

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1368

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO THE IDAHO ROADLESS RULE; AMENDING SECTION 67-826, IDAHO CODE,
2 TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE IDAHO ROADLESS RULE IMPLEMENTATION
3 COMMISSION, TO REVISE POWERS AND DUTIES, TO PROVIDE FOR SUPPORT BY THE
4 OFFICE OF SPECIES CONSERVATION, TO PROVIDE FOR COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP,
5 TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING COMMISSION MEETINGS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR
6 ANNUAL REPORTING.
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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

9 SECTION 1. That Section 67-826, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
10 amended to read as follows:

11 67-826. IDAHO ROADLESS RULE IMPLEMENTATION COMMISSION. (1) There is
12 hereby established in the office of the governor an Idaho roadless rule im-
13 plementation commission, hereinafter referred to as the "commission."

14 (2) The commission, in conjunction with the United States forest ser-
15 vice, shall cooperate and coordinate, advise on proposed and ongoing, and
16 propose projects, plans, and policies occurring within or affecting "Idaho
17 roadless areas," as defined in 36 CFR 294.21.

18 (3) The commission shall, as a part of its role of reviewing and propos-
19 ing projects, plans, and policies for Idaho roadless areas, coordinate and
20 advise on activities related to shared stewardship, good neighbor author-
21 ity, forest health, and the protection of communities at risk from wildfire
22 within and adjacent to Idaho roadless areas.

23 (4) The commission shall coordinate and develop policies related to
24 the United States forest service's implementation and interpretation of the
25 Idaho roadless rule as codified in 36 CFR 294, subpart C.

26 (5) The commission will shall, as necessary, enter into memoranda of
27 understanding or other agreements with the United States forest service to
28 cooperate on activities subject to the Idaho roadless rule as provided in 36
29 CFR 294, subpart C.

30 (6) The commission shall be supported by the governor's office of
31 species conservation. Support for the commission shall include but is not
32 limited to working with the United States forest service staff to propose
33 and support projects within and adjacent to Idaho roadless areas, coordinate
34 commission meetings, and other tasks as assigned by the commission or the
35 governor.

36 (47) The members of the commission shall be appointed by and serve at
37 the pleasure of the governor. The commission shall be composed of fifteen
38 nine (9) to twelve (152) members. Three (3) members shall serve initial
39 terms of four (4) years, three (3) members shall serve initial terms of three
40 (3) years, and three (3) members shall serve initial terms of two (2) years.
41 In the event that more than nine (9) members are appointed, such additional
42 members shall serve initial terms of five (5) years. Following initial

1 terms, members shall serve four (4) year terms. Members and may be appointed
 2 from the following three (3) categories:

3 (a) Individuals who:

4 (i) ~~Participated in the development of the Idaho roadless rule or~~
 5 ~~were members of the roadless area conservation national advisory~~
 6 ~~committee;~~

7 ~~(ii) Represent developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle~~
 8 ~~users or commercial recreation activities;~~

9 (iii) Represent energy or mineral development interests;

10 ~~(iv) Represent the commercial timber industry; or~~

11 (iv) Hold a federal grazing lease or other federal land use lease.

12 (b) Individuals who:

13 (i) Represent an environmental organization;

14 (ii) Represent dispersed recreation activities;

15 (iii) Represent archaeological and historical interests; or

16 (iv) Represent a nationally or regionally recognized wildlife or
 17 sportsmen's interest group.

18 (c) Individuals who:

19 (i) Participated in the development of the Idaho roadless rule or
 20 were members of the roadless area conservation national advisory
 21 committee;

22 (ii) Hold state, county, or local elected office or their de-
 23 signee;

24 ~~(ii) Hold county or local elected office;~~

25 (iii) Represent an American Indian tribe within the state of
 26 Idaho; or

27 (iv) Represent the public at large.

28 (58) There shall be a chairman and a vice chairman of the commission
 29 elected by a majority of the members of the commission. A majority of the
 30 commissioners shall constitute a quorum.

31 (69) The commission meetings ~~will~~ shall, if determined warranted, be
 32 held semiannually or at other times upon the call of the chairman or a major-
 33 ity of the commission.

34 (10) The commission shall prepare and submit an annual report, on or be-
 35 fore January 15 of each year, to the senate resources and environment com-
 36 mittee and the house resources and conservation committee reflecting the ac-
 37 tions of the commission pursuant to the provisions of this section and set-
 38 ting forth the membership of the commission.