

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To modify a provision relating to the issuance of certain climbing guidance.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—118th Cong., 1st Sess.**

**S. 873**

To improve recreation opportunities on, and facilitate greater access to, Federal public land, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. HICKENLOOPER

Viz:

1 Strike section 122 and insert the following:

2 **SEC. 122. CLIMBING GUIDANCE.**

3 (a) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 18 months after the  
4 date of enactment of this Act, each Secretary concerned  
5 shall issue guidance for recreational climbing activities on  
6 Federal land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary con-  
7 cerned, including within components of the National Wil-  
8 derness Preservation System.

9 (b) APPLICABLE LAW.—The guidance issued under  
10 subsection (a) shall ensure that recreational climbing ac-  
11 tivities comply with the laws (including regulations) appli-

1 cable to the land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary  
2 concerned.

3 (c) WILDERNESS AREAS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The guidance issued under  
5 subsection (a) shall recognize that recreational  
6 climbing (including the placement and maintenance  
7 of fixed anchors, where necessary for safety) is an  
8 appropriate recreational use within a component of  
9 the National Wilderness Preservation System, if un-  
10 dertaken—

11 (A) in accordance with the Wilderness Act  
12 (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) and other applicable  
13 laws (including regulations); and

14 (B) subject to any terms and conditions  
15 determined to be appropriate by the Secretary  
16 concerned.

17 (2) AUTHORIZATION.—The guidance issued  
18 under subsection (a) shall describe the requirements,  
19 if any, for the placement and maintenance of fixed  
20 anchors for recreational climbing in a component of  
21 the National Wilderness Preservation System, in-  
22 cluding any terms and conditions determined by the  
23 Secretary concerned to be appropriate, which may be  
24 issued programmatically or on a case-by-case basis.

1           (d) EXISTING ROUTES.—The guidance issued under  
2 subsection (a) shall include direction providing for the con-  
3 tinued use and maintenance of recreational climbing  
4 routes (including fixed anchors along the routes) in exist-  
5 ence as of the date of enactment of this Act, in accordance  
6 with this section, and where appropriate.

7           (e) PUBLIC COMMENT.—Before finalizing the guid-  
8 ance issued under subsection (a), the Secretary concerned  
9 shall provide opportunities for public comment with re-  
10 spect to the guidance.