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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

January 31, 2011

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

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the 'North Fork Watershed Protection Act of 2011'.

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

- (1) ELIGIBLE FEDERAL LAND- The term 'eligible Federal land' means--
 - (A) any federally owned land or interest in land depicted on the Map as within the North Fork Federal Lands Withdrawal Area; or
 - (B) any land or interest in land located within the North Fork Federal Lands Withdrawal Area that is acquired by the Federal Government after the date of enactment of this Act.
- (2) MAP- The term 'Map' means the Bureau of Land Management map entitled 'North Fork Federal Lands Withdrawal Area' and dated June 9, 2010.

SEC. 3. WITHDRAWAL.

(a) Withdrawal- Subject to valid existing rights, the eligible Federal land is withdrawn from--

- (1) all forms of location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and
- (2) disposition under all laws relating to mineral leasing and geothermal leasing.

(b) Availability of Map- Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Map shall be made available to the public at each appropriate office of the Bureau of Land Management.

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