

The Wilderness Act of 1964:

The Cedar Roughs Wilderness is protected under The Wilderness Act, signed into law in 1964, created the National Wilderness Preservation System which recognizes wilderness as “an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain.” For more information about the Act, see:

<http://www.wilderness.net/NWPS/WhatIsWilderness>.

The following as an excerpt from [Wilderness.net](http://www.wilderness.net):

MISCONCEPTION: Wilderness is a “lock-up” of land that locks people out. Hiking by foot is the only means of travel within wilderness, and wilderness prohibits many popular types of recreation. In fact, the Wilderness Act specifically says that wilderness is for the “use and enjoyment of the American people.”

FACT: Americans take between 16 and 35 million trips to wilderness annually that include activities like hiking, backpacking, camping, canoeing, rafting, kayaking, climbing, ice climbing, mountaineering, horseback riding, cross-country and downhill skiing, swimming, fishing, hunting, wildlife viewing etc. ***In short, most types of outdoor recreation are allowed in wilderness, except those needing mechanical transport or motorized equipment, such as motorboats, cars, trucks, off-road vehicles, bicycles and snowmobiles.*** Exceptions include wheelchairs. Millions of acres of other types of public land are open to motorized recreation, and the fraction of land preserved as wilderness ensures that those seeking non-motorized recreational opportunities can enjoy them in an environment free from the effects of “expanding settlement and growing mechanization” mentioned in the Wilderness Act.