



2026 PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS TO NATIONAL TRAILS: WHAT'S AT RISK

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BILLION DOLLARS

THAT PROTECT OUR
PUBLIC LANDS ARE AT
RISK IF THE WHITE
HOUSE'S PROPOSED
BUDGET IS PASSED.

These cuts are not just numbers—they are decisions that impact access, safety, and the future of our National Trails. Without action, these treasured landscapes and cultural routes will suffer. Your action and support can make a difference.



Successful Investments in the National Trails System

In 2024, the National Scenic and Historic Trail nonprofit partners leveraged Federal investment to raise and invest **\$44,123,210**

\$15,351,574 was from private contributions

A value of **\$28,771,636** was contributed by volunteers

Since 1995, the National Scenic and Historic Trail nonprofit partners have leveraged federal investment to raise and invest **\$801,346,401**. The elimination of the NSHT line item budget will be detrimental to future efforts to raise and invest money in the National Trails System.



What's At Risk?

- ▶ The National Park Service will face a \$900 million funding cut to National Park Service Operations
- ▶ BLM funding for National Trails reduced to \$0 from \$11 million - overall 74% cut to national Monuments, National Conservation Areas, Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas, Wild and Scenic Rivers, and National Scenic and Historic Trails
- ▶ The Forest Service will face trail funding cuts of 60% for maintenance
- ▶ Drastically reducing critical Land and Water Conservation Funds promised to the American people that are essential for protecting and completing the national trails system

What Does This Mean?

These cuts will lead to

- Increased staffing cuts at our already under-staffed land management agencies
- Limited agency resources and increased roadblocks for nonprofit partners to effectively build, maintain, and interpret the trails
- Delays for critical maintenance projects that will increase the deferred maintenance backlog
- Negatively impacting the American public's visitor experience and recreational enjoyment of trails



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