
From: Colorado Environmental Coalition [info@ourcolorado.org] on behalf of Noalani Terry [noalani@skybeam.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 02, 2011 12:04 PM
To: COcomments
Subject: I support strong protections for Colorado's Roadless Areas

Jul 2, 2011

Colorado Roadless Comments

Dear Comment Team Roadless Comments,

Please accept these comments on the proposed rule for Colorado's roadless National Forests. I urge that the Forest Service, if it proceeds with adopting a rule for these public lands, ensure that any rule is--in substance and fact -- at least as protective as the National Roadless Rule, which the Obama administration has defended in federal court. The Secretary of Agriculture has affirmed the administration's commitment in comments specifically about the Colorado rulemaking.

I support Preferred Alternative 2 with added upper tier areas. Also, Currant Creek should be left out of the North Fork Coal Area.

Specifically, to ensure that the Secretary's commitment is upheld and to provide these valuable lands the level of protection they deserve, a final rule must ensure the following:

- * Upper tier protections must be expanded and strengthened

The agency has identified more than 2.8 million acres for 'upper tier' protections in one or another of its DEIS alternatives. These are areas known to have particularly high wildlife value, important sources of clean drinking water for millions of downstream Americans, and unique and outstanding recreational opportunities.

Well more than half of Colorado's roadless areas have the important, high-quality values that warrant protection in an 'upper tier.' To 'add significantly' to the level of protection and adequately strengthen the proposed rule, half or more of the state's roadless areas should be included in this category.

Colorado's National Forest roadless lands include some of the state's largest and most critical unprotected wildlands -- safeguarding important habitat and wildlife migration routes; securing healthy watersheds; and providing world-class opportunities to explore Colorado's great outdoors.

And 'upper tier' lands should not merely be current protections that already exist in underlying forest plans -- particularly where these lands are not properly identified and protected by those plans, or for lands beyond the minimal amount proposed in the draft rule. All 'upper tier' lands must have strict No Surface Occupancy stipulations to protect the entire roadless area for any future oil and gas leasing and development. These areas must not permit the use of 'linear construction zones' to facilitate pipelines, transmission lines, and telecomm facilities.

- * On all roadless forests priority must be given to the area's roadless qualities and characteristics

Even in the case where when permitting allowable activities, protection of the area's roadless qualities and characteristics need to be the agency's top consideration. Broad agency discretion to approve logging projects in the backcountry, new exemptions for roadbuilding to access yet undeveloped water facilities, and expanding authorities to allow

'linear construction zones' should all be reworked to ensure that the primary purpose and overriding consideration is protection of these natural lands.

A final rule must ensure that an area's overall roadless qualities and characteristics be enhanced and maintained, and must tighten the overly broad discretion that would allow logging far into the backcountry.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comment. I support the protections embodied in the National Roadless Rule and do not support managing Colorado's National Forests to a lower standard. To ensure that any state-specific rule is at least as protective as this landmark conservation tool, a final rule needs to expand and strengthen the 'upper tier' protections and give priority to maintaining and enhancing roadless characteristics in all the states Inventoried Roadless Areas.

Sincerely,

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From: Sierra Club Membership Services [membership.services@sierraclub.org] on behalf of Bill Ikler [bill@billiklerstudio.com]
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To: COcomments
Subject: Keep Colorado's Back Country Roadless!

Jul 2, 2011

Colorado Roadless Area Rule Public Comment Email CO

Dear Public Comment Email,

The Roadless Area Conservation Rule was endorsed by an overwhelming number of folks who went to hearings and made comments during the Clinton Administration. George W. Bush quickly overturned it with no due process. It needs to be reinstated, and Roadless Areas should be given the protection they deserve.

More than a hundred years ago, President Theodore Roosevelt established our national forest system as a legacy for future generations. Because of his vision, these public lands have provided valuable habitat for fish and wildlife, clean drinking water for millions, and unparalleled outdoor recreation opportunities for all to enjoy.

A century later, these national forests still stand because Americans have enthusiastically embraced their protection and pushed back when special interests threatened them.

Now, we call on you to renew Theodore Roosevelt's commitment to our national heritage and protect more than 58 million acres of pristine national forests by resolving to:

- * Uphold the Roadless Area Conservation Rule that protects our last undeveloped national forests.
- * Suspend all commercial road-building and logging in inventoried roadless areas that violates the rule.

Under the current proposal, only 13% of Colorado's roadless areas are given top tier protection, thus leaving the remainder more vulnerable to new road building, drilling, and development.

Colorado deserves more! Please expand top tier protection for our roadless national forests in a manner that fully protects their suite of backcountry values, so that the water, wildlife, and other bounties of our backcountry will be preserved.

Sincerely,

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From: haarmeyer@hotmail.com
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Subject: Colorado Roadless Rule

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June 28, 2011

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Dear Tom Vilsack:

Dear Mr. Vilsack,

I am writing to encourage you to protect the roadless areas in Colorado. I live in Salida and use many roadless areas (Monarch Crest, 401 in Crested Butte, etc...) and I understand their value to this community and to other small, outdoor-rec based communities. I also understand the sensitivity of this value - it can too easily be destroyed.

Outdoor recreation is the only viable economy for Salida and many other similarly situated communities throughout Colorado and the United States. Roadless areas make up an important part of our outdoor experience, especially the areas that attract recreation tourists. Once an area has been logged or extracted, or cut for a corridor, it loses all its value to everyone.

If these areas are not protected, a few large corporations will profit from logging or mining on a short term basis, but our communities will suffer in the long term. It should be your agency's primary goal to protect roadless areas from extraction and development. Logging, mining, and transmission/pipeline corridors are simply not compatible with our outdoor-rec economies.

I support "No Surface Occupancy" stipulations for upper tier management areas and feel that nearly all currently existing roadless areas should be designated "upper tier management" and protected from extraction, linear construction zones, and development.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comment. I support the protections embodied in the National Roadless Rule and do NOT support managing Colorado's National Forests to a lower standard. To make sure that any state-specific rule is at least as protective as this landmark conservation tool, a final rule needs to expand and strengthen the 'upper tier' protections and give priority to maintaining and enhancing roadless characteristics in all of Colorado's Inventoried Roadless Areas. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

James Haarmeyer

From: Earthjustice [info@earthjustice.org] on behalf of James Boone [jameslboone@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 9:41 AM
To: COcomments
Subject: Colorado Needs The National Roadless Rule

Jul 5, 2011

U.S. Forest Service
Colorado Roadless Rule/EIS, P.O. Box 1919 Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Forest Service,

Colorado's roadless and back country areas are a national treasure that must be preserved. They also provide world-class recreational opportunities, which not only help sustain the state's tourism- and recreation-based economy but also its residents' quality of life.

Please abandon the Colorado Roadless Rule. It is an unnecessarily weak proposal, and should be replaced entirely with the stronger National Roadless Rule.

The proposed state-specific roadless rule will only provide a high level of protection for less than 12 percent of Colorado's remaining roadless lands and also contains several gaping loopholes that will allow more logging and road-building and exempts 20,000 acres of roadless areas so that the coal industry can bulldoze the land with roads and drill it with holes.

The Obama Administration's Forest Service should not put forward a watered-down roadless rule for Colorado that will jeopardize fish and wildlife populations and clean water and threaten the recreational opportunities and other important benefits provided by these lands.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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From: Earthjustice [info@earthjustice.org] on behalf of Charl Kroeger [charl@designck.com]
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To: COcomments
Subject: RIN 0596-AC74: Colorado Deserves The National Roadless Rule

Jul 5, 2011

U.S. Forest Service
Colorado Roadless Rule/EIS, P.O. Box 1919 Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Forest Service,

Why? Why are we weakening standards that should in fact be strengthened? What earthly purpose is there in doing so? Those seeking to profit off of the destruction of our Country's beautiful untouched areas as few as they are these days are shameless, money-hungry and immoral!

As someone who cares about protecting America's pristine forests for future generations, I strongly urge you to abandon the Colorado Roadless Rule, a dangerously weak proposal, and replace it entirely with the stronger National Roadless Rule.

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Sincerely,

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To: COcomments
Subject: RIN 0596-AC74: Colorado Deserves The National Roadless Rule

Jul 5, 2011

U.S. Forest Service
Colorado Roadless Rule/EIS, P.O. Box 1919 Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Forest Service,

The commercial interests have already applied their pressure, and have acquired the use of National Forest areas in Colorado, as apparently only about a third of these Forests remain "roadless". The fact is, that the commercial interests do not know the meaning of compromise. Past history shows that they will just keep coming back for more. The roadless National Forest areas in Colorado should remain exactly as they are now, no more giving away pieces of our National heritage. I adopt the message below in its entirety as my own:

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Thank you for considering my comments.

COR256

Sincerely,

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From: Earthjustice [info@earthjustice.org] on behalf of dolores jordan [dtejordan@verizon.net]
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 4:33 AM
To: COcomments
Subject: RIN 0596-AC74: Colorado Deserves The National Roadless Rule

Jul 5, 2011

U.S. Forest Service
Colorado Roadless Rule/EIS, P.O. Box 1919 Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Forest Service,

As someone who cares about protecting America's pristine forests for future generations, I strongly urge you to abandon the Colorado Roadless Rule, a dangerously weak proposal, and replace it entirely with the stronger National Roadless Rule.

Destroying woodlands and forests does not serve the communities in Colorado, pollution is everywhere destroying tracts of land that help our atmosphere is not a wise move on your part. Much consideration needs to be given to the problem at hand, conservation, renewable energies is the way to move forward and up. A land that is treeless erodes the fabric of the state, time to look seriously at all measures to prevent future pollution and health issues that affect both human and animal life.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

COR 257

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To: COcomments
Subject: Colorado Roadless Rule

July 5th 2011

Re: Colorado Roadless Rule: Upper Tier Concept

US Forest Service

To Whom it may concern:

The Colorado Mule Deer Association (CMDA) is very concerned with the proposed Colorado Roadless Rule in regards to the Upper Tier Concept. The Upper Tier Concept as proposed in Alternative #2 and Alternative #4 places restrictions on management of our national Forest in Colorado and puts Colorado communities at risk. Alternative #2, Upper Tier Concept proposal, which encompasses over 500,000 acres, restricts protection of towns and communities by reducing the fuels fire reduction safety barriers by 13%. With the constant threat of wildfires, the CMDA firmly believes that such restrictions on the ability of homes owners, townships and communities to protect themselves from such fires would be negligent on the part of the Forest Service. We are currently seeing the results of not implementing fuel reductions within this state with the number of wildfires destroying thousands of acres and a number of homes.

Alternative #4, which encompasses over 2.4 million acres, would endanger more than 200 townships and communities. It reduces the fire fuel reductions by 52%. With the Pine Beetle infestation covering over 3 million acres in Colorado and the fact that Pine Beetle killed forest lead to more dangerous wildfires (earthtimes.org **article on Pine Beetle Forest**), it would be improper to incorporate the Upper Tier Concept into the Colorado Roadless Rule.

The Upper Tier Concept also restricts the professional managers at the Forest Service from managing the forest that is in their charge. The Upper Tier Acres in Alternative #2, has not gone through any public involvement process concerning three of our states major forest, that being the San Juan, Grand Mesa and the Uncompahgre National Forest. Without public input Alternative #2 becomes invalid. The Forest Service must work collaboratively with the public on fire reduction plans in the above mentioned forest to keep our forest healthy.

In Alternative #4, the Upper Tier Concept prevents habitat improvements for T&E Species as well as Game Species. Many Colorado species depend on early and mid seral habitats and these habitats need active management. Big Game Species such as Elk, Deer, Bear and Turkey need habitat restoration treatments to ensure the availability of healthy forage. In this time human population growth, viable wildlife habitats become more crucial. Currently there are a number of Restoration Initiative projects planned within the proposed Upper Tier Areas. These Restoration Initiatives are important for reopening wildlife migration corridors and creating revitalized habitats.

Alternative #4 Upper Tier areas would prevent Public Water entities from reconstruction and maintenance of water reservoirs by prohibiting the construction of access roads. Those entities that hold Mineral Rights within the Upper Tier areas would be restricted from extracting them due to the prohibition on road construction. Some of the precious minerals and rare-earth-metals within the Upper Tier are essential to our

Nation's economic lively hood and our national defense. It is vitally important that they remain accessible.
<http://www.raremetalblog.com/2011/01/colorado-part-of-new-gold-rush-for-rare-earth-metals.html>

In effect, Alternative #4 would turn 2.4 million acres into wilderness without the vote of a single Congressman.

The Colorado Mule Deer Association is in firm support of the 2008 Colorado Roadless Rule with the exclusions of the Upper Tier.

Respectfully Submitted

Colorado Mule Deer Association

Board of Directors

Lynn Ensley Chairman

From: Earthjustice [info@earthjustice.org] on behalf of Mercedes Lackey [helloelsie@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 4:15 AM
To: COcomments
Subject: RIN 0596-AC74: Colorado Deserves The National Roadless Rule

Jul 5, 2011

U.S. Forest Service
Colorado Roadless Rule/EIS, P.O. Box 1919 Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Forest Service,

Are you actually trying to ruin the Colorado watershed? Destroy the source of drinking water for the citizens and agriculture of Colorado?

Because that is exactly where you are going right now.

As someone who cares about protecting America's pristine forests for future generations, I strongly urge you to abandon the Colorado Roadless Rule, a dangerously weak proposal, and replace it entirely with the stronger National Roadless Rule.

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Sincerely,

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From: Earthjustice [info@earthjustice.org] on behalf of Robert Christensen [eriklakota@verizon.net]
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To: COcomments
Subject: RIN 0596-AC74: Colorado Deserves The National Roadless Rule

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U.S. Forest Service
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Dear Forest Service,

What is the danger here? Look at what happened this past week with yet again another failure by the Exxon Corporation and having thousands of gallons of oil spill into the Yellowstone River. Along with pipelines, drilling for gas and oil, irresponsible off-road vehicle users would also damage this area causing harm to the wildlife and leaving scars upon this beautiful area.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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From: Earthjustice [info@earthjustice.org] on behalf of Regi L Teasley, PhD [rltcayuga@earthlink.net]
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To: COcomments
Subject: RIN 0596-AC74: Colorado Deserves The National Roadless Rule

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You are charged with being good stewards of these precious lands. Continuing plunder for the benefit of multinational corporations is an affront to the American people and to generations yet unborn. Straighten your spines and do the right thing for once.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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COR 261

From: Earthjustice [info@earthjustice.org] on behalf of I.H. SMITH [ugieside@longlines.com]
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To: COcomments
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Please, please, preserve the treasures we have; they are being senselessly nibbled away at every corner and in every phase of our natural heritage for no good reason but profit for a minority of industrial interests.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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I had the opportunity to ride horseback into one of these road-less areas and it would be a true tragedy and disservice if future generations do not have the same opportunity.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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From: Earthjustice [info@earthjustice.org] on behalf of Patricia Stevesand [ptstvsnd@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 5:57 AM
To: COcomments
Subject: RIN 0596-AC74: Colorado Deserves The National Roadless Rule

Jul 5, 2011

U.S. Forest Service
Colorado Roadless Rule/EIS, P.O. Box 1919 Sacramento, CA 95812

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Really, do loud mouth snopes types have to have every piece of land?
They should get their fat butts off the ATV's and take a hike.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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To: COcomments
Subject: RIN 0596-AC74: Colorado Deserves The National Roadless Rule

Jul 5, 2011

U.S. Forest Service
Colorado Roadless Rule/EIS, P.O. Box 1919 Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Forest Service,

Some assume that privatized profiteering justifies all. But they are wrong, very, very wrong.

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We need to count more than cash. As a climate refugee after the floods of 2008 in Iowa, I learned that diverse, native riparian zones are the best protection for the land. And ripping those precious natural resources out endangers millions, causes flooding and desertification and countless millions of dollars now and generations from now.

Robert Costanza found that if native forests were valued in our economic cash system for their real economic value, including services for water filtration, air conditioning, flood control, etc., then they (and other natural systems) would be valued 3 to 100 times more valuable than all human GDP globally!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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From: Earthjustice [info@earthjustice.org] on behalf of Cris Horbelt [cristofer.horbelt@seattle.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 5:56 AM
To: COcomments
Subject: RIN 0596-AC74: Colorado Deserves The National Roadless Rule

Jul 5, 2011

U.S. Forest Service
Colorado Roadless Rule/EIS, P.O. Box 1919 Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Forest Service,

Most "roadless areas" have already been developed - ie/ these are not true roadless areas. Keep these great back-country spaces open to everyone, not just those elitists who believe recreation can have only one form.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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From: Earthjustice [info@earthjustice.org] on behalf of Larry Lambeth [llamrtment@hotmail.com]
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To: COcomments
Subject: Colorado Needs The National Roadless Rule

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U.S. Forest Service
Colorado Roadless Rule/EIS, P.O. Box 1919 Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Forest Service,

America's forests are important for a variety of reasons, but they continue to diminish in size and quality. Where wilderness, wild lands, natural lands and roadless areas are they must be protected from encroachment and exploitation. Any increase in roads increases the degradation of the area and presents increased opportunity for exploitation and destruction. I strongly urge you to abandon the Colorado Roadless Rule, a dangerously weak proposal, and replace it entirely with the stronger National Roadless Rule.

Colorado contains seven National Forests, which contain some of the last truly unspoiled lands in the country, including over 4 million acres of pristine roadless areas. These lands are a treasure and provide critical habitat for wildlife. Many of Colorado's most important rivers have headwaters in roadless watersheds which provide drinking water to millions of Americans and Colorado residents.

Colorado's roadless and backcountry areas also provide world-class recreational opportunities, which not only help sustain the state's tourism and recreation-based industry, but also its residents' quality of life.

It is unacceptable that the USFS has proposed a state-specific roadless rule that will only provide a satisfactory level of protection for less than 12 percent of Colorado's remaining roadless lands and also contains several unwise loopholes that will allow more logging and road-building and exempts 20,000 acres of roadless areas so that the coal industry can bulldoze the land with roads and drill it with holes.

This "Colorado Roadless Rule" is totally inadequate and unacceptable and must not be implemented.

Much of Colorado's national forests have already been diminished by road-building, logging, and mining. Less than a third of the forests remain as roadless areas. Roads disrupt and fracture habitat and increase pollution, noise, and noxious weeds, which rapidly deplete the areas left safe for habitat and imperiled species. Roads also bring erosion and sedimentation, scarring sensitive landscapes and muddying clear mountain streams. The "Colorado Roadless Rule" would exacerbate these problems and is unacceptable.

The 2001 National Roadless Rule wisely guards 50 million acres of pristine national forests nationwide, protecting America's last roadless lands from auction, bulldozing, and commercial logging. The Obama Administration's Forest Service must not allow a watered-down roadless rule for Colorado that will jeopardize fish and wildlife populations and clean water and threaten the recreational opportunities and other important benefits provided by these lands. Colorado shouldn't have to accept weaker protections. Colorado deserves the same protections afforded to the rest of the country under the 2001 National Roadless Rule.

Do not implement the weakened "Colorado Rule" for Colorado's roadless areas. Keep the National Roadless Rule strong and in effect.

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Any weakening would not only allow destruction of Colorado's environment and roadless lands, but could open the floodgates for increased development and exploitation in other protected areas.

Sincerely,

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From: WildEarth Guardians [action@wildearthguardians.org] on behalf of Bruce Berger [bberger@rof.net]
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 10:01 AM
To: COcomments
Subject: Rules for Colorado Roadless Forests

Jul 5, 2011

Tom Tidwell

Dear Tidwell,

As a resident of Colorado's Western Slope, I know the importance of forests and a clean environment to the tourist industry that sustains us. The White River National Forest is the most visited national forest in the system. Conversion of these areas to natural gas fields puts our very living in jeopardy. I hope restrictions will be severe and enforced.

Sincerely,

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From: Earthjustice [info@earthjustice.org] on behalf of Ted Kozlowski [thkoz78@yahoo.com]
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Subject: RIN 0596-AC74: Colorado Deserves The National Roadless Rule

Jul 5, 2011

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(I agree-- Colorado has suffered more than of its share of abusive exploitation. The job of protecting what remains for future generations may be easier than it appears sometimes. With peak oil now confirmed, motor vehicle use ought to decline down to essential needs, and ATV joyriding is hardly essential. Our descendants will use their own muscles more, and do far less damage. Many of us have lost basic physical fitness; I confess I'm one of them. Well, mea culpa, and I don't feel entitled to get on a polluting machine that will haul my butt around. There is plenty of easily accessible nature for all.)

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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To: COcomments
Subject: RIN 0596-AC74: Colorado Deserves The National Roadless Rule

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U.S. Forest Service
Colorado Roadless Rule/EIS, P.O. Box 1919 Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Forest Service,

As someone who lived in an around the Smoky Mtn. National Park, I watched large numbers of 4 wheelers tearup the walking trails and to this day I could not understand why. What joy did they get out of destroying a real part of nature while they sat in their 4 wheelers polluting the environment with the fumes from their engines. There is no way you can join with nature from the set of a 4 wheeler - NO WAY!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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From: Earthjustice [info@earthjustice.org] on behalf of karen archer [archwalt@hotmail.com]
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To: COcomments
Subject: RIN 0596-AC74: Colorado Deserves The National Roadless Rule

Jul 5, 2011

U.S. Forest Service
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Dear Forest Service,

We criticize the rest of the world for deforestation; for removal of rain forests and threatened hardwoods, for contributing to global warming. My question is: what makes us any different if this is the example we set? The population will continue to increase and if we do not consider areas like this worthy of preserving now, when will it become important? What legacy do you intend to leave for future generations? One of greed or one of preservation? As someone who cares about protecting America's pristine forests for future generations, I strongly urge you to abandon the Colorado Roadless Rule, a dangerously weak proposal, and replace it entirely with the stronger National Roadless Rule.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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From: Earthjustice [info@earthjustice.org] on behalf of Vu Nguyen [universalcitizens@yahoo.com]
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Subject: RIN 0596-AC74: Colorado Deserves The National Roadless Rule

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Please continue to advance and enforce environment care, funds and standards to protect, conserve or revive the environment, biodiversity and humanity common habitat to advance the common good and the well being of life supporting eco-systems and global communities.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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From: Earthjustice [info@earthjustice.org] on behalf of Susan Rudnicki [susanrudnicki@gmail.com]
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To: COcomments
Subject: RIN 0596-AC74: Colorado Deserves The National Roadless Rule

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U.S. Forest Service
Colorado Roadless Rule/EIS, P.O. Box 1919 Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Forest Service,

I am a educated citizen taxpayer, and a scientist by training. The current plan to introduce EVEN MORE ACCESS to motorized vehicles into the Colorado's remaining pristine areas defies sense. Ironically, the American government constantly criticizes countries of the South for doing the same thing with roadbuilding in rainforests, because the rule is, as soon as the roads come, ecological ruin ensues.

I am completely opposed to the government protecting the extractive interests of private companies in Colorado, and this watered down rule proposed is exactly that. The government should be protecting the interests of the citizens and the heritage of wild areas, not selling off the access to them to the industries meaning to make a short term profit from them!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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U.S. Forest Service
Colorado Roadless Rule/EIS, P.O. Box 1919 Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Forest Service,

Is Colorado a separate nation within the borders of the United States?

If the answer is "No", then why do we need the Colorado Roadless Rule?

The National Roadless Rule seems to be working pretty well everywhere else.

Sincerely,

Mr. Dave Divis

None

From: Earthjustice [info@earthjustice.org] on behalf of Patricia McCollim [patty_mccollim@yahoo.com]
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Subject: RIN 0596-AC74: Colorado Deserves The National Roadless Rule

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Please stop allowing our sacred earth and precious animals to be destroyed in the name of greed and so called 'progress'. How will we be able to progress once our earth becomes completely poisoned with toxins! How foolish is the human race to be so short-sighted and shoot ourselves in the foot! How heart-less is humanity to not have any consideration about any other species but their own! Please sustain our earth for future generations and for the animals! Please have respect for our amazing planet, and be grateful for the air we breathe, the water we drink, the soil we use to grow food, our beautiful planet that sustains us!

"Aside from being beautiful, trees have always been the central critical element of our life-support system on earth. Trees literally make life possible; by producing oxygen, capturing

water, preventing floods, building and feeding soil, providing habitat for bugs, birds, fish and billions of other species, and converting the sun's energy to food...the list goes on.

As humans have done throughout the ages, we have forgotten these facts and think of trees only as decorations. As documented in Jared Diamond's book "Collapse", every civilization that forgot its trees began a cascade of life support failures, and ultimately disappeared. Those who remembered and cherished their trees and reversed the trend, saved themselves." taken from

Seeding News, by TreePeople <http://www.treepeople.org/>

Sincerely,

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From: Earthjustice [info@earthjustice.org] on behalf of Robert Shorin [rshorin@aol.com]
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Jul 5, 2011

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PLEASE DON'T GIVE IN TO LOBBYING PRESSURE FROM THE COAL INDUSTRY. THEY ARE OUT TO INCREASE THEIR PROFITS REGARDLESS OF THE DAMAGE THEY CAUSE.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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From: Earthjustice [info@earthjustice.org] on behalf of Aubrey Arrington [recycleman1@juno.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 8:34 AM
To: COcomments
Subject: RIN 0596-AC74: Colorado Deserves The National Roadless Rule

Jul 5, 2011

U.S. Forest Service
Colorado Roadless Rule/EIS, P.O. Box 1919 Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Forest Service,

As you have surely heard many times, once the wildness is gone, it's hard to get it back the way it once was. And that is why I urge you to abandon the newest Colorado Roadless Rule which truly protects such a small percentage of the existing roadless area in Colorado.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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From: Earthjustice [info@earthjustice.org] on behalf of Judith Castiano [hewayzha@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 8:42 AM
To: COcomments
Subject: RIN 0596-AC74: Colorado Deserves The National Roadless Rule

Jul 5, 2011

U.S. Forest Service
Colorado Roadless Rule/EIS, P.O. Box 1919 Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Forest Service,

How can we maintain what is currently there, if more logging is allowed? I just DO NOT believe that more logging is necessary. These wilderness areas and the inhabitants of those areas are priceless and of far more value than anything else I can think of! Dirty coal!!! NO! The logging companies don't need to make a bigger profit! We don't want filthy coal mining and let the logging companies be satisfied with the profit they are already making. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

I cannot stress enough what our beautiful natural resources mean to me and people like me, These gifts of our Creator are meant to be enjoyed by those who like to breath clean air, see birds and animals in the forest and the awesome forest itself! We don't want to see logging trucks carrying those trees we want to hike through or breathing in the nasty air coal mining makes, not to mention the horrific pollution caused by that abominable mining! Please protect the forests for us and for the forests themselves, PLEASE.

As someone who cares about protecting America's pristine forests for future generations, I strongly urge you to abandon the Colorado Roadless Rule, a dangerously weak proposal, and replace it entirely with the stronger National Roadless Rule.

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2001 National Roadless Rule.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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From: Earthjustice [info@earthjustice.org] on behalf of Johannes Foufopoulos [jfoufop@umich.edu]
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To: COcomments
Subject: RIN 0596-AC74: Colorado Deserves The National Roadless Rule

Jul 5, 2011

U.S. Forest Service
Colorado Roadless Rule/EIS, P.O. Box 1919 Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Forest Service,

I am writing out of concern for the proposed changes in the National Roadless Rule for the state of Colorado. Changing the current guidelines to facilitate increased human activities will produce minimal short-term benefits while precipitating serious long-term damages. Please don't weaken the existing levels of protection.

Sincerely,

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From: Earthjustice [info@earthjustice.org] on behalf of Robert A. Mertz [ramertz@mountain.net]
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 3:34 AM
To: COcomments
Subject: RIN 0596-AC74: Colorado Deserves The National Roadless Rule

Jul 5, 2011

U.S. Forest Service
Colorado Roadless Rule/EIS, P.O. Box 1919 Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Forest Service,

As a Biology, Wildlife Management and Environmental Earth Science teacher working in the public school systems of several states, for thirty one years, 29 in West Virginia, I have been teaching students as well as our two sons, the importance of a sustainable life style. I want them to learn to live within the ecological budget of Earth. The quality of life for the present and future generations depends on keeping the life sustaining diversity of our complex life systems healthy. Although there are some impressive self-maintaining dynamics at work to stabilize these systems, there are limits to their ability to correct for continued stress. The geological record is full of evidence showing sudden drastic upheavals and ecological disasters. We have no valid reason to believe that we humans with our huge powers to alter the climate and ecosystems will not trigger another watershed shift in the world's balance that will result in condition that renders the Earth unsuitable for human life, or that degrades the quality of our existence to a much lower level. It is our duty as the most powerful species to exist on this planet to use our might to protect the integrity of our life support systems for the benefit of all living things, to do anything is the extreme in narrow minded, short sighted self indulgent stupidity.

Our sons, and our beautiful two year old granddaughter, are the most important and joyful parts of my life. Although both my wife and I have spent the greater part of our adult lives interacting with young people as teachers, nothing comes close to the emotional intensity of raising your own children. They are grown and mostly independent of us now, but our commitment to them continues. Today the growth of the human population and the selfish consumerism that is spreading over the Earth is endangering the future of all humans. Will we be able to both save ourselves from self-destruction and maintain our freedom and individuality? I have been teaching students the value of developing a sustainable culture and personal life style for 31 years as a Biology and Environmental Earth Science teacher. I hope that the knowledge I have gained from my masters degree in Biology as well as my extensive reading have been delivered with the passion that I feel for the welfare of our planet. Teaching is a powerful way to have a positive influence on the future, but many issues are too important and too immediate to wait for the future. I am writing today about one of these issues.

The natural environment is the ultimate infrastructure. It is a place where the complex ecosystems that stabilize and protect our water, air and soil are allowed to continue with only minor disruptions by mankind. Natural public lands protect the planet's ecosystems as well as many of the natural resources we value highly. Undisturbed watersheds control water runoff and aids in flood control. In a world were global warming is a great concern the natural ecosystems provide a natural carbon sink.

As someone who cares about protecting America's pristine forests for future generations, I strongly urge you to abandon the Colorado Roadless Rule, a dangerously weak proposal, and replace it entirely with the stronger National Roadless Rule.

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The 2001 National Roadless Rule currently protects 50 million acres of pristine national forests nationwide, sparing America's last unroaded lands from auction, bulldozing, and commercial logging. The Obama Administration's Forest Service should not put forward a watered-down roadless rule for Colorado that will jeopardize fish and wildlife populations and clean water and threaten the recreational opportunities and other important benefits provided by these lands. Colorado shouldn't have to accept weaker protections. It deserves the same gold-standard protections afforded to the rest of the country under the 2001 National Roadless Rule.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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From: Earthjustice [info@earthjustice.org] on behalf of Sandy Dvorsky [ngnut@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 7:59 AM
To: COcomments
Subject: RIN 0596-AC74: Colorado Deserves & Needs The National Roadless Rule

Jul 5, 2011

U.S. Forest Service
Colorado Roadless Rule/EIS, P.O. Box 1919 Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Forest Service,

Protecting America's pristine forests for future generations is noble. The current Colorado Roadless Rule is a sellout to those living today...at the expense of what our children will live with when they are adults. A stronger National Roadless Rule is needed to prevent corporate timber etc from cashing out...future generations be damned. I detest this and want my government to hold the line.

Over 20 years ago I saw a PBS show about India from which I learned a valuable lesson: building a road into a previously untouched area is the beginning of environmental change/damage. It hit me because I learned that something I considered to be "little"...leads, over time, to something so big.

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The 2001 National Roadless Rule currently protects 50 million acres of pristine national forests nationwide, sparing America's last unroaded lands from auction, bulldozing, and commercial logging. The Obama Administration's Forest Service should not put forward a watered-down roadless rule for Colorado that will jeopardize fish and wildlife populations and clean water and threaten the recreational opportunities and other important benefits provided by these lands.

Colorado should not accept weaker protections. The untouched nature there needs the same gold-standard protections afforded to the rest of the country under the 2001 National Roadless Rule. I want this for my children...and the vast majority of Americans want that same thing.

The only people who don't care about this are those whose pocketbooks will be enriched today. A strong roadless rule tells those people that their earnings must come from actions that nurture and invest in natural heritage...not destroy it.

Thank you.

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Sincerely,

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From: Earthjustice [info@earthjustice.org] on behalf of Amy Piel-Glass [arglass@columbus.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 6:45 AM
To: COcomments
Subject: RIN 0596-AC74: Colorado Deserves The National Roadless Rule

Jul 5, 2011

U.S. Forest Service
Colorado Roadless Rule/EIS, P.O. Box 1919 Sacramento, CA 95812

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Colorado's roadless and backcountry areas also provide world-class recreational opportunities, which not only help sustain the state's tourism and recreation-based economy but also its residents' quality of life. As a frequent visitor to Colorado over the years, i can honestly say that it is the ability to get away from roads and to enjoy nature without the crowds and pollution associated with roads that keeps me coming back.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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From: Earthjustice [info@earthjustice.org] on behalf of Julie Goodwin [julie@thegoodwins.org]
Sent: Wednesday, July 06, 2011 2:41 PM
To: COcomments
Subject: RIN 0596-AC74: Colorado Deserves The National Roadless Rule

Jul 6, 2011

U.S. Forest Service
Colorado Roadless Rule/EIS, P.O. Box 1919 Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Forest Service,

When we are broke is no time to be talking about adding roads, especially since they would be destroying beautiful areas. As someone who cares about protecting America's pristine forests for future generations, I strongly urge you to abandon the Colorado Roadless Rule, a dangerously weak proposal, and replace it entirely with the stronger National Roadless Rule.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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From: Earthjustice [info@earthjustice.org] on behalf of David Scanlon [david.b.scanlon@irs.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 06, 2011 2:55 PM
To: COcomments
Subject: RIN 0596-AC74: Colorado Deserves The National Roadless Rule

Jul 6, 2011

U.S. Forest Service
Colorado Roadless Rule/EIS, P.O. Box 1919 Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Forest Service,

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It's inexcusable to allow this proposal to go through to benefit a few at the cost of the many. It harms jobs in the tourist & recreational industries that a key part of Colorado's economy. Isn't it jobs that's all the rage? So we're going to kil many of them now & curb future job growth in the state just to benefit the extracting industries? Unbelievable!

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Mr. David Scanlon
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CORRECTION

From: Earthjustice [info@earthjustice.org] on behalf of Roman LoBianco [zoolojest@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 4:29 PM
To: COcomments
Subject: RIN 0596-AC74: National Roadless Rule

Jul 5, 2011

U.S. Forest Service
Colorado Roadless Rule/EIS, P.O. Box 1919 Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Forest Service,

The Colorado Roadless Rule proposal, as written, is purposefully weak and arbitrary, and is not based on sound science, permitting damaging logging, destructive road-building, and scarring mining for coal--an extremely dirty energy source. I strongly ask that you replace it with the stringent and non-biased National Roadless Rule.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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From: Earthjustice [info@earthjustice.org] on behalf of Mark Kolinski [treeleather@skywayusa.net]
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To: COcomments
Subject: RIN 0596-AC74: Colorado Deserves The National Roadless Rule

Jul 5, 2011

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Colorado Roadless Rule/EIS, P.O. Box 1919 Sacramento, CA 95812

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The highest and best use of Colorado's current roadless areas should be the priority in deciding the level of protection these lands deserve. As more and more land is rendered ecologically unsound by development and energy extraction, these lands become ever more valuable for the ecological services and recreational resources they provide.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Kolinski

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From: Earthjustice [info@earthjustice.org] on behalf of Lee & Gwynneth Risley [lriz@zoomtown.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 6:58 PM
To: COcomments
Subject: RIN 0596-AC74: Colorado Deserves The National Roadless Rule

Jul 5, 2011

U.S. Forest Service
Colorado Roadless Rule/EIS, P.O. Box 1919 Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Forest Service,

As someone who cares about protecting America's pristine forests for future generations, I strongly urge you to abandon the Colorado Roadless Rule, a dangerously weak proposal, and replace it entirely with the stronger National Roadless Rule.

Is it possible for you to continue to support the Colorado Roadless Rule in the face of the hazards it will help create for wildlife, potable water and the glories of unspoiled wilderness which have been so important to Colorado in its economy and its lifestyle over the last two centuries. Much has been ceded to modern industry; it is time to call a halt to our retreat from preserving the advantages that the Colorado ecology provides.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Lee & Gwynneth Risley

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From: Earthjustice [info@earthjustice.org] on behalf of Michael Nola [mnola101@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 6:20 PM
To: COcomments
Subject: RIN 0596-AC74: Colorado Deserves The National Roadless Rule

Jul 5, 2011

U.S. Forest Service
Colorado Roadless Rule/EIS, P.O. Box 1919 Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Forest Service,

As someone who worker in the Angeles National Forest, I take special interest in anything pertaining to our national forests. My memories of working there, and especially protected areas like the San Dimas Experimental Forest, are still very clear and important to me.

It thus comes with much disappointment that you are considering replacing the National Roadless Rule with a state specific Colorado Roadless Rule that would leave on 12% of the currently protected land safe from logging, coal mining and road building to support these enterprises and to expose these lands to the bulldozers blade.

Please do not replace the exisitng rule that will distrub and destroy much of our valuable habitat and to instead leave these lands to future generations to enjoy as we have. The destruction of our environment for the special interests that this plan would permit, is something you should and must not allow.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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From: Earthjustice [info@earthjustice.org] on behalf of Glenn R. Stewart, Ph.D. [grstewart@csupomona.edu]
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To: COcomments
Subject: RIN 0596-AC74: Colorado Deserves The National Roadless Rule

Jul 5, 2011

U.S. Forest Service
Colorado Roadless Rule/EIS, P.O. Box 1919 Sacramento, CA 95812

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Thank you for your attention to my comments.

Sincerely,

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From: Earthjustice [info@earthjustice.org] on behalf of James Cunningham
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Subject: RIN 0596-AC74: Colorado Deserves The National Roadless Rule

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Dear Forest Service,

As someone who cares about protecting America's pristine forests for future generations, I strongly urge you to abandon the new, and useless, Colorado Roadless Rule, a dangerously weak proposal, and replace it entirely with the stronger National Roadless Rule. There is absolutely no good reason to substitute a lesser rule for any state.

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It's past time to stand up against the fossil fuel industry and start steering our nation toward a more sustainable energy paradigm. We must stop poisoning our water, land, and air with fossil fuels which cause damage every step of the way from extraction, through refining, and finally in burning.

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Please stand up for what is right, what is true, and what is good.
Greed qualifies under none of these.

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Sincerely,

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Dear Forest Service,

Wilderness is an important part of what makes this world liveable. Colorado is known for the beauty of its wilderness. What would Colorado be if it was gone. It would just be about man-made stuff. You can get that anywhere. Respect and protect the last wilderness that we have. Jeanie

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It would be tragic for Colorado to lose its status as a prime destination for tourists of all kinds that value its natural grandeur--hikers, hunters, fishing enthusiasts, birders, nature photographers and more. Please help preserve Colorado's greatest value for future generations.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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America has become the land of destruction for greed by the corporate controlled marionettes you sit in positions making decisions in the wrong directions. May these people reap what they sow.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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From: Earthjustice [info@earthjustice.org] on behalf of Kathy Goodwin [kathywin@gmail.com]
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Subject: RIN 0596-AC74: Colorado Deserves The National Roadless Rule

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Dear Forest Service,

During this era of worldwide deforestation you have the opportunity to maintain pristine roadless areas in the United States, which will provide oxygen and clean water for years to come.

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Sincerely,

Ms. Kathy Goodwin

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Dear Forest Service,

As someone with deep family roots in Colorado, I am deeply concerned that the forests remain as intact as possible. Those forests are already suffering with climate change induced pine beetle attacks.

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Sincerely,

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I JUST RETURNED FROM A 2-WEEK TRIP ACROSS THE MID AND WESTERN STATES TO NATIONAL PARKS. THERE ARE PLENTY OF ROADS FOR PEOPLE!

DO WE NOT CARE FOR OUR FELLOW EARTH-TRAVEL COMPANIONS...THE ANIMALS, THE TREES AND WILDFLOWERS, ETC? THEY NEED THE OPEN BYWAYS AND "HIGHWAYS" OF WILDERNESS TO GROW AND THRIVE!

ONCE YOUR AREAS ARE BREACHED BY MORE ROADS, MORE LOGGING, MORE INVASION OF FOLKS THEN YOU JOIN THE REST OF THE STATES...YOUR STATE IS MORE ORDINARY AND LESS BEACONING FOR VISITORS TO OBSERVE AND RELISH.

"WONDERFUL AND WILD" BECOMES "IT'S OK BUT NOTHING SPECIAL"

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Sincerely,

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From: Earthjustice [info@earthjustice.org] on behalf of Lisa Ramaci [l.ramaci@hotmail.com]
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"Roadless" does NOT mean "Oh yeah, roadless for everyone except the mining and timber industries", it means keeping EVERYONE out, ESPECIALLY those who would rape and destroy whatever pristine environment they could get tin the name of lining their pockets. Do NOT let the current rule be cast aside in favor of this laxer and more destructive version, PLEASE.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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From: Earthjustice [info@earthjustice.org] on behalf of Susan Harris [slhrainbowangel@yahoo.com]
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Really, "we" have already destroyed so much of the Earth that it is totally ridiculous and unconscionable. There are plenty of places that have already been decimated. National Geographic has a great video concerning the destruction of the redwoods, as well as showing their great diversification and beauty. There are suggestions for being conservationists while protecting our forests. I don't agree that they should EVER cut down the larger trees. These are so important to the ecosystem, especially the living creatures that call them home.

The early settlers and those living into the early 1900s were total maniacs where conservation is concerned. I happen to have grown up in an area in Ohio where there are many very old trees and have often wondered why there are so few large old trees like those in my Dad's yard and the areas around the area and, just exactly, why I see so few truly old trees elsewhere, along the highways

and even on many hillside and mountainsides. One thing that I have learned is that these people cut down nearly everything in sight. In much of the East, gigantic stands of majestic, mammoth trees, such as the were cut down, totally stripping everything for farms and plantations and for building.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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Being good stewards of our land and natural resources is more important now than ever before. Corporations and their total disregard of the property that belongs to the people, the citizens of our country has to be stopped. They will say anything to gain control of what they want and then turn around and do whatever they need to do to turn a profit. Their real process is to hell with the people and land get what we want as quickly and economically as possible, it doesn't matter what we tear up in the process. Let the people and the government pay for the cleanup. We don't need that to happen to us and our land. It's too precious, alot of what they screw up can't be fixed EVER.
Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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From: Earthjustice [info@earthjustice.org] on behalf of Tracy Yates [tcyates@yahoo.com]
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Dear Forest Service,

I do not understand why we would even consider a different rule for Colorado -- they are under an increased strain and folding to big business is not the answer. This includes our Secretary of the Interior being from Colorado, he should know better.

As someone who cares about protecting America's pristine forests for future generations, I strongly urge you to abandon the Colorado Roadless Rule, a dangerously weak proposal, and replace it entirely with the stronger National Roadless Rule.

Colorado is home to seven National Forests, which contain some of the last truly unspoiled lands in the country, including 4.4 million acres of pristine roadless areas. These lands are a haven for wildlife -- home to many imperiled species, including the northern goshawk and cutthroat trout. Many of Colorado's most important rivers have headwaters in roadless watersheds -- providing drinking water to millions of Americans and Colorado residents.

Colorado's roadless and backcountry areas also provide world-class recreational opportunities, which not only help sustain the state's tourism and recreation-based economy but also its residents' quality of life.

Unfortunately, the proposed state-specific roadless rule will only provide a high level of protection for less than 12 percent of Colorado's remaining roadless lands and also contains several gaping loopholes that will allow more logging and road-building and exempts 20,000 acres of roadless areas so that the coal industry can bulldoze the land with roads and drill it with holes.

Decades of road-building, logging, and mining have already had a degraded much of Colorado's national forests, and less than a third remain as roadless areas. Roads fragment habitat and bring pollution, noise, and noxious weeds, which rapidly eat away at the territory left safe for imperiled species. Roads also bring erosion and sedimentation, scarring sensitive landscapes and muddying clear mountain streams.

The 2001 National Roadless Rule currently protects 50 million acres of pristine national forests nationwide, sparing America's last unroaded lands from auction, bulldozing, and commercial logging. The Obama Administration's Forest Service should not put forward a watered-down roadless rule for Colorado that will jeopardize fish and wildlife populations and clean water and threaten the recreational opportunities and other important benefits provided by these lands. Colorado shouldn't have to accept weaker protections. It deserves the same gold-standard protections afforded to the rest of the country under the 2001 National Roadless Rule.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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