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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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COMMITTEE APPROVES MONTANA WILDERNESS BILL

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WASHINGTON -- Legislation to designate certain National Forest lands in Montana as wilderness areas and releasing other National Forest lands in the state for multiple use management activities was adopted without amendment by the House Agriculture Committee on a vote of 22-19.

The state of Montana has more than 6 million acres of roadless areas in its 10 National Forests. H.R. 2473, sponsored by Rep. Pat Williams, D-Mont., would designate 1.7 million acres of these lands as wilderness areas, 240,000 acres as special management areas, and 375,000 acres as wilderness study areas. An additional 3.4 million acres have already received the wilderness designation.

Wilderness areas are Federal lands that have been designated by Congress as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. Generally, these areas have no roads or other facilities, and timber harvesting and many other activities are prohibited or restricted.

The Committee rejected an amendment offered by Rep. Robert F. Smith, R-Ore., proposing alternative "release language" to the provisions included in H.R. 2473 as introduced. The Smith amendment was rejected 19-22. Release language provides direction on Forest Service review of undesignated roadless areas on the management of such areas until the review and recommendations are final.

Summary of H.R. 2473

"Round 16 of the Montana Wilderness Act of 1993"

- Designates certain National Forest lands in Montana as: (1) components of the National Wilderness Preservation System; (2) special management areas; and (3) wilderness study areas.
- Directs the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Forest Service Research Branch, to undertake a Montana Ecosystem and Economics Study.
- Releases certain National Forest lands in Montana for multiple use.
- Authorizes appropriations for the development of a wilderness education and ranger training complex in Montana.