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### FOWLER AND BOSKOFF PEAKS DESIGNATION ACT

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Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, submitted the following

### R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 497]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 2768) to designate certain mountain peaks in the State of Colorado as “Fowler Peak” and “Boskoff Peak,” having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of H.R. 2768 is to designate certain mountain peaks in the State of Colorado as “Fowler Peak” and “Boskoff Peak.”

#### BACKGROUND AND NEED

Charlie Fowler and Christine Boskoff were renowned mountain climbers, champions for the pristine backcountry of Colorado, and long-time residents of San Miguel County, Colorado. They died in an avalanche in November 2006, while attempting to summit a peak in China’s Sichuan province.

Christine Boskoff was one of the leading female alpinists in the United States, having climbed six of the 14 mountain peaks in the world that are higher than 8,000 meters. Ms. Boskoff also dedicated her time and expertise to support a number of charitable causes related to climbing, including the rights of porters and Sherpas, women’s education, and global literacy and other issues. Ms. Boskoff was recognized by the education communities in the United States and Nepal as a role model for students.

Charlie Fowler was one of the most experienced mountain climbers in North America, having successfully climbed many of the highest peaks in the world; an author, guide, filmmaker, photographer, and wilderness advocate; and the recipient of the 2004 Robert and Miriam Underhill Award from the American Alpine Club. Mr. Fowler summited several 8,000-meter peaks including Everest, Cho Oyu, and Shishapangma.

H.R. 2768 will honor the life and careers of Ms. Boskoff and Mr. Fowler by designating two currently unnamed peaks in Uncompahgre National Forest in the State of Colorado as “Fowler Peak” and “Boskoff Peak.”

#### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Representative Tipton introduced H.R. 2768 in the House of Representatives on May 30, 2017, which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. On July 26, 2017, H.R. 2768 was ordered reported by unanimous consent by the Committee on Natural Resources (H. Rept. 115–291). On November 28, 2017, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 2768 by a vote of 409–0.

Senators Bennet and Gardner introduced companion legislation, S. 1271, on May 25, 2017. The Senate Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining held a hearing on S. 1271 on July 26, 2017.

On May 17, 2018, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources met in open business session and ordered H.R. 2768 favorably reported without amendment.

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, in open business session on May 17, 2018, by a majority voice vote of a quorum present recommends that the Senate pass H.R. 2768.

#### SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

##### *Section 1. Short title*

Section 1 provides a short title for the measure.

##### *Section 2. Findings*

Section 2 contains key findings.

##### *Section 3. Designation of Fowler Peak and Boskoff Peak, Colorado*

Subsection (a) provides the coordinates and description of a peak in the Uncompahgre National Forest in Colorado and designates it as “Fowler Peak.” This subsection further requires any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, record, or other paper of the United States to refer to this peak as “Fowler Peak.”

Subsection (b) provides the coordinates and description of a peak in the Uncompahgre National Forest in Colorado and designates it as “Boskoff Peak.” This subsection further requires any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, record, or other paper of the United States to refer to this peak as “Boskoff Peak.”

#### COST AND BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS

The following estimate of the costs of this measure has been provided by the Congressional Budget Office:

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 2768 to name two mountain peaks on federal land would have no significant effect on the federal budget and would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 2768 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

H.R. 2768 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

On August 29, 2017, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 2768, the Fowler and Boskoff Peaks Designation Act, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 26, 2017. The two versions of the legislation are similar, and CBO's estimates of their budgetary effects are the same.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Jeff LaFave.

#### REGULATORY IMPACT EVALUATION

In compliance with paragraph 11(b) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee makes the following evaluation of the regulatory impact which would be incurred in carrying out H.R. 2768. The bill is not a regulatory measure in the sense of imposing Government-established standards or significant economic responsibilities on private individuals and businesses.

No personal information would be collected in administering the program. Therefore, there would be no impact on personal privacy.

Little, if any, additional paperwork would result from the enactment of H.R. 2768, as ordered reported.

#### CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING

H.R. 2768, as ordered reported, does not contain any congressionally directed spending items, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

The testimony provided by the Department of Agriculture at the July 26, 2017, hearing on S. 1271, the companion legislation to H.R. 2768, follows:

#### STATEMENT OF GLENN CASAMASSA, ASSOCIATE DEPUTY CHIEF, NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM U.S. FOREST SERVICE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Chairman Lee, Ranking Member Wyden, members of the Subcommittee, thank you for the opportunity to present the views of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) regarding S. 32—the California Desert Protection and Recreation Act of 2017, S. 468—the Historic Routes Preservation Act, S. 941—the Yellowstone Gateway Protection Act, S. 1230—the Water Rights Protection Act, S. 1271—the Fowler and Boskoff Peaks Designation Act, and S. 1548—the Oregon Wildlands Act. I am Glenn Casamassa, Associate Deputy Chief for the National Forest System (NFS), USDA Forest Service.

*S. 1271—Fowler and Boskoff Peaks Designation Act*

S. 1271 would name one mountain peak within the Lizard Head Wilderness on the Uncompahgre National Forest for Charlie Fowler, and another peak in the same wilderness for Christine Boskoff. As a general matter, the Forest Service recommends adherence to naming guidance provided by the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN), which discourages naming unnamed features within wilderness unless an overriding need can be demonstrated. In recognition of the contributions to mountaineering made by Fowler and Boskoff, USDA does not oppose S. 1271.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with paragraph 12 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee notes that no changes in existing law are made by the bill as ordered reported.

