

ROADLESS RULE REPEAL & PROTECTING THE FUTURE OF OUR PUBLIC LANDS



Roadless areas are not leftovers on a map. They ARE the last places where Americans can still experience quiet forests, clean water, abundant wildlife, and true backcountry travel.





Public lands are not disposable assets—they are irreplaceable. Sell them, fragment them, or open them to unchecked development, and they are lost forever. We must stand now to keep them public, wild, and accessible.

It's easy to forget how short our memory really is. The great surge of westward expansion—driven by ideas like Manifest Destiny—reached its height only about 174 years ago. That's barely more than a human lifetime or two.



**In that brief span,
we've transformed
vast, wild
landscapes into
farms, cities,
roads, and
industry. What
remains of our
public lands is not
the excess—it's
the remnant.**





These lands are the last living connection to what America once was: unbroken, self-sustaining, and free. Once they're fragmented or lost, they don't come back in any meaningful sense. You can't recreate natural landscapes with policy, and you can't rebuild the deep ecological systems that took thousands of years to form.

Protecting these remaining public lands isn't about locking something up—it's about recognizing that we've already taken almost everything else. In just 174 years, we've consumed the majority of what took millennia to evolve. What's left carries disproportionate value: for wildlife, for clean water, for cultural heritage, and for the kind of solitude and challenge that define the American experience.

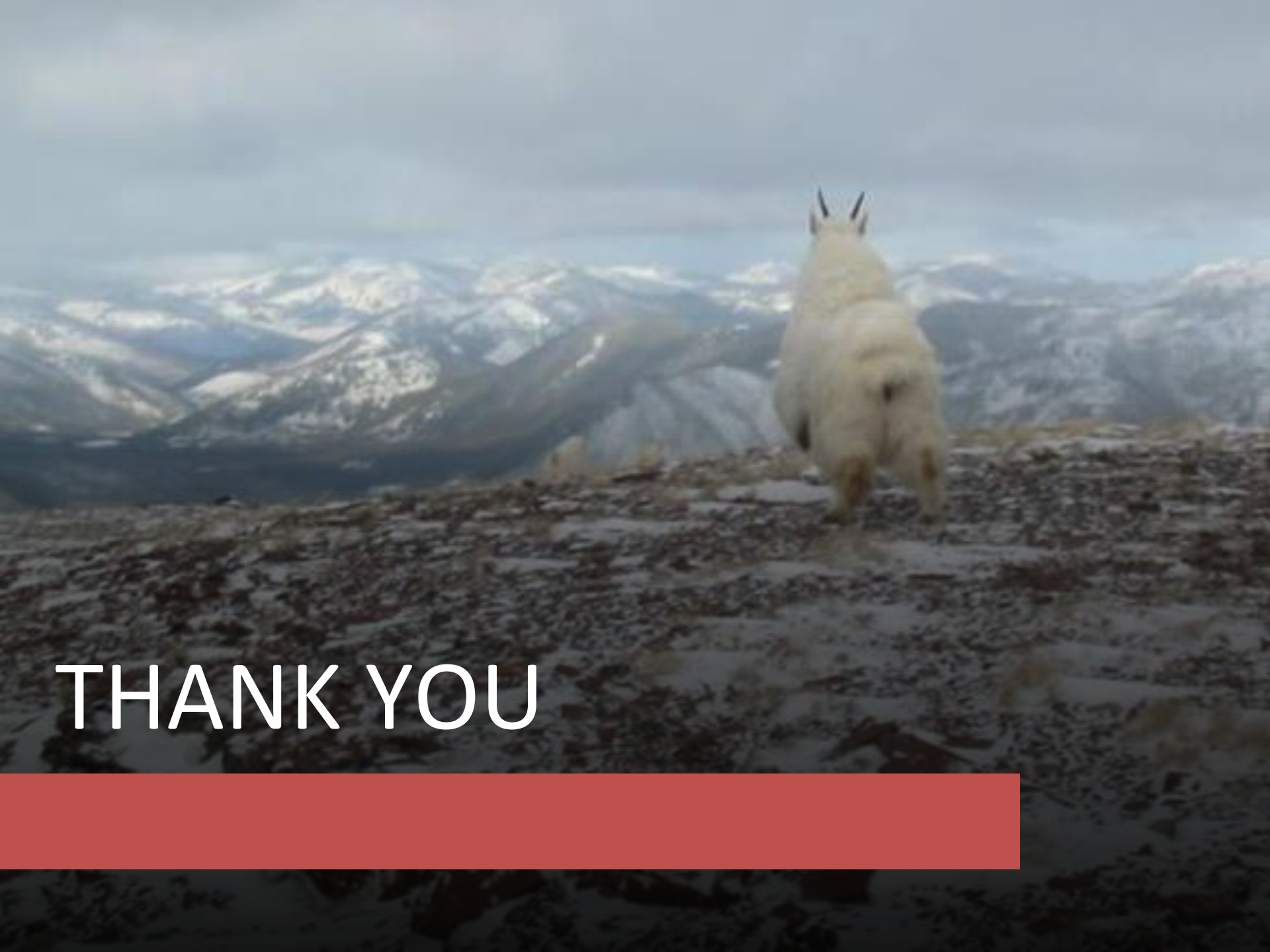


If we fail to protect these last places, we're not just losing land—we're closing the final chapter on a landscape that shaped a nation, and we're doing it in the blink of a historical eye.

•In short:

We are not deciding what to do with abundant land—we are deciding whether the last of it will endure. – Mack Long





THANK YOU