

Committee on Natural Resources

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Mark-Up Memorandum

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To: All Natural Resources Committee Members

From: Majority Committee Staff – Chris Marklund
Subcommittee on Federal Lands (x6-7736)

Mark-Up: **S. 117 (Sen. Steve Daines)**, To designate a mountain peak in the State of Montana as “Alex Diekmann Peak”.
January 10, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.; 1324 Longworth House Office Building

S. 117, Alex Diekmann Peak Designation Act of 2017

Summary of the Bill

S. 117, introduced by Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT), renames a mountain peak in Montana’s Lee Metcalf Wilderness after Alex Diekmann, a deceased local resident and conservationist.

Cosponsors

Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT)

Identical House legislation, H.R. 3873, has been introduced by Rep. Greg Gianforte (R-At Large-MT).

Background

Alex Diekmann was a conservationist who lived in Bozeman, Montana. Mr. Diekmann dedicated his professional life to protecting the natural and scenic resources of the Northern Rockies. Over the course of his career, Mr. Diekmann was engaged in efforts that led to the conservation of more than 100,000 acres of mountains, valleys, rivers, creeks, agricultural lands, historic sites and open spaces in the States of Montana, Wyoming, and Idaho.

Mr. Diekmann played a central role in conservation, recreational and other land-use endeavors for an array of landscapes, including several sites across the Crown of the Continent in Montana, the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, Glacier National Park, and the Cabinet-Yaak Ecosystem.

He played a particularly significant role in the preservation of the natural landscapes in and near the Madison Valley and the Madison Range in Montana, including more than 12 miles of the Madison River, resulting in the conservation of that world-class fishery for future generations.

Mr. Diekmann lost his battle with cancer on February 1, 2016, at the age of 52. His conservation efforts leave a lasting legacy across Montana and the Northern Rockies that benefit all people of the United States. He is survived by his wife, Lisa, and their two sons, Logan and Liam.

To honor Mr. Diekmann's legacy, S. 117 designates an unnamed peak in the Lee Metcalf Wilderness in Montana as the "Alex Diekmann Peak."

Major Provisions/Analysis of S.117

Section 1. Short Title. Provides the short title of the bill as the Alex Diekmann Peak Designation Act of 2017 [sic].

Section 2. Designation of Alex Diekmann Peak, Montana. Designates the unnamed 9,765-foot peak located 2.2 miles west-northwest of Finger Mountain on the western boundary of the Lee Metcalf Wilderness, Montana (UTM coordinates Zone 12, 457966 E., 4982589 N.), as "Alex Diekmann Peak".

Cost

A Congressional Budget Office cost estimate has not yet been completed for this bill.

Administration Position

The Administration has communicated that the United States Board on Geographic Names is aware of efforts to name a Montana mountain peak in honor of Alex Diekmann and neither it nor the U.S. Geological Survey have any objection with the designation of "Alex Diekmann Peak".