

S 942

Virginia Ridge and Valley Act of 2005

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**Chamber:** Senate

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Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Warner, John [R-VA]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** VA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 28, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 1975	Identical bill	May 19, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.

Virginia Ridge and Valley Act of 2005 - Designates certain lands in the Jefferson National Forest, Virginia (Brush Mountain and Brush Mountain East, Seng Mountain and Raccoon Branch, Stone Mountain, Hunting Camp Creek and Garden Mountain, Lynn Camp Creek, Mountain Lake Additions, Lewis Fork Addition and Little Wilson Creek Additions, Shawvers Run Additions, Peters Mountain Addition, and Kimberling Creek Additions) as wilderness.

Designates Seng Mountain and Raccoon Branch, and Bear Creek, as National Scenic Areas (Areas). Establishes such Areas for purposes of: (1) ensuring the protection and preservation of scenic quality, water quality, natural characteristics, and water resources; (2) protecting wildlife and fish habitat; (3) protecting areas that may develop characteristics of old-growth forests; and (4) providing a variety of recreation opportunities.

Directs the Secretary of Agriculture to: (1) administer such Areas in accordance with this Act and the laws and regulations generally applicable to the National Forest System (NFS); (2) develop a management plan for such Areas; and (3) establish a trail for NFS lands to develop hiking and equestrian trails within the wilderness areas and non-motorized recreation trails within the Areas. Sets forth provisions regarding roads, vegetation management, motorized travel, fire, insects and disease, water, and mining and geothermal leasing.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Apr 28, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 28, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4558-4559)
- **Apr 28, 2005:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.