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Roadless Area Conservation Act of 2011

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**Chamber:** Senate

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

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Nov 17, 2011)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]

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

### Cosponsors (19 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Nov 17, 2011
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Nov 17, 2011
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Nov 17, 2011
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Nov 17, 2011
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Nov 17, 2011
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Nov 17, 2011
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Nov 17, 2011
Sen. Hagan, Kay R. [D-NC]	D · NC		Nov 17, 2011
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Nov 17, 2011
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Nov 17, 2011
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Nov 17, 2011
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [D-CT]	ID · CT		Nov 17, 2011
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Nov 17, 2011
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Nov 17, 2011
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Nov 17, 2011
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Nov 17, 2011
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Nov 17, 2011
Sen. Webb, Jim [D-VA]	D · VA		Nov 17, 2011
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Nov 17, 2011

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 17, 2011

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Nov 17, 2011)

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Roadless Area Conservation Act of 2011 - Prohibits road construction and road reconstruction in inventoried roadless areas of the National Forest System. Specifies exceptions, including because: (1) there is threat of a catastrophic event, (2) a natural resource restoration action is necessary, or (3) a federal-aid highway project is in the public interest or is consistent with the purposes for which the land was reserved or acquired.

Prohibits timber from being cut, sold, or removed in an inventoried roadless area. Permits various exceptions, including for specified environmental reasons, if the responsible official determines that the cutting, sale, or removal of timber is expected to be infrequent.

Authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA) to make modifications to roadless area maps to improve their accuracy or inclusiveness. Instructs the Secretary, in order to evaluate the effect of a modification to a roadless area map, to prepare an environmental impact statement or similar analysis required under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Declares that this Act does not: (1) revoke, suspend, or modify legal instruments and decisions concerning the use of NFS land made before January 12, 2001; (2) compel the amendment or revision of any land and resource management plan; or (3) apply to specified activities in the Tongass National Forest.

States that the prohibitions and restrictions of this Act cannot be reconsidered, modified, or terminated under the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974.

### Actions Timeline

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