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Act to Save America's Forests

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Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Corzine, Jon S. [D-NJ]

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Nov 24, 2003
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Nov 24, 2003
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Nov 24, 2003
Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]	D · CT		Jun 21, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 24, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 5312	Identical bill	Nov 8, 2004: Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans.

Act to Save America's Forests - Amends the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 to revise eligibility criteria for members of the land and resource management scientific committee. Revises the committee termination date.

Directs the Chief of the Forest Service, the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Director of the Bureau of Land Management to each prepare a continuous inventory of forest land administered by each agency head and to document whole-system measures that will be taken as a result of the inventory.

Requires the Secretary of Agriculture to provide for conservation and restoration of native biodiversity in forested areas.

Prohibits clearcutting or other even-age logging operations on any stand or watershed on certain Federal land, National Forest System land, and National Wildlife Refuge System land. Provides for Federal enforcement and a private right of action.

Designates special areas which shall be subject to restrictions on road construction and logging in Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

Requires the Secretaries concerned to appoint a committee of independent scientists to recommend additional special areas.

Restricts road construction and logging on Federal land in ancient forests, special areas, roadless areas, and watershed protection areas. Provides for Federal enforcement and a private right of action.

States that this Act shall not apply to Federal wilderness areas designated under the Wilderness Act.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **Nov 24, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 24, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S15827-15828)
- **Nov 24, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (text of measure as introduced: CR S15828-15837)