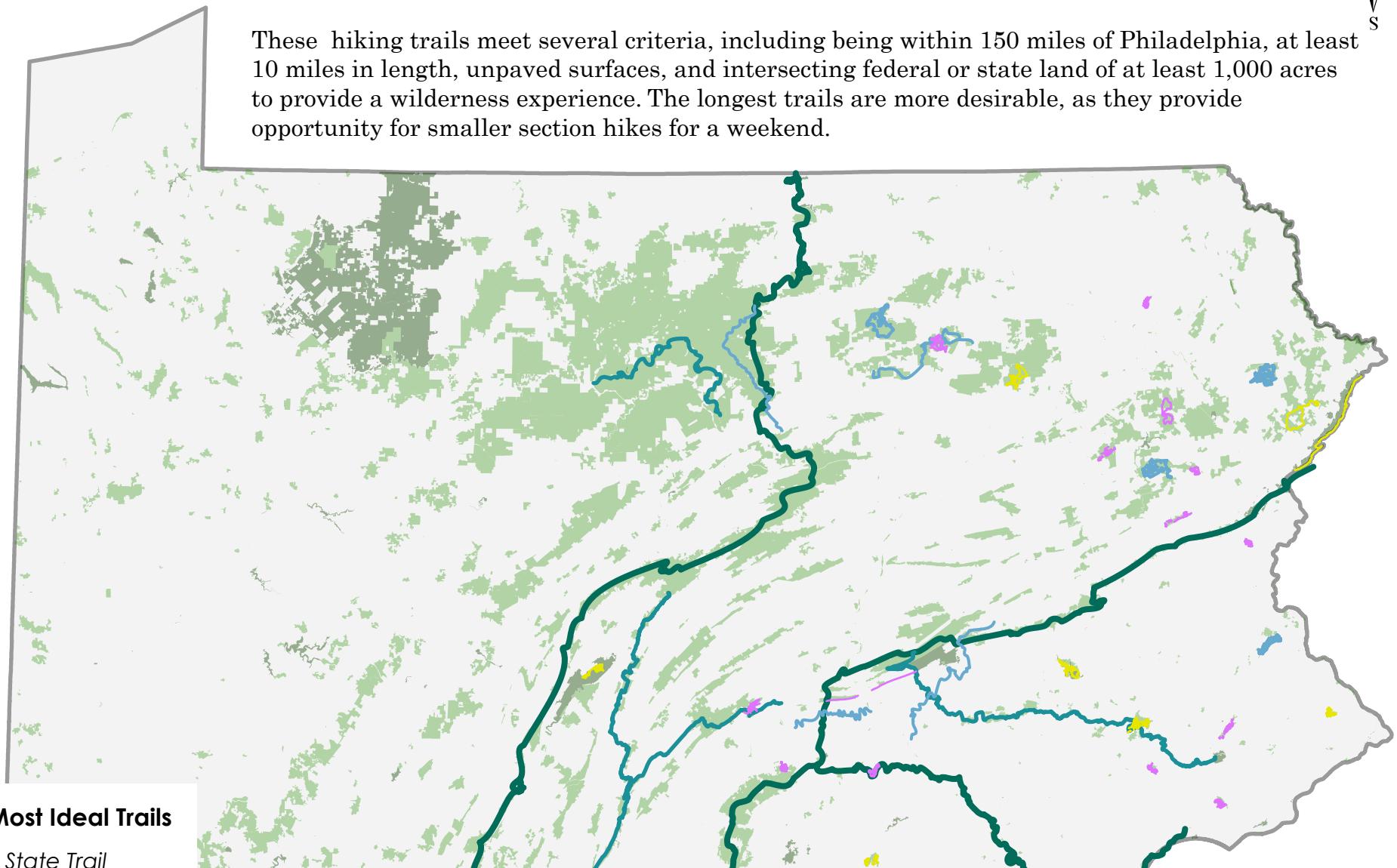




Ideal Trails

These hiking trails meet several criteria, including being within 150 miles of Philadelphia, at least 10 miles in length, unpaved surfaces, and intersecting federal or state land of at least 1,000 acres to provide a wilderness experience. The longest trails are more desirable, as they provide opportunity for smaller section hikes for a weekend.



Top 8 Most Ideal Trails

1. Mid State Trail
2. Appalachian Trail
3. Mason Dixon Trail
4. Horse-Shoe Trail
5. Donut Hole Trail
6. Tuscarora Trail
7. Standing Stone Trail
8. Loyalsock Trail

Legend

Trail Length (miles)

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| 15 - 22 | 33 - 64 |
| 22 - 33 | 64-138 |
| | 138 - 324 |

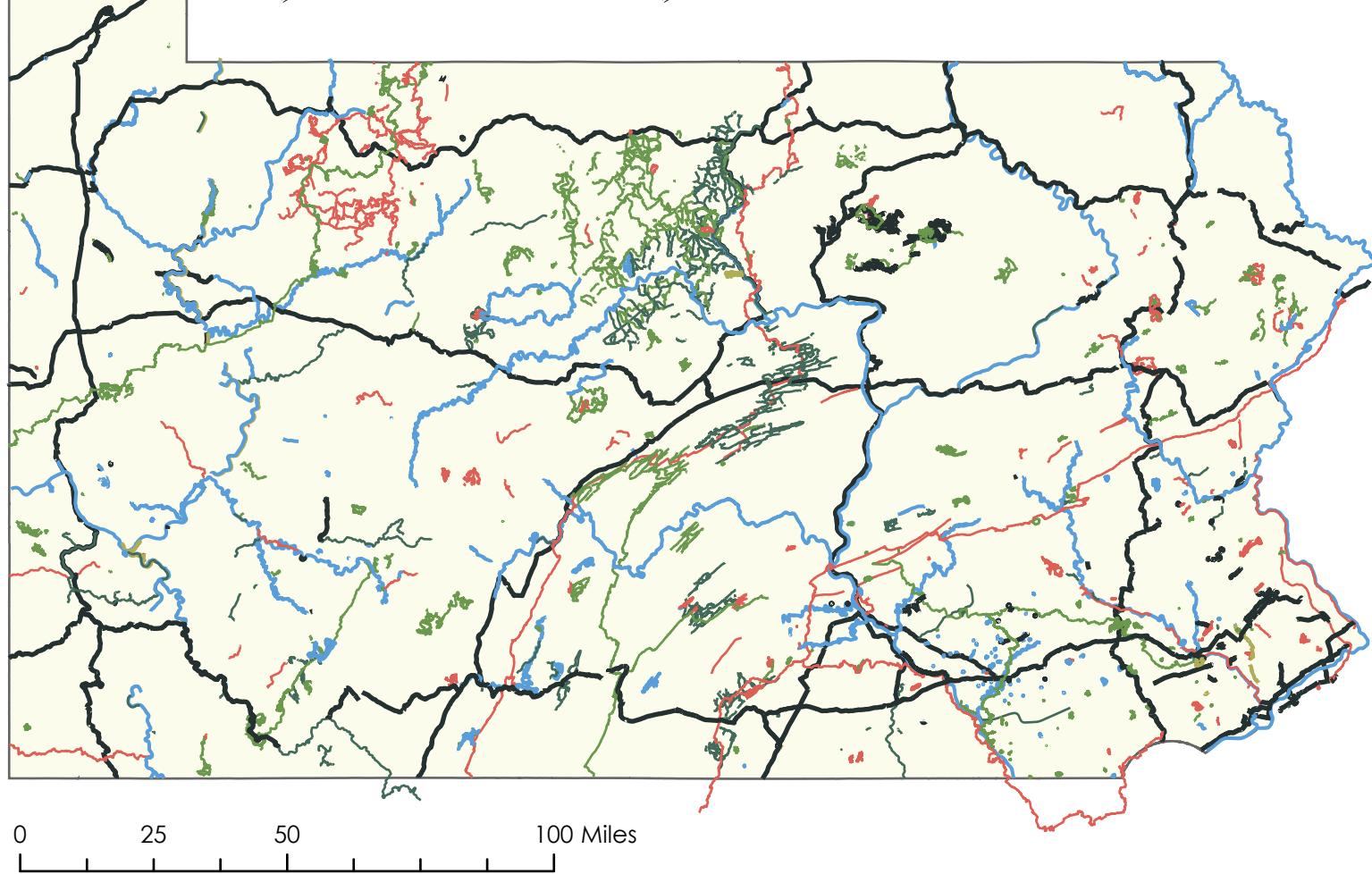
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| | Federal Land |
| | State Land |

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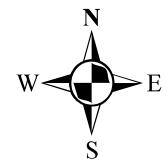
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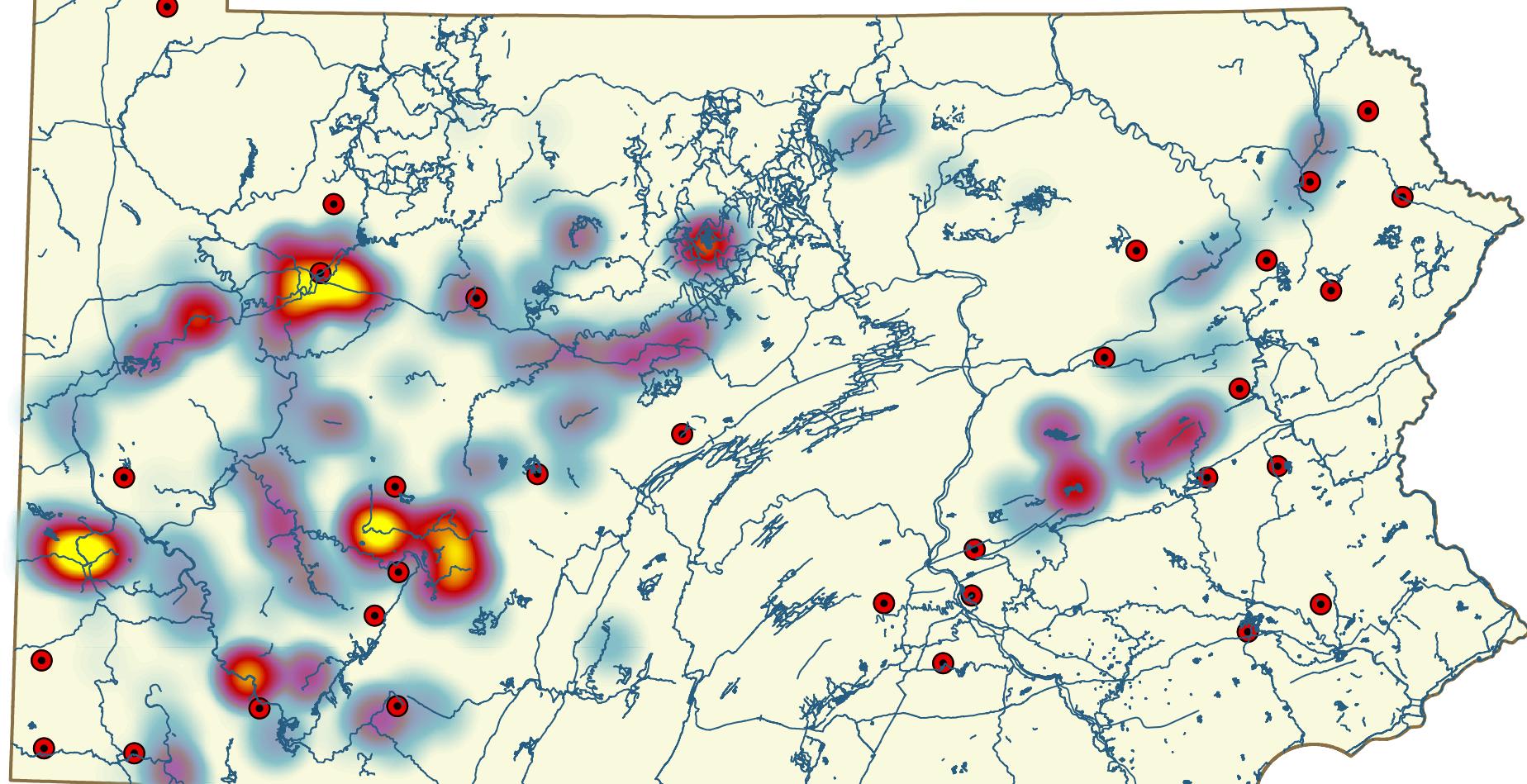
TRAIL NETWORK OF PENNSYLVANIA



Backpacking Hazardous Areas



Identifying regions where backpackers and outdoor recreationists should practice caution for hazards, including confirmed contaminated water sites and public shooting ranges. When visiting these regions, be sure to wear high visible colors and treat all water.



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● Public Shooting Range — Trails

Abandoned Mines with
Contaminated Water within
1 mile of trails

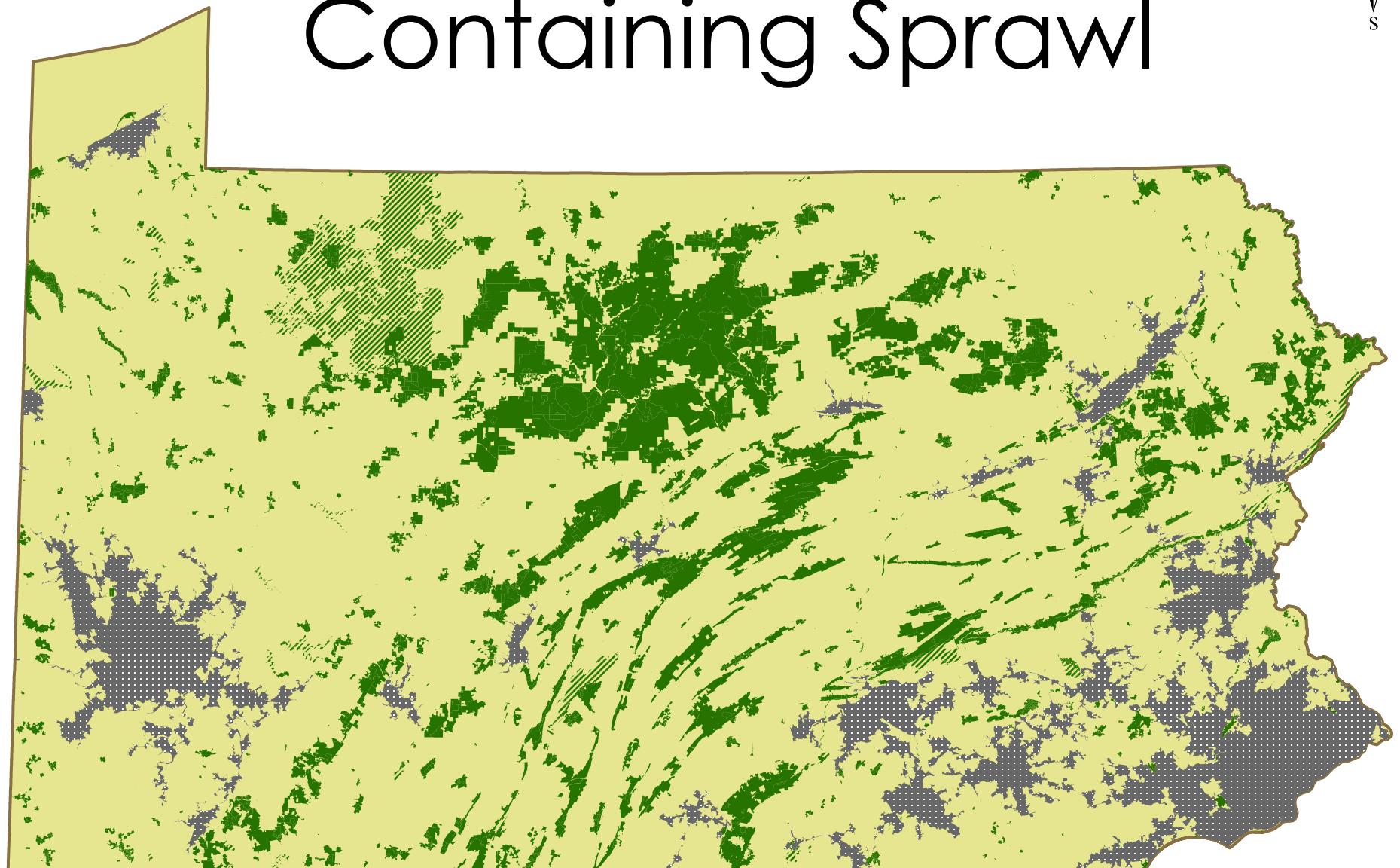
Low Contamination Risk
(low concentration)
High Contamination Risk
(high concentration)

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Containing Sprawl



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- Urban Sprawl
- Federal Land
- State Land

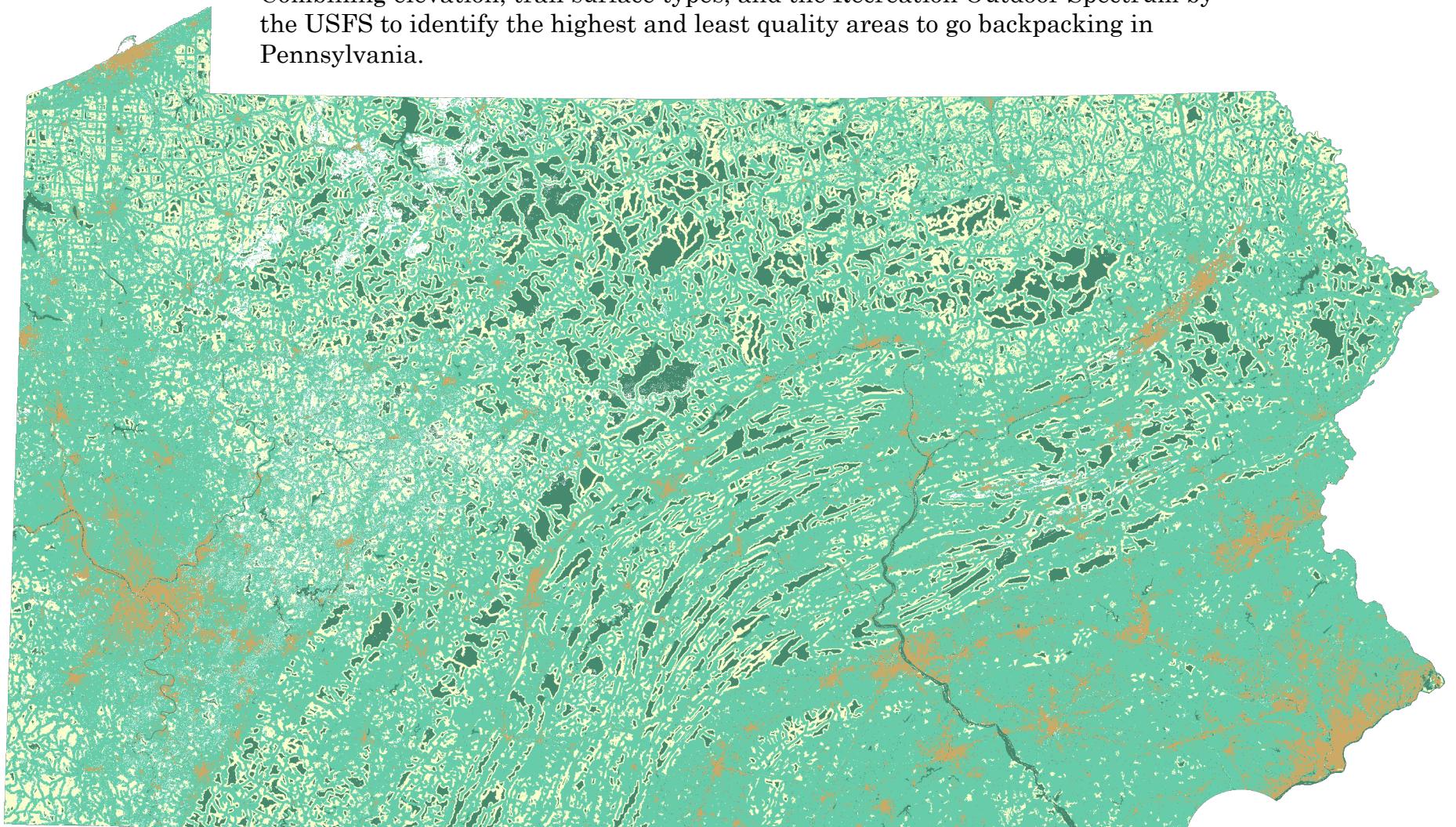
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PA Backpacking Index

Combining elevation, trail surface types, and the Recreation Outdoor Spectrum by the USFS to identify the highest and least quality areas to go backpacking in Pennsylvania.



Legend

Best Quality	Neutral Quality
Good Quality	Bad Quality
Avoid	

