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Center for Biological Diversity Forest Director Chosen for National Roadless Advisory Committee

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Silver City, NM — Todd Schulke, Forest Program Director for the Center for Biological Diversity, was selected sit on the Roadless Area Conservation National Advisory Committee authorized under the Bush Administration's Roadless Rule. The committee was formed to provide advice and recommendations on implementation of state petitions outlining inventoried roadless area protection and management strategies that are submitted by governors.

"Protection of roadless areas is one of the country's highest conservation priorities," said Schulke. "We hope this committee will offer a fair and honest opportunity to ensure that our last unprotected pristine areas are saved for clean water and open places for people to hike, hunt, and see wildlife."

The Bush Administration Roadless Rule repealed a previous rule that protected all inventoried roadless areas on National Forest land. The Bush Administration allows governors the chance to petition for changes in management and protection for inventoried roadless areas within their states.

Schulke is from Silver City, New Mexico, and has worked on forest protection and restoration issues for 15 years. He sits on the Western Governor's Forest Health Advisory Committee, Arizona Governor's Forest Health Committee, Senator Bingaman's Collaborative Forest Restoration Program Advisory Committee, and the New Mexico Forest & Watershed Health Planning Committee. He is also on the board of American Lands Alliance, New Mexico Wilderness Alliance, and Sky Islands Alliance.

Members of the Committee:

Darin Bird, Utah Department of Natural Resources

Robert Cope, County Commissioner, Idaho

Adena Cook, Blue Ribbon Coalition

Geraldine Link, National Ski Area Association

Jeff Eisenberg, National Cattlemen Beef Association

James Riley, Intermountain Forestry Association

Denny Scott, United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners

Chris Wood, Trout Unlimited

Todd Schulke, Center for Biological Diversity

Paul Hansen, Izaak Walton League

Ray Vaughn, WildLaw

Dale Harris, Great Burn Study Group

For more information about the National Roadless Committee go to <http://www.roadless.fs.fed.us/>.

For more information about protecting roadless areas go to <http://www.ourforests.org/>.

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