

Proposal Timeline

Alpine Lakes Wilderness Additions and Pratt and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Rivers Protection Act (H.R. 361; S. 112)

110th Congress

- May 2007 Congressman Reichert met with the Alpine Lakes Working Group¹, a coalition of conservation and recreation organizations, to discuss his interest in proposing legislation to protect wilderness in his district
- August 8, 2007 Congressman Reichert (R-WA08) organized a stakeholder and media tour of the proposal after announcing his intent to congressionally protect additions to the Alpine Lakes Wilderness and the Pratt River under the Wild & Scenic River Act. Present on the tour were the mayors of Snoqualmie, North Bend and Duvall, King County Council Member Reagan Dunn and representatives from Governor Gregoire's office and King County Executive Ron Sims' office, Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance, Goldmyer Hot Springs, Republicans for Environmental Protection, Mountains to Sound Greenway, American Whitewater, Washington Trails Association and other members of the conservation coalition
- November 8, 2007 Congressman Dave Reichert introduced into Congress the Alpine Lakes Wilderness Additions and Wild Pratt River Act (HR 4113)
- September 2008 Congressmen Jay Inslee (D-WA01), Brian Baird (D-WA03), Norm Dicks (D-WA06), Jim McDermott (D-WA07) and Adam Smith (D-WA09) formally cosponsored HR 4113.

111th Congress

- February 17, 2009 Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) held a Public Workshop in Snoqualmie on Alpine Lakes Wilderness Additions and potential Wild and Scenic River designations.
- March 26, 2009 Senator Patty Murray and Congressman Dave Reichert introduced into Congress Alpine Lakes Wilderness Additions and Pratt and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Rivers Protection Act (S. 721/ H.R. 1769). The bill has the identical designations for the wilderness additions and the Pratt River but also includes a designation of the Middle Fork Snoqualmie as a wild and scenic river.
- April 10, 2009 Senator Murray and Congressman Reichert hosted a press event and media tour around the recent introduction of their companion legislation (S. 721/ H.R. 1769) near the proposal. In attendance were members of the Alpine Lakes Working Group and proponents of the legislation including King County Council Member Dow Constantine, Snoqualmie Mayor Matt Larsen, North Bend Mayor Ken Hearing and Duvall Mayor Pro-Tem Elizabeth Walker.
- October 29, 2009 S. 721 is the subject of a congressional hearing in the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and National Forests. Testimony was heard by the U.S. Forest Service and Senator Patty Murray.

¹ The Alpine Lakes Working Group includes the following organizations: Alpine Lakes Protection Society, American Rivers, American Whitewater, Campaign for America's Wilderness, Friends of Wild Sky, MidFORC Coalition, The Mountaineers, North Cascades Conservation Council, Sierra Club - Cascade Chapter, The Wilderness Society, Washington Trails Association, Washington Wilderness Coalition

November 5, 2009 H.R. 1769 was the subject of a congressional hearing in the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on National parks, Forest and Public Lands. Testimony was heard by the U.S. Forest Service, Tom O'Keefe from American Whitewater and Congressman Dave Reichert.

December 12, 2009 S. 721 was approved by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. No significant issues were raised and the bill passed unanimously clearing it for Senate floor consideration.

February 24, 2010 H.R. 1769 was approved by the House Natural Resources Committee. No significant issues were raised and the bill passed unanimously clearing it for House floor consideration.

March 18, 2010 H.R. 1769 was approved by a voice vote on the House of Representatives on the suspension calendar.

December 22, 2010 The 111th Congress adjourned without passing S. 721 through the Senate.

112th Congress

February 10, 2011 Senator Patty Murray and Congressman Dave Reichert re- introduced into Congress Alpine Lakes Wilderness Additions and Pratt and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Rivers Protection Act (H.R. 608; S. 322). The bill is identical to the bill that passed the House in the previous Congress.

May 18, 2011 S. 322 was the subject of a congressional hearing in the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and National Forests. Relevant testimony was heard by the U.S. Forest Service.

October 25, 2011 H.R. 608 was the subject of a congressional hearing in the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on National parks, Forest and Public Lands. Relevant testimony was heard by Congressman Dave Reichert.

November 11, 2011 S. 322 was approved by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. No significant issues were raised and the bill passed unanimously clearing it for Senate floor consideration.

December 31, 2012 The 111th Congress adjourned without passing S. 322/H.R. 608.

113th Congress

January 23, 2013 Senator Patty Murray (D-WA), Congressman Dave Reichert (R-WA08) and Congresswoman Suzan Del Bene (D-WA01) re- introduced into Congress the Alpine Lakes Wilderness Additions and Pratt and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Rivers Protection Act (H.R. 361; S. 112). The bill is identical to the Senate bill that was passed by the Senate Committee in the previous Congress.

March 14, 2013 S. 112 was approved by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. No significant issues were raised and the bill passed the Committee clearing it for Senate floor consideration.

June 19, 2013 S. 112 passed the U.S. Senate by Unanimous Consent along with several other bill that had been approved in Committee.