

THE FUTURE OF OUR NATIONAL FOREST BACKCOUNTRY

Central Coast Town Halls

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The
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A map of the United States showing various green patches, likely representing protected land. The patches are concentrated in the western and central US, with some in the east. Major cities are labeled, and geographical features like the Gulf of California and Gulf of Mexico are also shown. A mouse cursor is visible over the central US.

58+ million acres

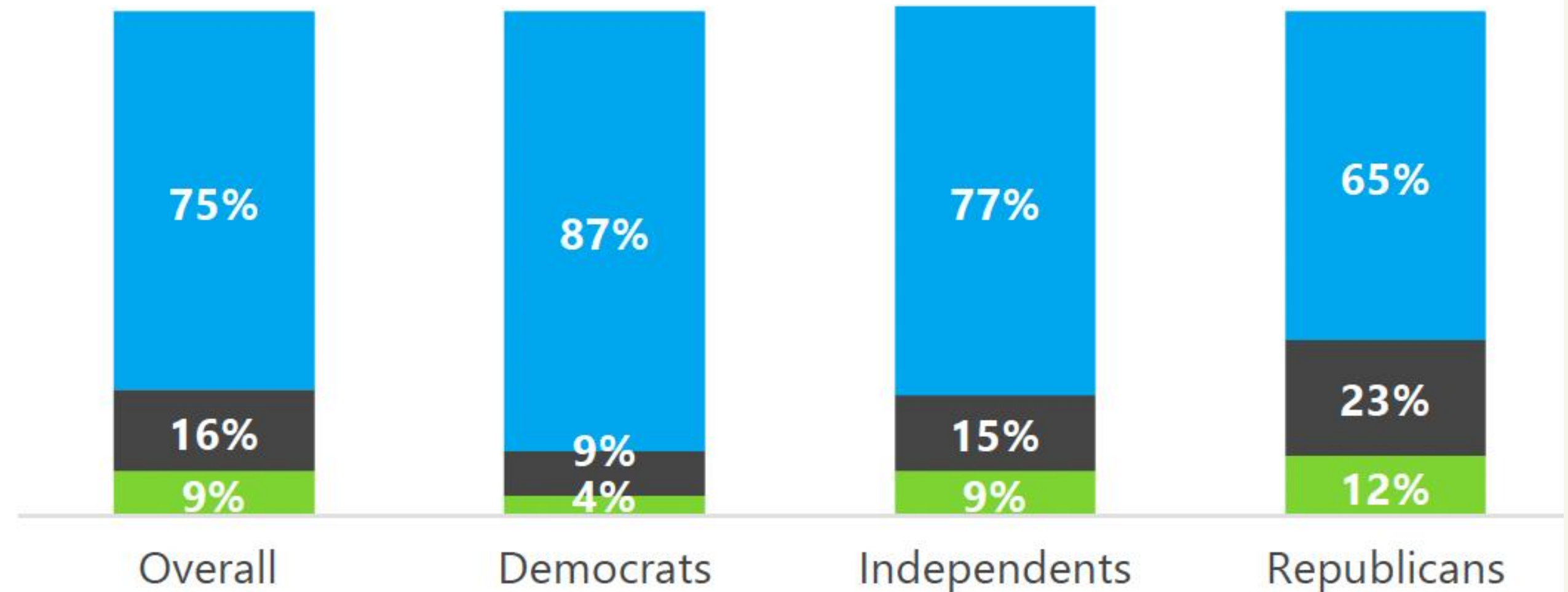
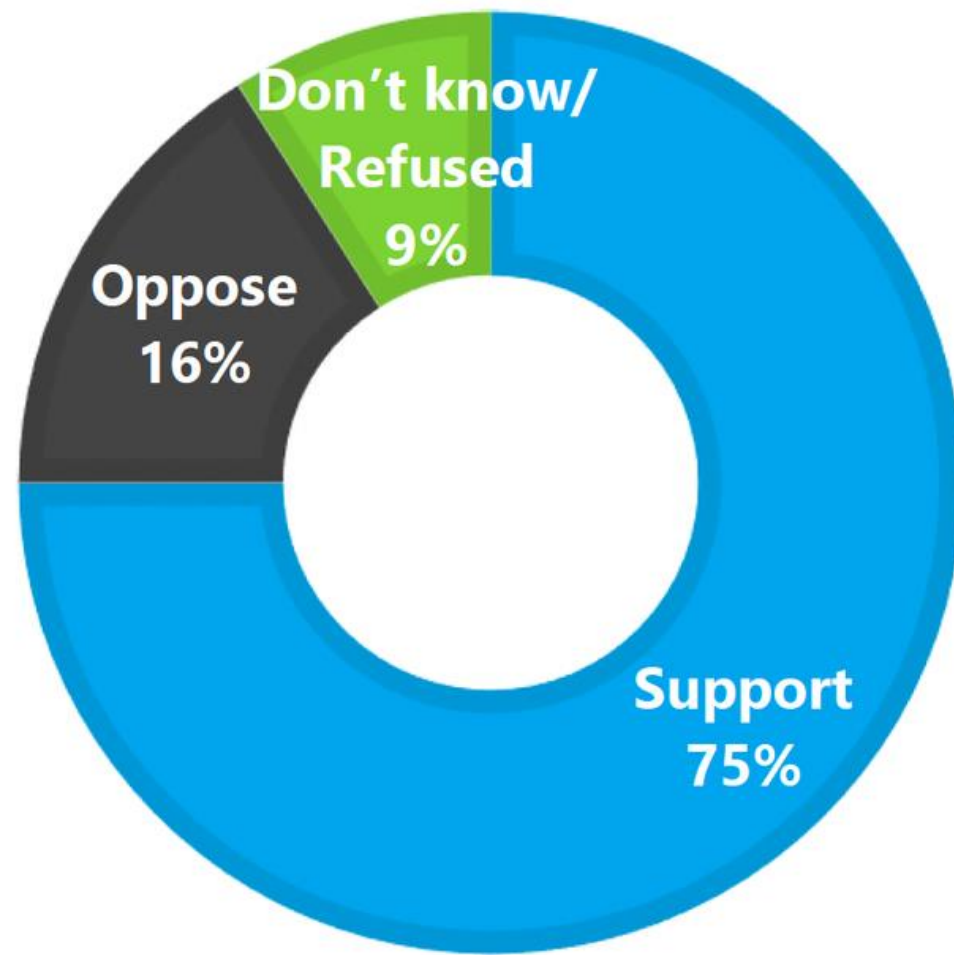
The Roadless Rule Prevents TWO things:

- **NEW PERMANENT** road construction
- the **MOST INTENSIVE** forms of commercial logging

Robust and bipartisan public support

- **430 public meetings**
- **1.6 million public comments**
- **95% support**

Support by Political Party in 2019

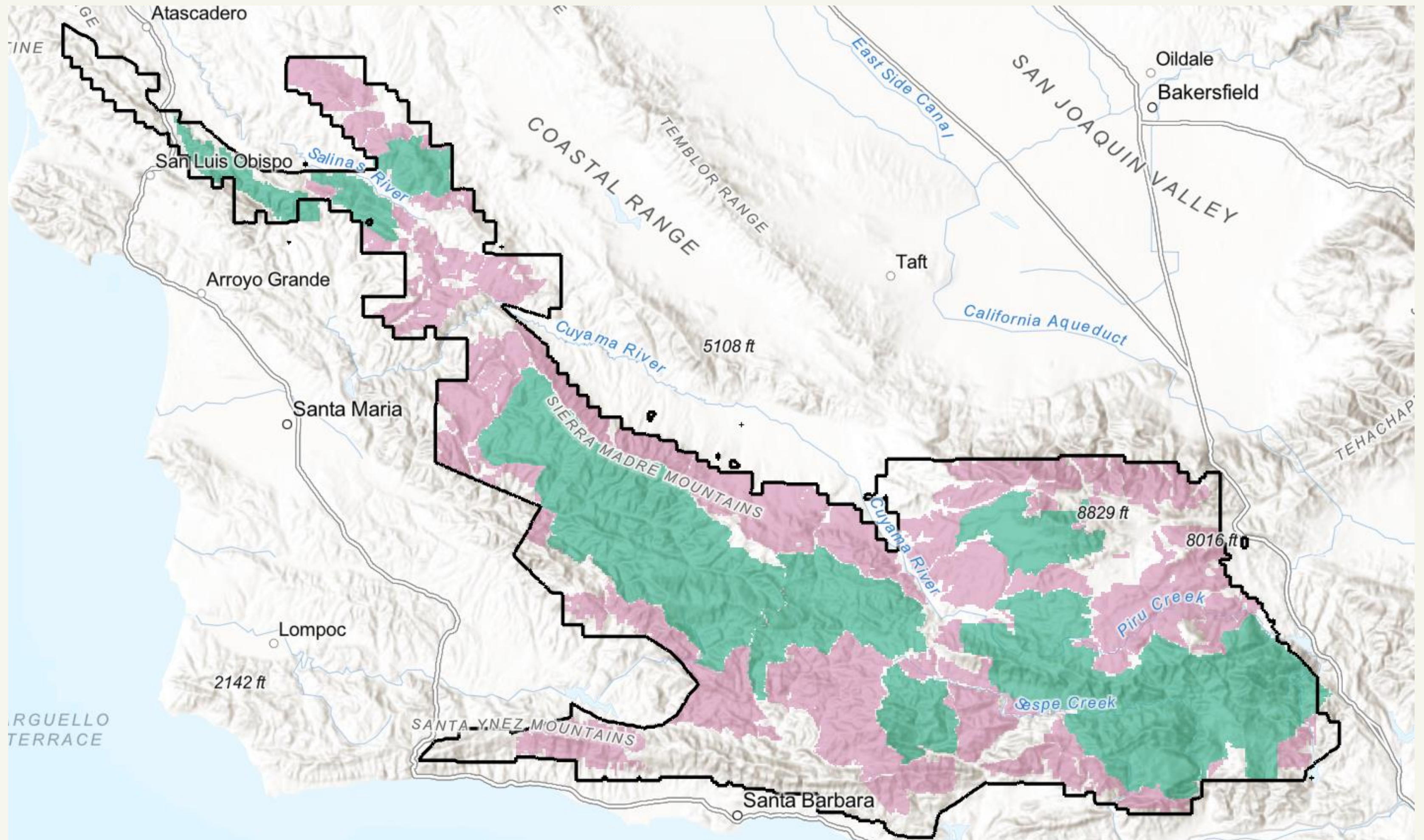


**Does the Roadless Rule prevent
access and recreation?**

No

The Roadless Rule protects the gateways to America's national forests and backcountry





349 miles

of existing roads and designated
motorized and non-motorized trails







The problem isn't a lack of roads and trails.



The problem is we don't maintain the roads and trails that already exist.





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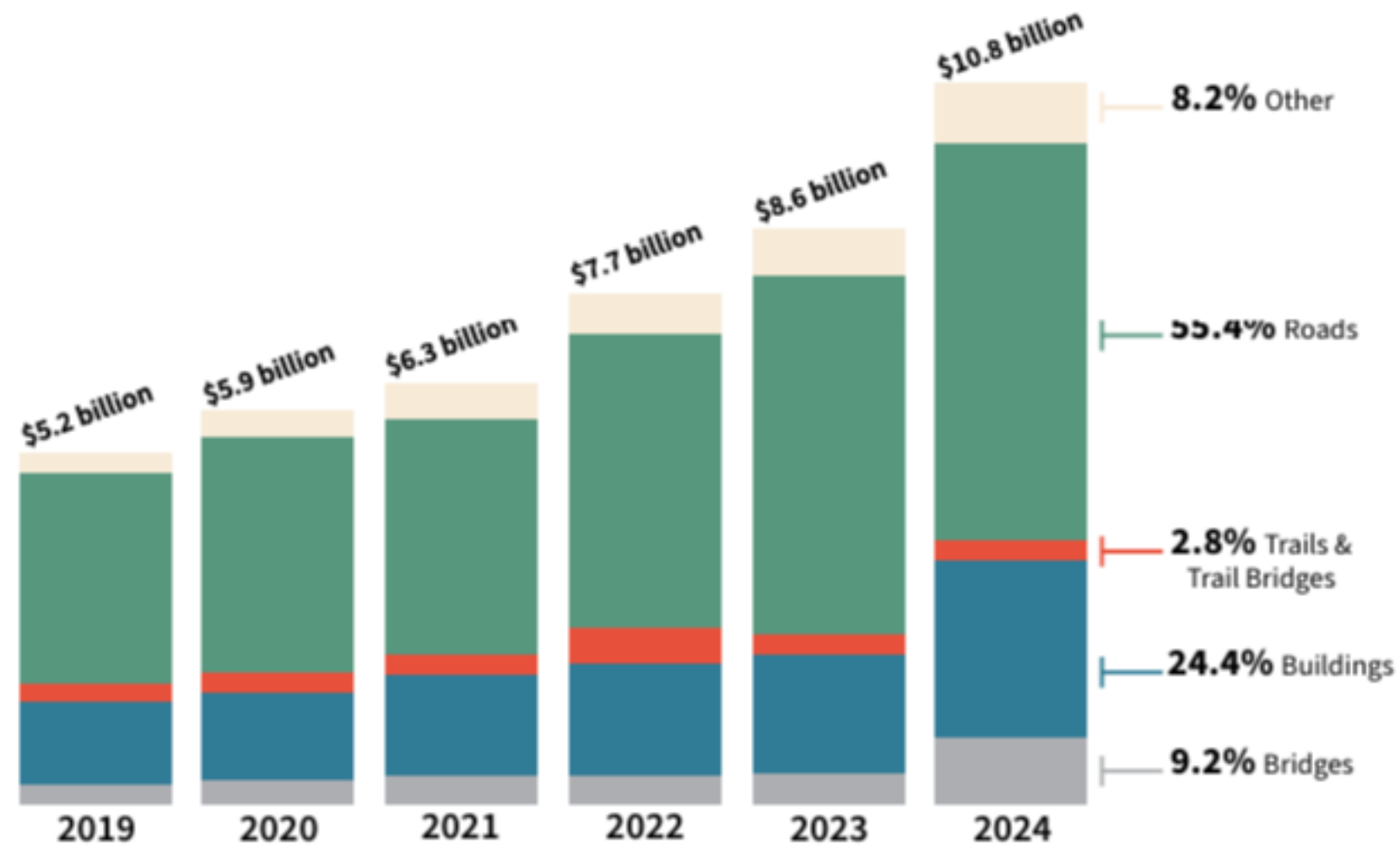
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National Forest System Statistics

Fiscal Year 2024

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service manages public lands, known collectively as the National Forest System, and the following critical infrastructure that supports it.

Deferred Maintenance (2019-2024)



USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

Roads Maintenance

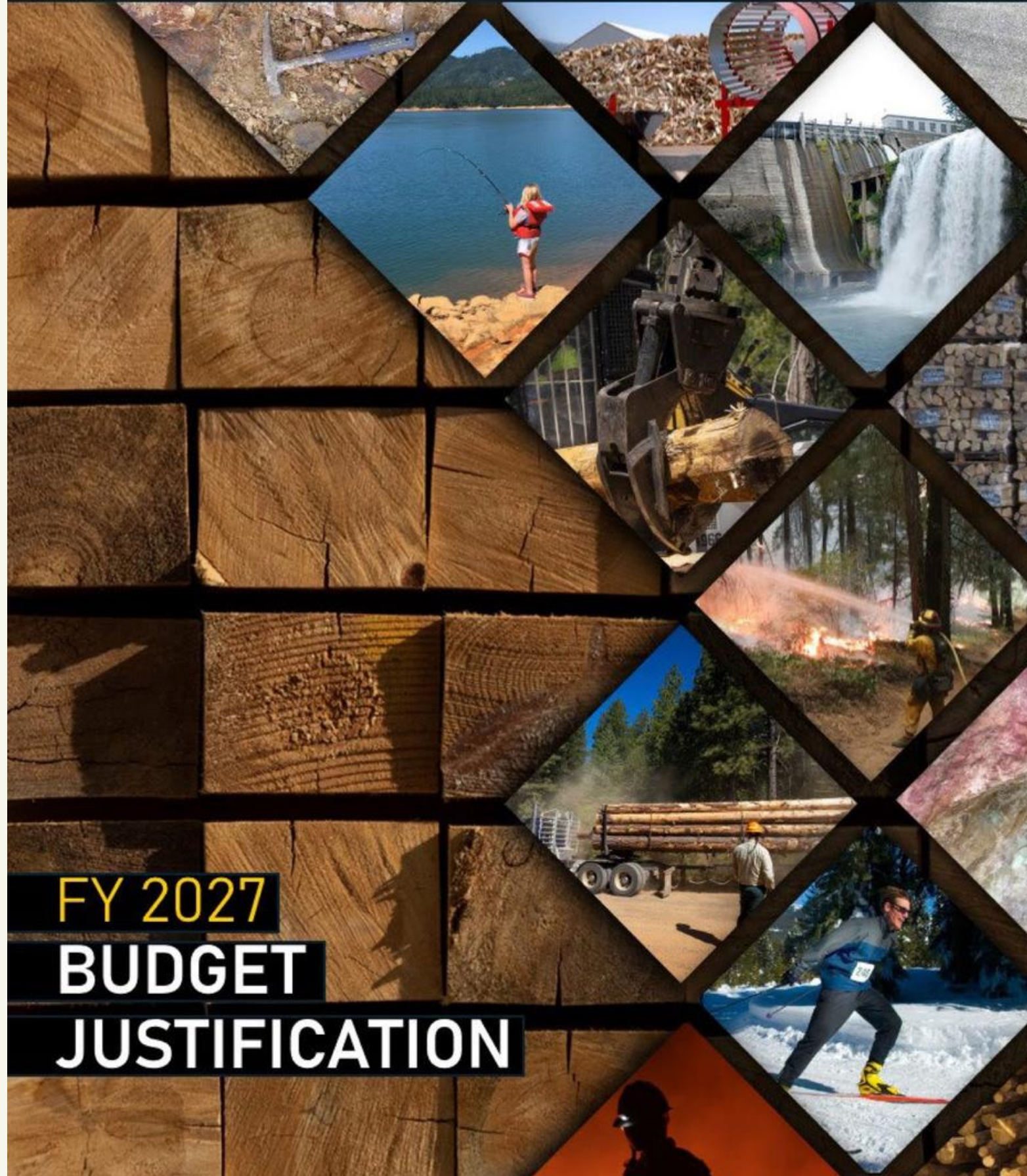
2024 =

\$5.6B Backlog



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April 2026



FY 2027

BUDGET

JUSTIFICATION

Trails Maintenance

2026 = \$22M



2027 = \$8M

64% cut

**Does the Roadless Rule prevent
forest management for wildfire?**

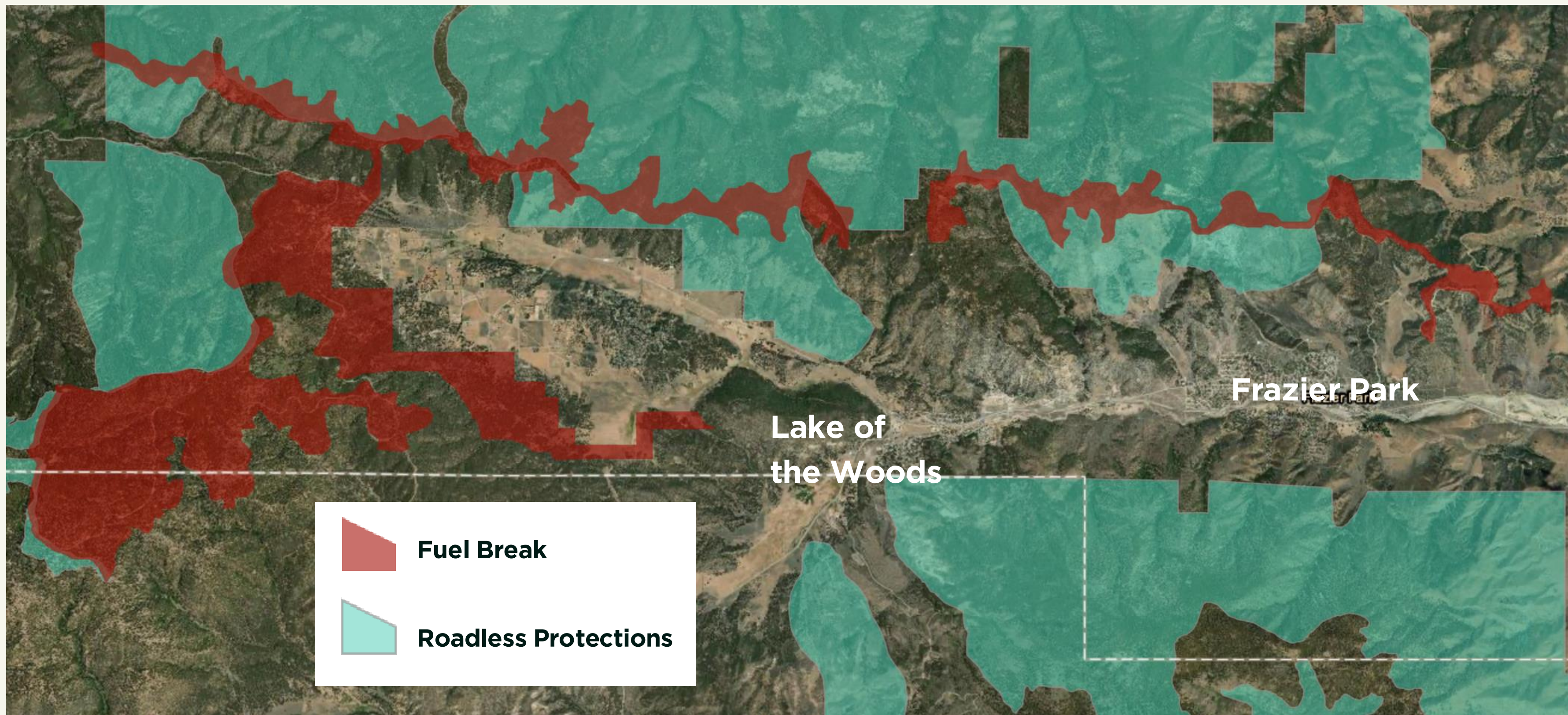
No

Fire suppression and fuel treatments are allowed in roadless areas





Tecuya Ridge Fuel Break





**Does the Roadless Rule prevent
widescale industrial resource
extraction?**

**Sen. Mike Lee
resurrects push to sell
off wide swaths of
public lands in Utah and**



**The White House Is
Planning More National
Park Service Firings**

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

**USDA starts rolling up
landmark 'Roadless
Rule'**

**House To Vote On
Delisting Gray Wolves
From Endangered
Species Act**

**The Trump
Administration's
Expansive Push to Sell
Out Public Lands to the
Highest Bidder**

PUBLIC LANDS

**The wealthy profit from
public lands, and taxpayers
pick up the tab**

**Trump BLM pick's calls
to sell off public land,
expand drilling and
mines, alarms environ-
mentalists**



**Trump administration
advances plan to reverse
federal rule that limits
logging in national forests**

FEATURED TOP STORY

**Yellowstone ecosystem grizzlies dying
at record pace in 2025**

**Trump plan waives
protection for 80% of
US wetlands**



**Trump administration moves to
expand oil and gas leasing in
Alaska reserve**



**Trump administration seeks to
roll back protections for
imperiled species and habitat**



NRDC

Boreal Clearcut, Northern Ontario





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America's backcountry
forests!**

