

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

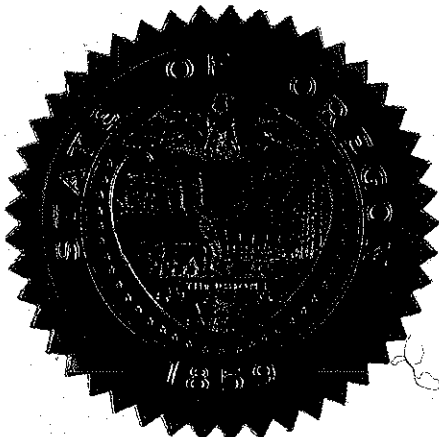
- WHEREAS:** The purpose of Roadless Recreation Week is to recognize the recreational, environmental and economic values of Oregon's national forest roadless areas; and
- WHEREAS:** Roadless areas provide some of the most pristine, reliable, and economical sources of water for many Oregonians including in places like Bend, Ashland, and Pendleton; and
- WHEREAS:** Roadless areas protect critical habitat to many threatened and endangered species; and
- WHEREAS:** Roadless areas allow for a wide range of recreational activities including hiking, camping, hunting, fishing, skiing, and bird watching; and
- WHEREAS:** The Outdoor Industry Association reports that the active outdoor recreation economy contributes \$730 billion to the U.S. economy; and
- WHEREAS:** The Roadless Area Conservation Rule, issued in 2001 to protect 58.5 million acres of national forest roadless areas, is one of the most popular federal policies ever developed following years of scientific review, hundreds of public meetings across the country and a record number of favorable public comments; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregonians submitted, on a per-capita basis, more public comments than any other state in what was the most extensive public process in federal rulemaking history with over 90% of the comments in favor; and
- WHEREAS:** There are nearly 2 million acres of protected national forest roadless areas in Oregon such as Mt. Bailey Roadless Area, Rough and Ready Creek Roadless Area, Metolius Breaks Roadless Area, and Olallie Lakes Roadless Area in the Mt Hood National Forest.

**NOW,
THEREFORE:** I, Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **August 7 – 15, 2010** to be

ROADLESS RECREATION WEEK

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, August 2, 2010.



Theodore R. Kulongoski
Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

Kate Brown
Kate Brown, Secretary of State