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**Preserve the Northern Rockies,
One of America's Greatest Natural Treasures**

*Cosponsor the Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act
(NREPA, HR 1975 in the 110th)*

Dear Colleague:

We invite you to join us as an original cosponsor of the Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act (NREPA), HR 1975 in the 110th Congress. The Wild Rockies are America's living national treasure, and we must do everything possible to preserve the pristine area for our children.

Based on the sound science of conservation biology rather than political boundaries, NREPA is ecosystem-driven legislation that will preserve the Wild Rockies by designating over 24 million acres of wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, wildland recovery areas and biological linkage corridors on public lands in Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Oregon and Washington.

The Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act will:

- Designate more than 24 million acres of wilderness based on ecosystems, watersheds, and science,
- Connect natural, biological corridors, ensuring the continued existence of native plants and animals,
- Keep water available for ranchers and farmers downstream until later in the season when it is most needed,
- Allow for historic uses such as hunting, fishing and firewood gathering,
- Create over 2,300 green jobs and a more sustainable economic base in the region,
- Save taxpayers \$245 million over a 10-year period.

NREPA does NOT affect private land.

We hope you will join us again in cosponsoring NREPA. If you'd like to sign on as an original cosponsor, please contact Anna Cielinski (Maloney) at 5-7944 or Rachel Kondor (Grijalva) at 5-2435.

Sincerely,


CAROLYN B. MALONEY
Member of Congress


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Chairman,
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