

FROM PUBLIC LANDS TO OUR FAUCETS



The Roadless Rule protects drinking water for over 560,000 Virginians.

Inventoried Roadless Areas (IRAs) protect almost 400,000 acres of public land and more than 700 river miles across Virginia from industrialization and the pollution risk that comes with it.

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

80% of the river miles protected by IRAs in Virginia would lose their main source of protection if the Roadless Rule is rescinded.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 store, filter, and purify the drinking water that comes out at the tap for more than 560,000 Virginians, at no cost.

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

THE ROADLESS
RULE PROTECTS:

565,453

VIRGINIANS'
DRINKING WATER
(7% OF THE STATE'S
POPULATION)

717

RIVER MILES

204

WATERSHEDS

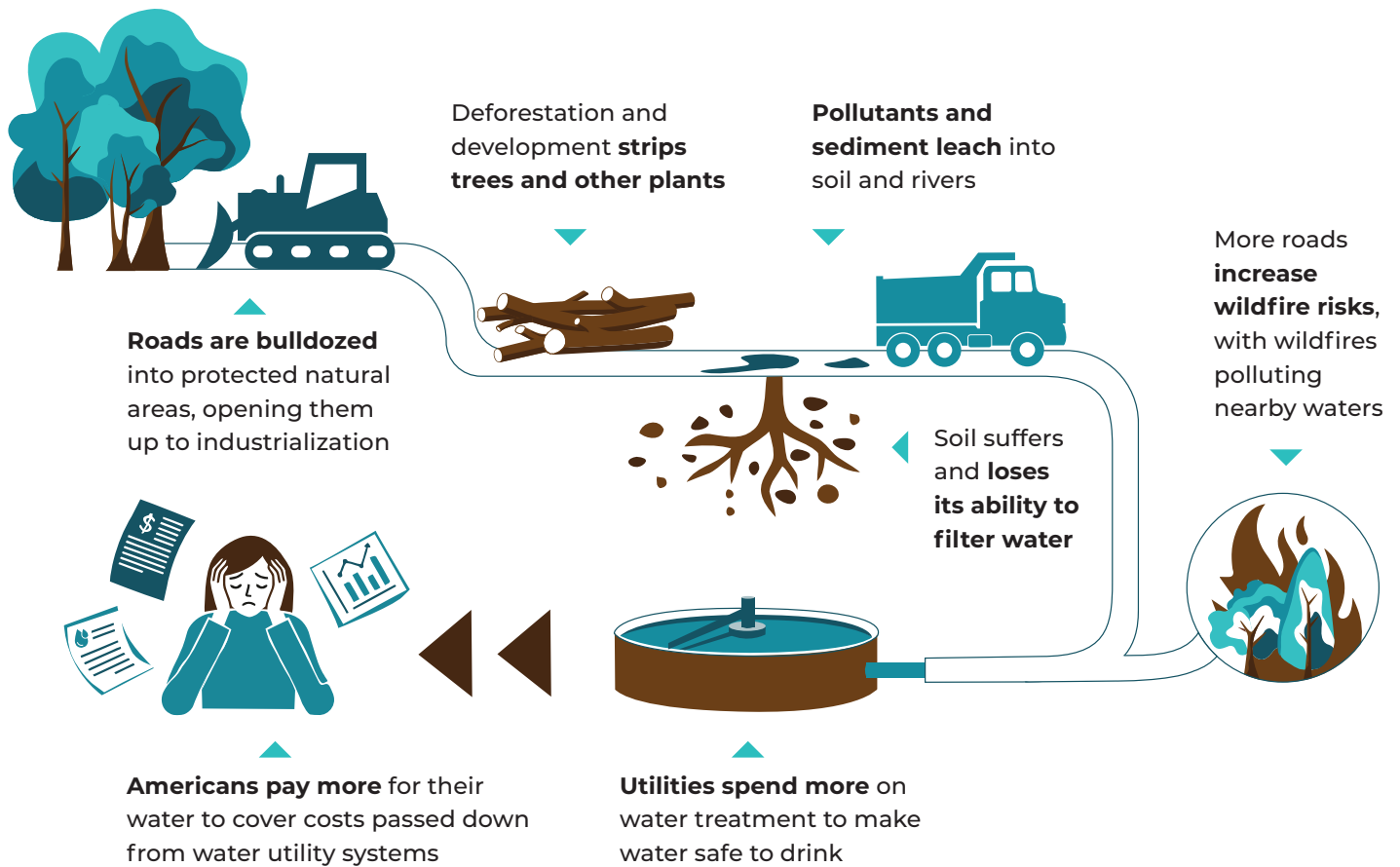


EXAMPLE OF A HEALTHY RIVER.
HOLSTON RIVER, VA / TIM PALMER



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.**

POTOMAC RIVER, VA
JOHN BAGGALEY

**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.