tax reform.

I asked if there was any way the language could be added to the bill now so it isn't lost in the "mess"?

I was advised they can draft and circulate proposed amendments, but the bill cannot be changed until it is the pending business on the Senate floor.

There are three opportunities to modify the text of a bill:

1. prior to introduction,
2. during consideration by the committee,
3. and on the floor.

With the Senate Energy bill, we are past the first option, they skipped the second option, and we are subjected to waiting on the third.

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It was not the news I, nor for that matter most of us wanted to hear.

Jim

Excerpts from Senate Bill 1460

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/1460>

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DIVISION B—NATURAL RESOURCES

Sec. 5001. Definitions.

TITLE V—CONSERVATION AUTHORIZATIONS

Sec. 5101. National Park Service Maintenance and Revitalization Conservation Fund.

Sec. 5102. Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Sec. 5103. Historic Preservation Fund.

Sec. 5104. Conservation incentives landowner education program.

TITLE VI—LAND CONVEYANCES AND RELATED MATTERS

Subtitle A—Land Conveyances

Sec. 6001. Arapaho National Forest boundary adjustment.

Sec. 6002. Land conveyance, Elkhorn Ranch and White River National Forest, Colorado.

Sec. 6003. Craggs, Colorado land exchange.

Sec. 6004. Clarification relating to a certain land description under the Northern Arizona Land Exchange and Verde River Basin Partnership Act of 2005.

Sec. 6005. Cooper Spur land exchange clarification amendments.

Sec. 6006. Black Hills National Cemetery boundary modification.

Sec. 6007. Cow Creek Umpqua land conveyance.

Sec. 6008. Oregon coastal land.

Sec. 6009. Amendments to Coquille Restoration Act.

Sec. 6010. Conveyance of Federal land within the Swan Lake hydroelectric project boundary.

Sec. 6011. Pascua Yaqui Tribe land conveyance.

Subtitle B—Land Management

Sec. 6101. Cadastre of Federal real property.

Sec. 6102. Additional authority for sale or exchange of small parcels of National Forest System land.

Sec. 6103. Bolts ditch access.

Sec. 6104. Designation of Alex Diekmann Peak, Montana.

Sec. 6105. Methow Valley, Washington, Federal land withdrawal.

Sec. 6106. Frank and Jeanne Moore Wild Steelhead Special Management Area, Oregon.

Sec. 6107. Expedited access to certain Federal land.

Sec. 6108. Maintenance or replacement of facilities and structures at Smith Gulch.

Sec. 6109. Cerro del Yuta and Río San Antonio Wilderness Areas.

Sec. 6110. Additions to Cherokee National Forest Wilderness Areas.

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TITLE VII—NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM MANAGEMENT, STUDIES, AND
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Subtitle A—Special Resource Studies

Sec. 7001. Special resource study of James K. Polk presidential home.

Sec. 7002. Special resource study of Fort Ontario.

Subtitle B—National Park Service Management And Related Matters

Sec. 7101. Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park boundary revision.

Sec. 7102. John Muir National Historic Site land acquisition.

Sec. 7103. Amendment to Coltsville National Historical Park donation site.

Sec. 7104. Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park boundary adjustment; land acquisition; administration.

Sec. 7105. Designation of existing wilderness area in Lake Clark National Park as the Jay S. Hammond Wilderness.

Sec. 7106. Sky Point mountain designation.

Sec. 7107. Eligibility of Hispanic-serving institutions and Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-serving institutions for assistance for preservation education and training programs.

Sec. 7108. Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park.

Sec. 7109. Vehicular access and fees at Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.

Sec. 7110. Denali National Park and Preserve natural gas pipeline.

Sec. 7111. Wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge.

Sec. 7112. Lower Farmington and Salmon Brook recreational rivers.

Sec. 7113. East Rosebud Wild and Scenic Rivers designation.

Sec. 7114. Arlington Ridge Visitor Services Facility.

Sec. 7115. Rockingham County, Virginia, removal of use restriction.

Sec. 7116. Interagency transfer of land along George Washington Memorial Parkway.

Sec. 7117. Shiloh National Military Park boundary modification.

Sec. 7118. Historically Black Colleges and Universities Historic Preservation Program reauthorized.

Sec. 7119. Fort Frederica National Monument boundary adjustment.

Sec. 7120. Redesignation of Robert Emmet Park.

Sec. 7121. Designation of the National Memorial to Fallen Educators.

Sec. 7122. African American Civil Rights Network.

Sec. 7123. 400 Years of African-American History Commission.

Sec. 7124. Modification of Voyageurs National Park boundary.

Sec. 7125. North Country National Scenic Trail route adjustment.

Sec. 7126. National emergency medical services commemorative work.

Sec. 7127. National heritage area designations.

Sec. 7128. Adjustment of boundaries of Lincoln National Heritage Area.

Sec. 7129. Finger lakes national heritage area study.

Sec. 7130. Modification of the Second Division Memorial.

Sec. 7131. Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument boundary adjustment.

Sec. 7132. Fort Scott National Historic Site boundary modification.

Sec. 7133. Gulf Islands National Seashore land exchange.

Sec. 7134. Ste. Genevieve National Historical Park.

Sec. 7135. Bows in parks.

Sec. 7136. Wildlife management in parks.

TITLE VIII—SPORTSMEN'S ACCESS AND RELATED MATTERS

Subtitle A—National Policy

Sec. 8001. Congressional declaration of national policy.

Subtitle B—Sportsmen's Access To Federal Land

Sec. 8101. Definitions.

Sec. 8102. Federal land open to hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting.

Sec. 8103. Closure of Federal land to hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting.

Sec. 8104. Shooting ranges.

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- Sec. 8105. Federal action transparency.
- Sec. 8106. Identifying opportunities for recreation, hunting, and fishing on Federal land.
- Sec. 8107. Firearms at water resource development projects.

Subtitle C—Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act

- Sec. 8201. Amendments to the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act.

Subtitle D—Filming On Federal Land Management Agency Land

- Sec. 8301. Commercial filming.

Subtitle E—Wildlife And Habitat Conservation

- Sec. 8401. Amendments to Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act.
- Sec. 8402. Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council Advisory Committee.
- Sec. 8403. North American Wetlands Conservation Act.
- Sec. 8404. Fishing tackle.

Subtitle F—Miscellaneous

- Sec. 8501. Respect for treaties and rights.
- Sec. 8502. No priority.
- Sec. 8503. State authority for fish and wildlife.

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