

## S 936

### Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act

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### Sponsor

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Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Apr 25, 2017
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Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Apr 25, 2017
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 25, 2017
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Apr 25, 2017
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Apr 25, 2017
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		May 17, 2017
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		May 22, 2017
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Nov 30, 2017
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Mar 15, 2018
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		May 14, 2018
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Jun 18, 2018

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 25, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 2135	Related bill	<b>May 2, 2017:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.

## Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act

This bill designates specified National Forest System lands, National Park System lands, and public lands in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming as wilderness and as components or additions to existing components of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

The bill also designates specified federal lands as biological connecting corridors and as special corridor management areas.

The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act is amended to designate segments of specified rivers and creeks in Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

The bill designates specified areas as wildland recovery areas. The Department of Agriculture shall develop a wildland recovery plan for each recovery area.

A specified panel of independent scientists shall study roadless lands greater than 1,000 acres that are within the National Forest System in the Wild Rockies bioregion in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, or Wyoming, but not designated as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, for their role in maintaining biological diversity in the Northern Rockies and as part of the overall forest reserve system. Any new or existing road construction or reconstruction or timber harvest is prohibited in those lands after the evaluation. Oil or gas leasing, mining, or other development that impairs the natural and roadless qualities of the land is also prohibited.

The Department of the Interior may apply the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act in carrying out this bill.

## Actions Timeline

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