

AO Advocacy Panel: Permitting, CDLs and Overtime

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Outdoor Recreational Outfitting and Guiding Act

S. 2914, sponsored by Senators Daines (R-MT) and Sinema (I-AZ).

H.R. 6128, sponsored by Congressman Blake Moore (R, UT-1) and co-sponsored by Congresswoman Brittany Pettersen (D, CO-7).



History of SOAR

FLREMA

Guide and Outfitting Act

Simplifying Outdoor Access for Recreation

America's Outdoor Recreation Act

EXPLORE



Provisions of SOAR/Explore

TITLE III—SIMPLIFYING OUTDOOR ACCESS FOR RECREATION

Subtitle A—Modernizing Recreation Permitting

Sec. 311. Special recreation permit and fee authorizations.

Sec. 312. Permitting process improvements. Group activity permits and nominal effects.

Sec. 313. Permit flexibility. Same or similar services authorized

Sec. 314. Permit administration.

Sec. 316. Forest service and bureau of land management transitional special recreation permits for outfitting and guiding.

Sec. 317. Reviews for transitional permits and long-term permits.

Sec. 318. Use Reviews. Adjustment of allocated visitor-use days.

Sec. 319. Prohibition on exculpatory agreements eliminated.

Sec. 320. Cost recovery reform elimination.



Commercial Drivers Licenses

ELDT (entry level driver training) requirements

- certified trainer
- testing standards



Issues & Opportunities

- Boundary Waters towboats
- Camp Washington: Jan 30 & 31, 2024



Thank you!

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