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H.R. 1581 -- Wilderness and Roadless Area Release Act of 2011 (Introduced in House - IH)

HR 1581 IH

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To release wilderness study areas administered by the Bureau of Land Management that are not suitable for wilderness designation from continued management as de facto wilderness areas and to release inventoried roadless areas within the National Forest System that are not recommended for wilderness designation from the land use restrictions of the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Final Rule and the 2005 State Petition for Inventoried Roadless Area Management Final Rule, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
 April 15, 2011

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Congressman Rehberg: Stripping Protection from Montana's Roadless Lands

August 30, 2011

Dear [member_name_first]:

When a person spends too much time in the Beltway, it begins to warp one's vision. Perhaps this explains some of the recent behavior of Congressman Denny Rehberg.

Case in point: Rehberg supports [House Bill 1581](#), a bill introduced by a southern California congressman that would roll back conservation provisions for 6 million acres of Montana's national forest backcountry. That land is called "roadless" by the agency and has been off-limit to bulldozers since 2001.

Locally, these lands include the Swan Crest and the high country of the Whitefish Divide and Mission Mountains. This is where our clean water arises, where the wildlife is still wildest (and most secure), and where citizens of our great state and country can visit nature in its original state. Some would call these lands the Chapels of Montana.

And Congressman Rehberg would allow the bulldozer blade to fall upon them.

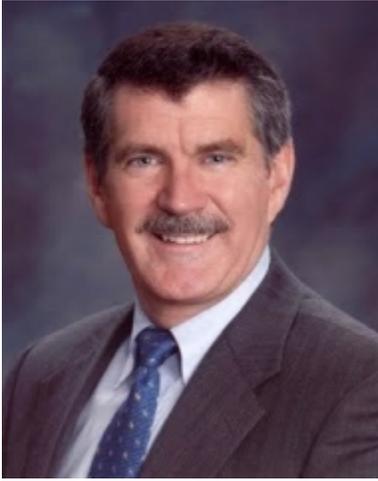
Predictably, groups like [Montana Backcountry Hunters](#)

Not a Very Sexy Image
 But neither is the content of [House Bill 1581](#), introduced by Montana's lone congressman, Denny Rehberg. HB 1581 would strip protection from most of Montana and the nation's [Roadless Lands](#). This is a BAD idea for Montana's wildlife, clean water, and tourism industry. (Click on image to read the short text of the bill.)



Heres' Your Pretty Picture
 Montana is fabled for its spectacular wild country, whether protected as Wilderness or not. Montana's Roadless Lands persist

*because people like you have spoken up for them. It's time to [speak up](#) again.
(Photo: [MT Roadless Working Group](#))*



Congressman Rehberg Opposes Roadless Land Protection

Montana's Congressman Denny Rehberg is co-sponsoring [HB 1581](#), the "Wilderness and Roadless Area Release Act of 2011". Polling shows 76% of all Montanans think it's common sense to keep the backcountry the way it has always been. If you're in camp with the majority of Montanans, please [write Congressman Rehberg](#) today!



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[and Anglers](#) - which pretty much says what they value - have sounded the alarm over this legislation.

They write, "These roadless areas are the heart of Montana's remaining public land elk country. **The 6.8% of Montana that is still roadless** is the primary reason Montanans have the longest elk hunting seasons anywhere. [Emphasis added.] Roadless areas are the primary reason big bulls and big mule deer bucks are still found on public land."

[The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation](#) is also opposing the legislation, calling it a "one-sized fits all" legislation that is unworkable.

If you're a hunter, or if you just like clean water, wildlife and knowing Montana's wild heart still beats, then say, "Amen."

HB 1581 should die a quick death, as if from a clean shot by a well-practiced hunter.

You can help with the hunt on HB 1581. [Write Congressman Rehberg](#) today. **Tell him to quit messing with Montana's roadless outdoor legacy.**

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