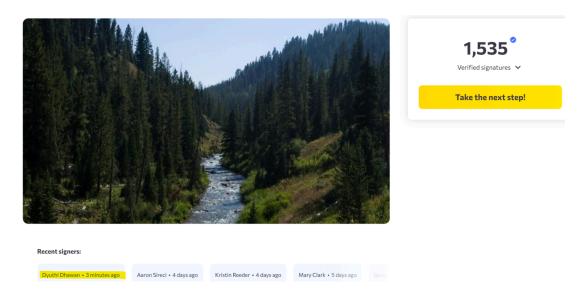
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The Issue

Some of the last untouched forests in America are at risk.

The Trump administration is considering rescinding the Roadless Rule, a landmark environmental protection that has safeguarded over 58 million acres of national forest for more than two decades.

If overturned, nearly 45 million acres of pristine forest—home to endangered wildlife, critical watersheds, and ancient ecosystems—could be opened to logging, mining, and road-building. These are the same forests that help filter drinking water for over 60 million people, provide crucial habitat for rare species, and act as natural buffers against wildfires and climate change.

The Roadless Rule has protected our public lands from reckless development since 2001. Without it, communities will face more pollution, fragile habitats will be lost forever, and America's public lands will be handed over to industry interests.

We, the undersigned, call on President Donald Trump and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to:

- o Keep the Roadless Rule fully in place—no rollbacks
- $\circ~$ Protect all 58 million acres of national forest from industrial development
- o Prioritize clean water, wildlife protection, and climate resilience over profit.

The Forest Service already manages over 370,000 miles of roads, with billions in backlogged maintenance. Adding more roads through wild, unfragmented forest is not "management"—it's destruction.

Time is running out: the public comment period ends September 19th. We need your voice now.

The action I took today to defend forests was that I signed a petition to help with protecting our forests! Essentially this petition works to urge President Trump and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to keep the Roadless Rule. This rule has protected over 58 million acres of untouched national forests for more than 20 years, keeping them safe from harmful activities like logging, building roads, and mining and thus is extremely important to our forests and environmental in general.

I chose to sign this petition because I care about the environment and want to make sure our forests are protected not just now, but for future generations. Forests are home to many animals, provide clean air and water, and help fight climate change. Therefore, forests are essential!

This action connects directly to protecting forests for the future. By signing the petition, I added my voice to many others who want to make sure these wild lands stay safe. It might seem like a small step, but when many people come together, it can influence important decisions. I hope this petition is able to pass and I encourage you all who see this to sign it!

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