

## S 2565

Wild Sky Wilderness Act of 2002

**Congress:** 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

**Introduced:** May 23, 2002

**Current Status:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 646.

**Latest Action:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 646. (Oct 8, 2002)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/107th-congress/senate-bill/2565>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** WA • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		May 23, 2002

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jul 30, 2002

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HR 4844	Identical bill	<b>Oct 11, 2002:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 467.

## Summary (as of Oct 8, 2002)

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Wild Sky Wilderness Act of 2002 - Designates certain lands in the Skykomish River valley, Washington, as the Wild Sky Wilderness, to be managed by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Directs the Secretary to establish a hiking trail plan. Authorizes the use of helicopter access to construct and maintain a Forest Service communication repeater site to provide improved communication for safety and health purposes.

Authorizes the Secretary to acquire specified priority acquisition lands by purchase, donation, or exchange. Requires the boundaries of the Snoqualmie National Forest and the Wild Sky Wilderness to be adjusted to encompass any lands so acquired. Directs the Secretary to assure adequate access to private in-holdings within the Wild Sky Wilderness. States that valuation of private lands shall be determined without reference to any restrictions on access or use which arise out of designation as a wilderness area.

Requires the Secretary to exchange specified lands with the Chelan County Public Utility District if the District offers to the Secretary lands within the Snoqualmie National Forest, Washington, in exchange for a permanent easement, including helicopter access, to maintain an existing snowtel site on land within the Wenatchee National Forest, Washington.

Provides for extinguishment of the easement and reversion of all conveyed rights to the United States if the District no longer needs to maintain a snowtel site.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Oct 8, 2002:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Bingaman without amendment. Without written report.
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- **Oct 8, 2002:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 646.
- **Jul 30, 2002:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 107-846.
- **May 23, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 23, 2002:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.