

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2719

AN ACT

To ensure public access to the summit of Rattlesnake Mountain in the Hanford Reach National Monument for educational, recreational, historical, scientific, cultural, and other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Rattlesnake Mountain
3 Public Access Act of 2011”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds the following:

6 (1) The Hanford Reach National Monument is
7 public land that belongs to the American people.

8 (2) The United States Fish and Wildlife Serv-
9 ice’s Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) for
10 the Monument restricts public access to large por-
11 tions of the Monument, including the summit of
12 Rattlesnake Mountain.

13 (3) Public access to Rattlesnake Mountain is
14 important for educational, recreational, historical,
15 scientific, and cultural purposes.

16 (4) Rattlesnake Mountain reaches an elevation
17 of 3,660 feet above sea level—the highest elevation
18 of the Monument, and provides unparalleled scenic
19 views over the Monument, the Hanford Site, and the
20 Columbia River.

21 (5) Public access to Rattlesnake Mountain will
22 increase tourism interest in the Monument and will
23 provide economic benefits to local governments.

1 **SEC. 3. ENSURING PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE SUMMIT OF**
2 **RATTLESNAKE MOUNTAIN IN THE HANFORD**
3 **REACH NATIONAL MONUMENT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior shall
5 provide public access to the summit of Rattlesnake Moun-
6 tain in the Hanford Reach National Monument for edu-
7 cational, recreational, historical, scientific, cultural, and
8 other purposes, including—

9 (1) motor vehicle access; and

10 (2) pedestrian and other nonmotorized access.

11 (b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary of
12 the Interior may enter into cooperative agreements to fa-
13 cilitate access to the summit of Rattlesnake Mountain—

14 (1) with the Secretary of Energy, the State of
15 Washington, or any local government agency or
16 other interested persons, for guided tours, including
17 guided motorized tours to the summit of Rattlesnake
18 Mountain; and

19 (2) with the Secretary of Energy, and with the
20 State of Washington or any local government agency

1 or other interested persons, to maintain the access
2 road to the summit of Rattlesnake Mountain.

Passed the House of Representatives December 15,
2011.

Attest:

Clerk.

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