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Hells Canyon National Recreation Area passes Congress, goes to President Ford  
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WASHINGTON D.C. Legislation creating the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area passed through the House of Representatives today thus giving it full Congressional approval and clearing it for the President's signature.

The bill will create a recreation area of 670,000-acres and protects not only the Hells Canyon corridor, but the Seven Devils Peaks.

Idaho's U.S. Senator Jim McClure, one of the sponsors of the bill said, "We have seen fit, through many hours of legislative work, to insure the protection of this unique area of Idaho and Oregon. The provisions of the bill insures that Idaho's precious upstream water rights are protected, that limited, traditional use of the Hells Canyon land will continue, but most of all, that this unique canyon landscape will be preserved for generations to come," said McClure.

The Hells Canyon National Recreation Area bill specifically designates portions of the Snake River as wild, and portions as scenic. Management of this Recreation Area will be under the U.S. Forest Service.

"Within five years after the President signs this bill," McClure said, "The Department of Agriculture is to submit a comprehensive management plan." McClure continued, "I was very pleased with the help of so many Idahoans who aided with the formulation of this plan for the Hells Canyon area. It could have not been done without their assistance. I feel confident that

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