



# US FOREST SERVICE international programs

## Natural Resource Based Tourism



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# CURRENT USAID – FOREST SERVICE PARTNERSHIP COUNTRIES

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## LATIN AMERICA

- Mexico
- Honduras
- Nicaragua
- Brazil
- Bolivia
- Peru
- Jamaica
- Ecuador
- Dominican Republic
- Haiti

## MIDDLE EAST

- Jordan
- Palestinian Authority
- Lebanon

## EUROPE & NEAR ASIA

- Russia
- Albania
- Ukraine

## AFRICA

- Ghana
- Congo – Brazzaville
- Congo – Kinshasa
- Gabon
- Tanzania
- Liberia
- Guinea
- Madagascar
- Senegal
- Ethiopia
- Kenya
- South Africa

## ASIA

- Indonesia
- ASEAN countries
- India
- East Timor
- Sri Lanka
- Vietnam



# SUBJECT AREAS

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## ➤ **Natural Resource Based Tourism**

- ❖ Invasive Species
- ❖ Migratory Species
- ❖ Fire
- ❖ Improved Forestry Practices
- ❖ Protected Areas
- ❖ Ecosystem Services
- ❖ Habitat Management
- ❖ Watershed Management
- ❖ Global Natural Resource Policies & Trade
- ❖ Global Disaster Support
- ❖ Forest Planning and Monitoring





## **RECREATION IS IMPORTANT TO THE US FOREST SERVICE**

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Of the multiple uses of Forest Service lands, by far the biggest contribution to US GDP is through recreation.



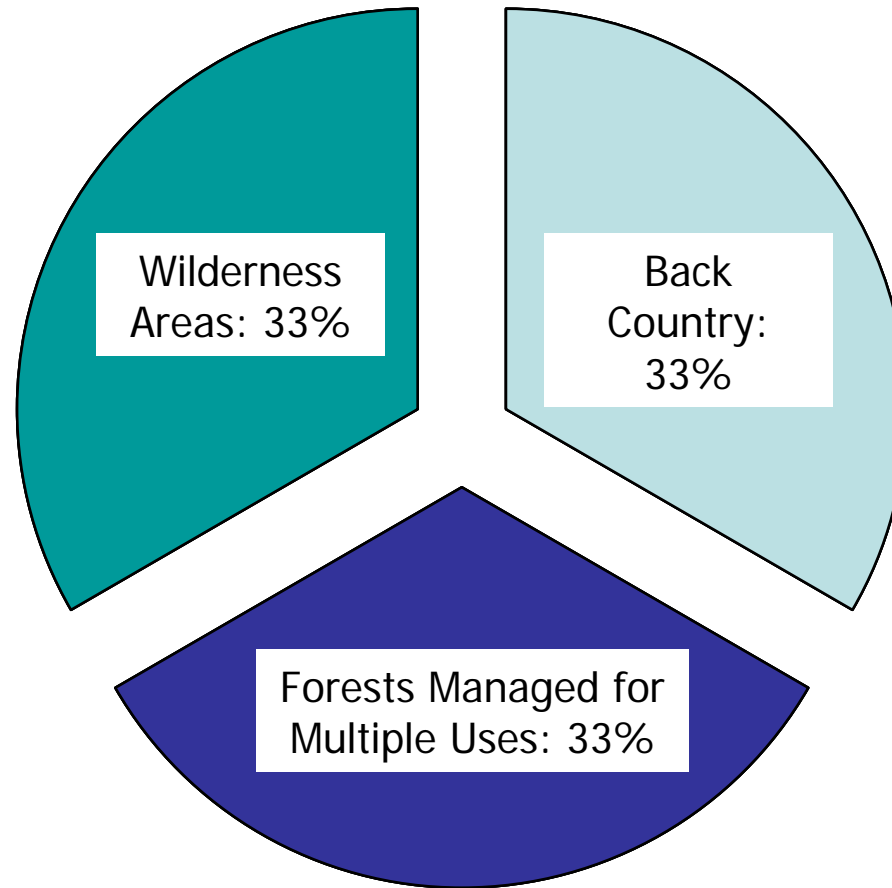
## NATURAL RESOURCE BASED TOURISM ACROSS ALL OWNERSHIPS

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- ❖ The Forest Service works with private landowners, counties, municipalities, other Federal agencies and States to promote natural resource based tourism.
- ❖ Examples:
  - *Continental Divide Trail (Canada to Mexico)*
  - *Front Range Trail (Wyoming to New Mexico)*

# BREAKDOWN OF LANDS MANAGED DIRECTLY BY THE US FOREST SERVICE

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**The US Forest Service manages 10% of US land base.**



## **SKI the US Forest Service**

- ❖ 130 Alpine ski areas
- ❖ 115 Nordic areas
- ❖ 60% of the Nation's lift capacity
- ❖ 60% of total US skier visits

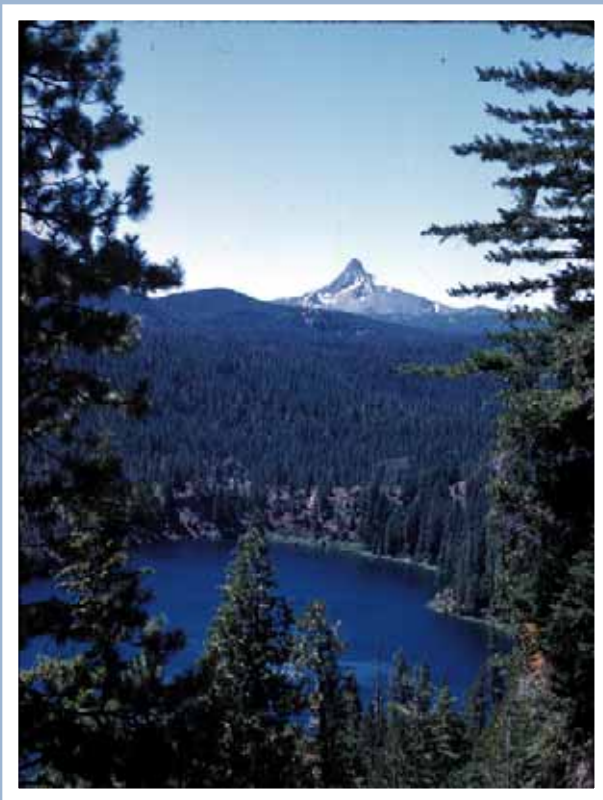


## HIKE the US Forest Service

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- ❖ 125,000 total trail miles (200,000 km)
- ❖ 52,000 miles (83,000 km) open to mountain biking
- ❖ 5,500 miles (8,800 km) of National Recreation trails
- ❖ 6,400 miles (10,304 km) of National Scenic & Historic
- ❖ 78 million visits annually





## EXPLORE the US Forest Service

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- ❖ 7,600 miles (12,000 km) of Scenic Byways
- ❖ 133 Byways
- ❖ 33 states
- ❖ 105,000 miles (170,000 km) of National Forest Roads
- ❖ Driving for pleasure



## DISCOVER the US Forest Service

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- ❖ 58 major visitor centers
- ❖ Interpretative sites
- ❖ Diversity of facilities
- ❖ Opportunities to discover and learn

# CAMP the US Forest Service

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- ❖ 4,389 campgrounds
- ❖ 1,496 picnic sites
- ❖ 1,222 boating sites
- ❖ 206 million visits per year
- ❖ 70% of campground capacity operated by private sector





## Forest Service has a wide range of skills that relate to natural resource based tourism:

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- ❖ Interpretation
- ❖ Concession management
- ❖ Buffer zone management
- ❖ Encroachment issues, community involvement
- ❖ Roads and roads management
- ❖ Indigenous and community relationships
- ❖ Road and trail design management
- ❖ Community planning and integration
- ❖ Cultural and heritage resources
- ❖ Business planning for local entrepreneurs
- ❖ Landscape planning
- ❖ Social and marketing research
- ❖ Law enforcement
- ❖ Wildlife management
- ❖ Policy development



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