



H.R. 3616, Bear River National Heritage Area Study Act

The Bear River National Heritage Area Study Act, led by Representatives Blake Moore (R-UT) and Mike Simpson (R-ID), authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Bear River Heritage Area in northern Utah and southern Idaho in the historic Bear River area, a landscape rich with history and natural beauty.

Background

The Bear River area straddles the Utah-Idaho border where the Great Basin and Rocky Mountains meet and consists of seven counties: Cache, Box Elder, and Rich in northern Utah and Franklin, Bear Lake, Caribou, and Oneida in southeastern Idaho. The Bear River area is home to the Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation, Golden Spike National Historical Park, numerous Latter-day Saint history sites, the Oregon Trail, Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, a strong agricultural economy, and abundant natural beauty.

This bill is supported by the Bear River Association of Governments, Cache Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum, Cache Valley Center for the Arts, Cache Valley Chamber of Commerce, Cache Valley Visitors Bureau, City of St. Charles, Idaho, Folklore Society of Utah, Franklin Relic Hall Museum & Historical Site, Friends United for Bear Lake, Idaho Commission on the Arts, Southeast Idaho High Country Tourism, Stokes Nature Center, and the Utah Cultural Alliance.

The Committee favorably reported H.R. 3616 by Unanimous Consent on July 14, 2021.

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