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## Bingaman on Administration's Roadless Rule Flip-Flop

The Bush Administration today proposed undoing a regulation that protects parts of our national forests from road construction, logging, mining and other commercial activity. Sen. Bingaman, top Democrat on the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, thinks that this waffling by the Administration turns the currently balanced, common-sense roadless policy on its head.

Bingaman on Roadless Rule Reversal

"Although the Bush Administration promised not to undermine the roadless rule, they broke their promise. The rollback they proposed today will threaten the future good health of America's forests. While no rule can perfectly satisfy everyone, the roadless rule, in its current form, has struck a chord with Americans who want to ensure that the few remaining protected areas in our national forests will be there for the enjoyment of their children and grandchildren."

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