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## Allegheny Forest Spared By Carter

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 96 percent of 34,000 roadless acres in Pennsylvania's Allegheny National Forest has been spared immediate development under a congressional recommendation from President Carter.

The land — nearly 33,000 acres in Warren, Forest, McKean and Elk counties — will be protected if Congress heads the President's decision, announced this week.

Under the proposal, the president would permit new timber cutting, mining and motorized recreation only in about 1,600 acres of the 750,000-acre forest.

The recommendation, scheduled for Congressional action sometime this year, is part of Carter's overall plan for 62 million roadless acres in 35 states and Puerto Rico.

The president's announcement basically reaffirms an Agriculture Department recommendation in January to settle an eight-year-old controversy over allocation of the wilderness land. Congress will have final say.

While environmentalists are disappointed by Carter's plan to open 36 million acres to industrial interests nationwide, they are satisfied with his Allegheny Forest proposal.

"Pennsylvania is a bright spot. We got about 80 percent

of the land we wanted set aside there," said Tim Mahoney of the Wilderness Society, a national environmental organization. "I think it (the forest land) is relatively small pickings from a resource standpoint, and there was widespread public support, reflected in congressional support, to preserve the land."

One major forest tract, 9,337 acres around Warren County's Hickory Creek, was originally recommended for possible development by the Agriculture Department. Carter reversed that plan in line with Pennsylvania congressional opinion.

The representatives had