THE ROADLESS RULE & OUTDOOR RECREATION

The Roadless Rule protects millions of acres of backcountry National Forest land, home to some of the most spectacular recreation in the country. The Roadless Rule limits new road building and development but is more flexible than other forms of protection, making it ideal for all types of recreation.

**RECREATION IN ROADLESS AREAS**

*In 12 western states*

- 5,567 rock climbing routes
- 556 river miles for paddling
- 9,298 miles of hiking trails
- 7,947 miles of mountain biking trails
- 17,936 miles of non-motorized trails
- 691 miles of backcountry ski trails

**HOW MUCH OF OUR NATIONAL FORESTS ARE ROADLESS AREAS?**

- 58,131,357 acres of roadless areas in the U.S.
- 97% of roadless areas are in the West
- 39/50 states have roadless areas

**UTAH'S ROADLESS AREAS**

The state of Utah has asked the Forest Service to change how it implements the Roadless Rule in the state, where roadless areas protect:

- 1,353 rock climbing routes
- 1.2 MILLION acres of backcountry skiing
- 1,165 miles of hiking trails
- 988 miles of mountain biking trails

Including destinations like:
- Ogden Canyon, Cache National Forest • Twin Peaks, Big Cottonwood Canyon • Mt Olympus, Big Cottonwood Canyon • Lone Peak, Little Cottonwood Canyon • American Fork, Uinta National Forest • Joe’s Valley, Manti-La Sal National Forest • Mt Nebo, Uinta National Forest • Provo Canyon, Uinta National Forest • Mill Creek, Manti-La Sal National Forest • South Mountain, Manti-La Sal National Forest

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