

FINAL BILL REPORT

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As Passed Legislature

Brief Description: Supporting the establishment of the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail.

Sponsors: Senators Parlette, Morton, Mulliken, Delvin and Sheldon.

Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation

House Committee on Natural Resources, Ecology & Parks

Background: The impact of the ice age floods which occurred 12,000 years ago can be seen today in Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon. In 2001 the National Park Service (NPS) finished a study of the flood events and their effect on the region. In the report to Congress an Ice Age Floods Geologic Trail was proposed. Similar national trails regarding natural or historic events are found in other areas and they have a direct effect on tourism. Congress is currently considering H.R. 383 which would authorize the NPS to go ahead and work with all public and private parties to create the trail. Land acquisition would only amount to about 25 acres for an interpretive center to be created in the future.

Summary: The Washington State Legislature asks the President and Congress to establish the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	48	0
House	97	0