

113TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 255

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 7, 2013

Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. TESTER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “North Fork Watershed  
5       Protection Act of 2013”.

6       **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7       In this Act:

1 (1) ELIGIBLE FEDERAL LAND.—The term “eli-  
2 gible Federal land” means—

3 (A) any federally owned land or interest in  
4 land depicted on the Map as within the North  
5 Fork Federal Lands Withdrawal Area; or

6 (B) any land or interest in land located  
7 within the North Fork Federal Lands With-  
8 drawal Area that is acquired by the Federal  
9 Government after the date of enactment of this  
10 Act.

11 (2) MAP.—The term “Map” means the Bureau  
12 of Land Management map entitled “North Fork  
13 Federal Lands Withdrawal Area” and dated June 9,  
14 2010.

15 **SEC. 3. WITHDRAWAL.**

16 (a) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,  
17 the eligible Federal land is withdrawn from—

18 (1) all forms of location, entry, and patent  
19 under the mining laws; and

20 (2) disposition under all laws relating to min-  
21 eral leasing and geothermal leasing.

22 (b) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—Not later than 30 days  
23 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Map shall be

1 made available to the public at each appropriate office of  
2 the Bureau of Land Management.

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