



President Obama:

National Forests Deserve National Protection

**Don't exempt Colorado from
roadless area safeguards.**

Mr. President, the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule was our country's most significant forest conservation achievement in a generation. It greatly improved on the patchwork of regulations that had allowed millions of acres of precious national forest land to be lost to industrial development.

In your 2008 campaign, you promised to uphold that rule. And just a few weeks ago, in federal court, your administration vigorously defended it.

But now it appears the Agriculture Department may be retreating, as it considers efforts by Colorado to ignore the national rule and allow road construction, logging, mining and drilling in some of the state's most sensitive backcountry. That would be a serious setback for wildlife habitat and for the central principles of national forest protection.

Please keep your promise and follow the advice of the more than 500 scientists from across the country who have specifically urged you to uphold the national roadless rule in Colorado.

**We're counting on you
to keep your promise.**

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