



Crs Report for Congress: National Forest System Roadless Areas Initiative: June 26, 2003 - RL30647

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Bibliogov, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 246 x 189 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.In part to recognize the importance of roadless areas for many purposes and in part because making project decisions involving roadless areas on a forest-by-forest basis was resulting in controversy and litigation that consumed considerable time and money, the Clinton Administration established a new nationwide approach to the management of the roadless areas in the National Forest System. A record of decision (ROD) and a final rule were published on January 12, 2001, to be effective March 13, 2001, that prohibited most road construction and reconstruction in 58.5 million acres of inventoried forest roadless areas, with significant exceptions. Most timber cutting in roadless areas also was prohibited, with some exceptions, including improving habitat for threatened, endangered, proposed, or sensitive species, or reducing the risk of wildfire and disease. The new prohibitions would have applied immediately to the Tongass National Forest in Alaska, but roads and harvests in inventoried roadless areas could go forward if a notice of availability of a draft environmental impact statement for the activities in question had been published before January 12, 2001. The Bush...

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