**METADATA**
**Inventoried Roadless Areas (2001) – Bitterroot National Forest**
**(RoadlessAreas2001)**

**Summary (Purpose):**  This dataset contains the Inventoried Roadless Areas that were used in the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule. The IRA data was originally submitted to the Geospatial Service and Technology Center (GSTC - Located in Salt Lake City, Utah) by all national forests through their Regional Offices for the Forest Service's Roadless Area Conservation Initiative. The data was consolidated at the GSTC and used in the Draft Environment Impact Statement. Between the draft and final stages of the Environmental Impact Statement, the data was updated by the forests to reflect any corrections to Inventoried Roadless Areas that were based on existing forest plans and administrative record. The data was also supplemented to include Special Designated Area information and to include Inventoried Roadless Areas within Special Designated Areas. The data was resubmitted to the GSTC on July 21, 2000 for consolidation and the completed coverage was used in the Roadless Area Conservation Final Environmental Impact Statement. IRAs are based on completed forest plans, forest plans in revision where the agency has established an inventory (this information should be available in Appendix C of most forest plans), or other assessments that are completed and adopted by the agency. RARE II (Roadless Area Review and Evaluation of 1977 and 1978) information was used in cases where a forest does not have a more current roadless inventory, which was established using RARE II information.

 **Description (Abstract):**  This dataset contains the Inventoried Roadless Areas that were used in the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule. The EIS analysis team used this spatial data to assess the impacts of roadless area alternatives on Forest Service policies, use of the National Forests and the surrounding environment. It was used for analysis in combination with national characterization layers, such as ambient human population, forest mortality risk to insects and diseases, current land cover types, and others. All of these datasets include the entire lower 48 states and Alaska, and are coarse resolution. The public also had a need to know where IRAs were located in their area and across the nation. The data was used to create a set of detailed maps published both on the web and in hard copy form, (Volume2, Roadless Area Conservation EIS). NOTE: The Idaho and Colorado Roadless Areas boundaries, represented in separate datasets, supersede the 2001 Roadless Area Boundaries.

**Attributes:**
**Region:**  Forest Service Region in which the roadless area exists (1=Northern Region).
**Forest:**  Name of the forest in which the roadless area exists.
**State:**  State in which the roadless area exists.
**Name:** Name of the Roadless Area.
**Category:**  Roadless area category:

"1B"  -  Inventoried Roadless Areas that are recommended for wilderness designation in the forest plan and where road construction and reconstruction is prohibited.

"1B-1"  -  Inventoried Roadless Areas that are recommended for wilderness designation in the forest plan and where road construction and reconstruction is prohibited.

"1C"  -  Inventoried Roadless Areas where road construction and reconstruction is not prohibited.

**Acres:**  Area within the roadless unit, in acres.

**Coordinate System:**
>**Type:**  Projected
>**Geographic Coordinate Reference:**   GCS North American 1983
>**Datum:**  D_North_America_1983
>**Projection:**  NAD_1983_UTM_Zone_11N
>**Unit:**  Meters

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