

FROM PUBLIC LANDS TO OUR FAUCETS



The Roadless Rule protects drinking water for almost 1.7 million North Carolinians.

Inventoried Roadless Areas (IRAs) protect more than 170,000 acres of public land and more than 400 river miles across North Carolina from industrialization and the pollution risk that comes with it.

Rescinding the Roadless Rule threatens the foundation of our drinking water infrastructure.

44% of the river miles protected by IRAs in North Carolina would lose their main source of protection if the Roadless Rule is rescinded.

These IRAs are currently home to healthy natural areas and forests that filter and purify the drinking water that comes out at the tap for almost 1.7 million North Carolinians, at no cost.

Clean water, at the source, is the foundation for safe and affordable drinking water for our communities.

THE ROADLESS
RULE PROTECTS:

1.69M

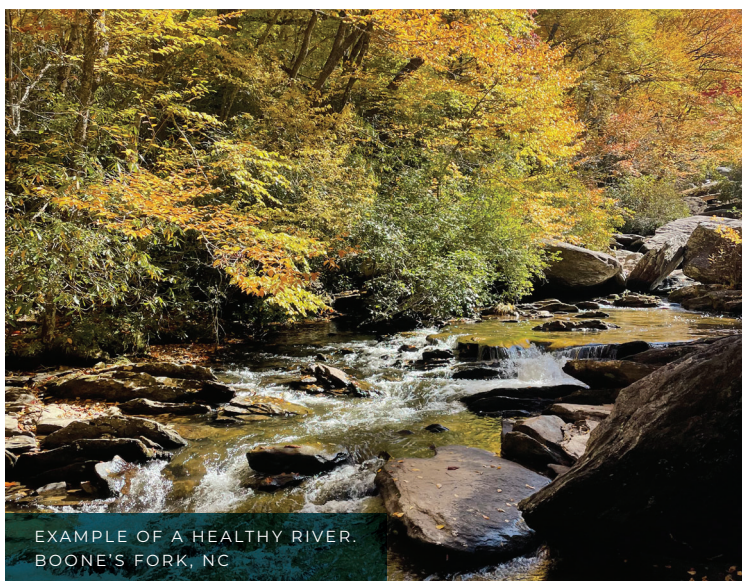
NORTH CAROLINIANS'
DRINKING WATER
(17% OF THE STATE'S
POPULATION)

414

RIVER MILES

112

WATERSHEDS

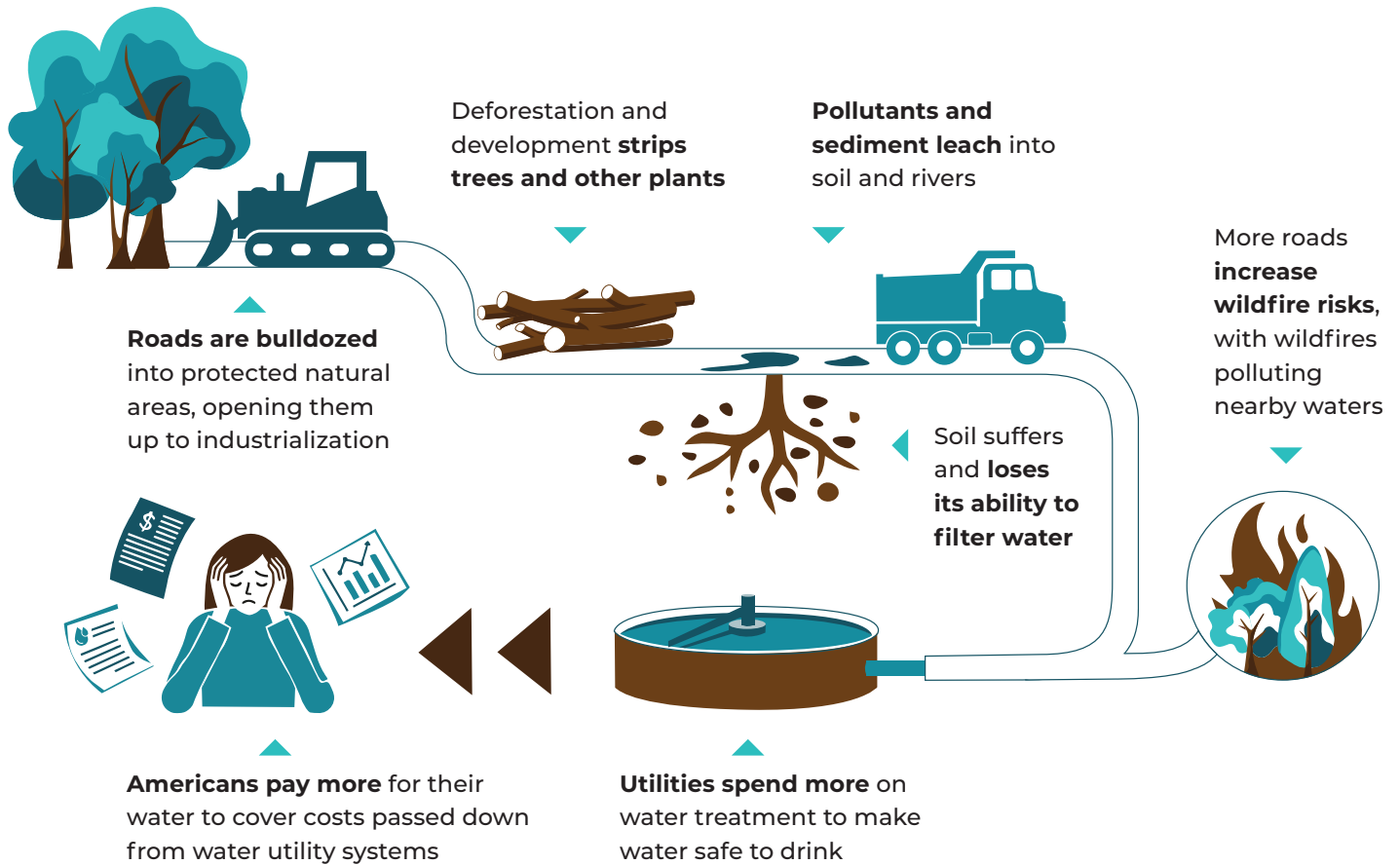


EXAMPLE OF A HEALTHY RIVER.
BOONE'S FORK, NC



EXAMPLE OF A ROAD DESTROYING AN AREA'S NATURAL
WATER-FILTRATION ABILITIES / ROLF SKAR

WITHOUT THE ROADLESS RULE...



WHEN WE OPEN OUR PUBLIC LANDS AND WATERSHEDS TO INDUSTRIALIZATION, AMERICANS PAY. **IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE.**

BIG CREEK, NC
STEVE WHITE

**Keep public lands and rivers clean.
Support the Roadless Area Conservation Rule.**

Source: Conservation Science Partners (CSP). 2025. River protection and freshwater benefits provided by U.S. Forest Service Inventoried Roadless Areas. Final Report. Truckee, California, USA.