

## S 2907

### Federal Land Avalanche Protection Act of 2010

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

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

**Introduced:** Dec 18, 2009

**Current Status:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 536.

**Latest Action:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 536. (Aug 5, 2010)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/senate-bill/2907>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]

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

## Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Mar 10, 2010

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 4407	Identical bill	Mar 29, 2010: Referred to the Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry.

## **Summary** (as of Aug 5, 2010)

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Federal Land Avalanche Protection Act of 2010 - Directs the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA), acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, to establish an avalanche protection program to provide information and assistance to users of avalanche-prone National Forest System lands.

Includes as objectives of the program: (1) informing and educating the public about the risks posed by avalanches; (2) providing avalanche forecasts for avalanche-prone areas of the National Forest System that are frequented by recreational or other users; (3) providing oversight of activities relating to the prevention and control of avalanches by ski area and other special use permit holders on National Forest System land, including the procurement, control, and use of artillery; and (4) facilitating research on the program's objectives, including research on the development of alternatives to military artillery.

Requires the Secretary to: (1) use the resources of the Forest Service's National Avalanche Center and other partners; and (2) work with the Avalanche Artillery Users of North America Committee and other partners to improve coordination among the users of artillery used to prevent and control avalanches.

Authorizes the Secretary to make grants to further the program's objectives and requires giving priority to grants that enhance public safety.

Authorizes appropriations.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Aug 5, 2010:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Bingaman with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 111-266.
- **Aug 5, 2010:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 536.
- **Jun 21, 2010:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Mar 10, 2010:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 111-565.
- **Dec 18, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Dec 18, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S13459-13460)
- **Dec 18, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.