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## **WRA Supports Gov. Ritter's Roadless Rule Petition to the Federal Government**

Regarding today's petition by Colorado Governor Bill Ritter to the U.S. Department of Agriculture on the management of 4.2 million acres of roadless national forest in Colorado, Western Resource Advocates President Karin P. Sheldon released the following statement:

"Today, Colorado Governor Bill Ritter petitioned the federal government to adopt Colorado's revised roadless rule protecting 4.2 million acres of national forest from unwarranted development. Western Resource Advocates supports the long-term protection of Colorado's priceless heritage of wild lands. We appreciate the State's good faith efforts to preserve these lands for generations to come, while addressing concerns raised by the public during extensive hearings on these rules.

As guardians of this special state, Coloradans take great pride in these lands for their intact wildlife habitat, pure headwaters streams, and places to get away from it all. We will continue to work with Colorado, the Forest Service and other stakeholders to ensure that these special lands receive the protections they deserve."

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