



**MONTANA WILDERNESS  
ASSOCIATION**

## **Montana Wilderness Association**

### **Wilderness by the Numbers**

#### **Montana Wilderness Facts**

Montana landbase: 94,109,542 acres  
Total Wilderness: 3,443,038 acres  
Percent of land base: 3.7%  
Total number of Wilderness areas: 15  
Total Forest Service Inventoried Roadless Area: 6,397,000 acres  
Percent of land base that is Roadless: 6.8%

#### **Montana Wilderness and Public Lands Statistics**

Total Acres in Montana: 94,109,440 acres  
Total Square Miles in Montana: 145,556 square miles  
Total Remaining Montana Wildland Base: 9,839,100 acres  
Total Wilderness Acres in Montana: 3,443,038 acres  
Percent of Land Base: 3.7%  
Total Number of Wilderness Areas: 15  
Total Unprotected Wilderness<sup>1</sup> Acres in Montana: 6,397,000 acres  
Percent of Land Base: 6.8%  
Total Acres of Public Lands in Montana: 27,378,247 acres  
Percent of Land Base: 29%

#### **Total Public Acres by Managing Agency**

U.S. Forest Service: 16,893,000 (18%)  
National Park Service: 1,222,314 (1%)  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: 1,227,478 (1%)  
Bureau of Land Management: 8,060,382 (9%)  
Total 27,378,247 (29%)  
Federally Protected/Designated Wilderness: 3,443,038 (3.7%)

#### **Designated Wilderness by Agency**

U.S. Forest Service: 3,372,503  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: 64,535  
Bureau of Land Management: 6,000  
Total: 3,443,038

## Remaining Roadless Lands and Potential Wilderness

U.S. Forest Service: 5,337,694  
National Park Service: 1,037,160  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: 157,000  
Bureau of Land Management: 447,327  
Total: 6,979,181

## National Forests Acreage

<u>Forest</u>	<u>Supervision Office</u>	<u>Approximate Acres</u>
Beaverhead-Deerlodge:	Dillon	3.32 million acres
Bitterroot	Hamilton	1.6 million acres
Custer	Billings	1.3 million acres
Flathead	Kalispell	2.3 million acres
Gallatin	Bozeman	1.8 million acres
Helena	Helena	975,407 acres
Kaniksu	Coeur D'Alene, ID	2.1 million acres
Kootenai	Libby	2.2 million acres
Lewis & Clark	Great Falls	1.8 million acres
Lolo	Missoula	2.0 million acres
National Forest Totals		19.39 million acres

## Forest Service Wilderness Areas Acreage

### Absaroka-Beartooth

Custer NF: 345,599 acres  
Gallatin NF: 574,744 acres

### Anaconda Pintler

Bitterroot NF: 41,162 acres

### Bob Marshall

Flathead NF: 709,356 acres  
Lewis & Clark NF: 300,000 acres

### Cabinet Mountains

Kaniksu NF: 44,320 acres  
Kootenai NF: 49,952 acres

### Gates of the Mountains

Helena NF: 28,562 acres

### Great Bear

Flathead NF: 286,700 acres

### Lee Metcalf

Beaverhead NF: 107,694 acres  
Gallatin NF: 140,594 acres

### Mission Mountains

Flathead NF: 73,877 acres

### Rattlesnake

Lolo NF: 32,976 acres

#### Scapegoat

Helena NF: 80,697 acres

Lewis & Clark NF: 84,407 acres

Lolo NF: 74,832 acres

#### Selway-Bitterroot

Bitterroot NF: 241,676 acres

Lolo NF: 9,767 acres

#### Welcome Creek

Lolo NF: 28,135 acres

### **Bureau of Land Management Wilderness Areas Acreage**

Lee Metcalf: 6,000 acres

### **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Wilderness Areas Acreage**

#### Medicine Lake

Medicine Lake NWR: 11,366 acres

#### Red Rock Lakes

Red Rock Lakes NWR: 32,350 acres

#### UL Bend

UL Bend NWR: 20,819 acres

Total Wilderness in Montana: 3,443,038 acres

### **National Wild, Scenic and Recreation Rivers Wilderness Areas Acreage**

#### Flathead National Wild River

Flathead NF

NFS: 38,346 acres

Other 19,054 acres

Total: 57,400

### **Sources:**

1. U.S. Census TIGER data for State border
2. The USGS National Hydrography Dataset
3. Natural Heritage Program Stewardship/Ownership Data
4. Montana State Library, Natural Resource Information System
5. USDA Forest Service

For detailed information on each of Montana Wilderness Areas, we recommend you visit [wilderness.net](http://wilderness.net). (Please note: Montana Wilderness Association is not associated with Wilderness.net.)