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**H.R. 2578 - To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act related to a segment of the Lower Merced River in California, and for other purposes (Denham, R-CA)**

**Order of Business:** The legislation is expected to be considered on Tuesday, June 19, 2012, under a structured rule, H.Res. 688. The rule provides the consideration of H.R. 2578 in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union. The rule provides for 90 minutes of general debate that is equally divided by the chair and ranking minority member. After debate, the legislation shall be considered for amendment under the five minute rule. The rule makes in order only those amendments that are printed in Rules Committee Report 112-539, which can be [viewed here](#). After amendment debate the Committee shall rise and report the legislation to the House. At that time, Members may demand a separate vote on any amendment that was adopted in the Committee. The rule also provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. The rule can be read [here](#).

**Amendments Made In Order Under the Rule:**

**Hastings (R-WA) – Managers Amendment** – The amendment would made several technical changes to the legislation. This includes reducing the acreage amount in Title IV (H.R. 3100) from 151 acres to 137 acres so that the national park does not include the environmentally contaminated land.

The amendment also limits amount of land in title VI to be included in the North Cascades National Park to “not more than 100 feet in width.”

It also reauthorizes the Herger-Feinstein Quincy Library Group until September 30, 2019, as opposed to September 30, 2022. The amendment can be [viewed here](#).

**DeFazio (D-OR)** – The amendment requires Sealaska to comply with the export restrictions on unprocessed timber contained in the Forest Resources Conservation and Shortage Relief Act of 1990. This Act applies to unprocessed timber that has originated from private lands west of the 100<sup>th</sup> meridian in the lower 48 states, and it requires that

the timber be processed domestically. The 100<sup>th</sup> meridian splits the lower 48 states roughly in half. The amendment can be [viewed here](#).

**Markey (D-MA)** – The amendment alters Title XI (H.R. 4234) to add a grazing fee pilot program from fiscal years 2013 through 2016. The amendment can be [viewed here](#).

**Bishop (R-UT)** – The amendment strikes Title XIV (H.R. 1505) and inserts new language.

The amendment would prohibit the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture from impeding, prohibiting, or restricting activities of U.S. Customs and Border Protection on federal land that are located within 100 miles of an international border and under the jurisdiction of the Secretaries Interior of Agriculture to prevent all unlawful entries into the United States.

The amendment authorizes U.S. Customs and Border Protection to have access to federal land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior of the Secretary of Agriculture for the purposes of conducting the following activities:

- Construction and maintenance of roads;
- Construction and maintenance of fences;
- Use of vehicles to patrol;
- Installation, maintenance, and operation of surveillance equipment and sensors;
- Use of aircraft; and
- Deployment of temporary tactical infrastructure, including forward operating bases.

The amendment can be [viewed here](#).

**Grijalva (D-AZ)** - The amendment strikes Title XIV of the legislation. The text of Title XIV is similar to H.R. 1505 offered by Rep. Bishop, and amended by Rep. Bishop's amendment that is summarized above. The amendment can be [viewed here](#).

**Hanabusa (D-HI)** – The amendment would cause sections of Title XIV of the legislation not to apply to the state Hawaii. The text of Title XIV is similar to H.R. 1505 offered by Rep. Bishop, and amended by Rep. Bishop's amendment that is summarized above. The amendment can be [viewed here](#).

**Cravaack (R-MI)** - The amendment would add a new title to the end of the bill. This title would direct the Chief of the Forest Service to ensure that users of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) have access to forest roads in Superior and Chippewa National Forests, subject to reasonable road closures to prevent interference with ongoing activities related to the extraction and transport of national forest materials. The amendment can be [viewed here](#).

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