



Public Comments in Support of the Roadless Rule

The U.S. Forest Service has conducted three comment periods for the Roadless Area Conservation Rule. Over 2.2 million comments in support of protecting America's last wild forests have been collected. Below is a list of the three comment periods and a state-by-state breakdown of the two most recent:

- Roadless Area Conservation Rule Scoping, Oct. 19, 1999-Dec. 20, 1999 **365,000**
- Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), May 9-July 17, 2000 **1,160,031**
- Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR), July 10-Sept. 11, 2001 **688,717**
- TOTAL comments in support of protecting America's roadless areas **2,213,748**

Comments in Support of the Roadless Area Conservation Rule by State

STATE	DEIS & ANPR TOTAL COMMENTS	STATE	DEIS & ANPR TOTAL COMMENTS
Alabama	5,302	Montana	13,891
Alaska	10,786	Nebraska	2,874
Arizona	19,767	Nevada	18,824
Arkansas	4,231	New Hampshire	9,005
California	187,695	New Jersey	48,521
Colorado	36,331	New Mexico	20,041
Connecticut	25,222	New York	54,748
Delaware	3,476	North Carolina	29,489
Florida	109,939	North Dakota	3,329
Georgia	42,623	Ohio	50,436
Hawaii	2,991	Oklahoma	5,637
Idaho	12,670	Oregon	79,676
Illinois	55,761	Pennsylvania	61,622
Indiana	12,342	Rhode Island	8,794
Iowa	10,996	South Carolina	7,183
Kansas	5,031	South Dakota	3,786
Kentucky	5,201	Tennessee	11,147
Louisiana	7,251	Texas	36,708
Maine	6,092	Utah	25,984
Maryland	70,434	Vermont	3,734
Massachusetts	131,901	Virginia	68,586
Michigan	39,376	Washington	81,762
Minnesota	31,338	West Virginia	4,095
Mississippi	2,680	Wisconsin	26,260
Missouri	17,732	Wyoming	2,758