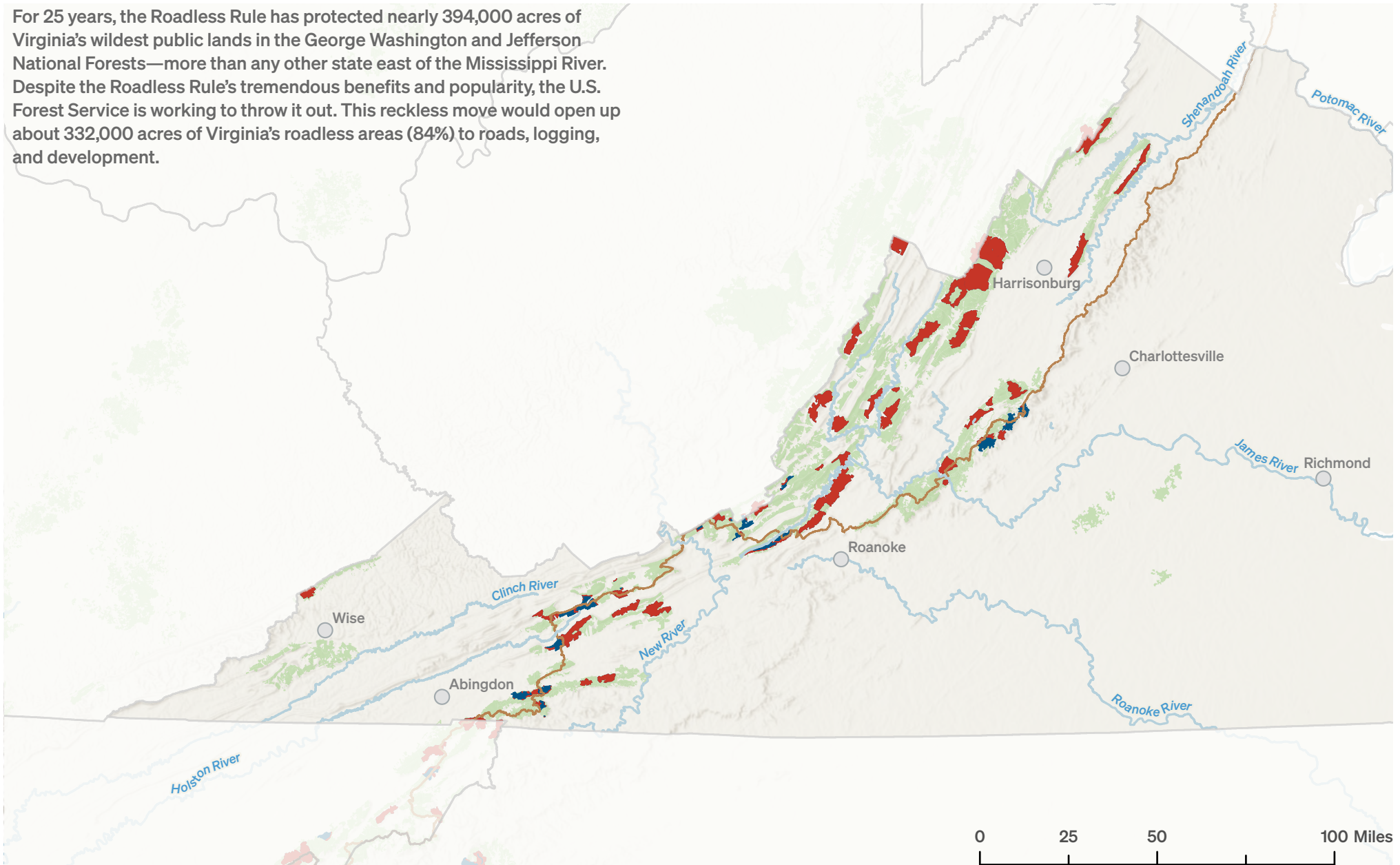


# Virginia Roadless Areas Under Threat

For 25 years, the Roadless Rule has protected nearly 394,000 acres of Virginia's wildest public lands in the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests—more than any other state east of the Mississippi River. Despite the Roadless Rule's tremendous benefits and popularity, the U.S. Forest Service is working to throw it out. This reckless move would open up about 332,000 acres of Virginia's roadless areas (84%) to roads, logging, and development.



## Legend

- Roadless areas that lose protection if Roadless Rule is repealed
- Roadless areas protected by overlapping Congressional designation

- National Forest lands that are not roadless areas
- Appalachian National Scenic Trail

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