

SAMPLE COMMENT

RE: Support for Rescission of the Roadless Rule, Docket FS-2025-0001, RIN: 0596-AD66

Dear U.S. Forest Service:

As an OHV enthusiast and public-land recreationist, I strongly support rescission of the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule.

[Share from your experience here... Explain where and how you recreate. Describe how roads and trails provide access to your favorite National Forest lands.]

I support returning management decisions for inventoried roadless areas to local Forest Service officials who can evaluate actual forest conditions, wildfire risk, community needs, recreation demand, and environmental resources through forest-level planning.

[Share from your experience here... Explain how wildfire has affected your favorite recreation areas or nearby communities. Tell the Forest Service why local managers need flexibility to actively manage these landscapes.]

Rescission can restore important tools for hazardous-fuels treatment, vegetation management, habitat restoration, wildfire response, and responsible public access. Roads and trails also provide critical access for firefighters, OHV recreation, camping, hunting, fishing, families, older Americans, and people with disabilities.

[Share from your experience here... if you, a family member, or someone in your community is unable to access and enjoy our national forests due to disability, age, or other factors, explain how that impacts your / their health, lifestyle, and economic factors.]

Importantly, rescission does not mandate road construction or timber harvest. Future projects remain subject to applicable forest plans and environmental laws. Rescission simply removes an additional nationwide prohibition and returns these decisions to appropriate local planning.

I urge the Forest Service to finalize rescission of the 2001 Roadless Rule and direct all national forest units to immediately re-evaluate land management, travel management, and project-level Plans to restore access routes that have been closed or restricted as a result of the Roadless Rule.

Sincerely,

[Your Name & Location]

