



## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Wilderness Act

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### Website Launched to Celebrate Wilderness 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

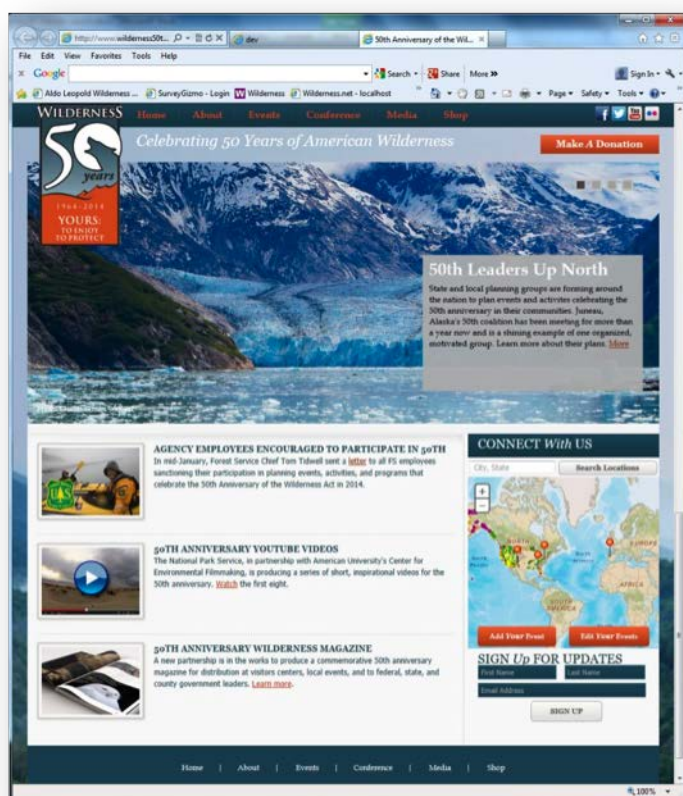
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The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Wilderness Planning Team (*Wilderness50*) is pleased to announce the launch of <http://www.wilderness50th.org>, a new website dedicated to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Wilderness Act. “Having a website of its own will give *Wilderness50* and all the exciting preparations for the 50th anniversary of our wilderness system a much more immediate and vibrant appeal to folks around the country,” said Vicky Hoover, *Wilderness50* co-chair and longtime wilderness advocate and volunteer.

The website honors 50 years of preservation, use and enjoyment of wilderness by:

- Cataloging all local, regional, and national 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary events, meetings, programs, and projects occurring between now and 2014 and dedicated to raising awareness of wilderness. As event planning escalates this year, event hosts and organizers are encouraged to enter their events onto the map and calendar.
- Providing resources and materials for people and organizations interested in hosting or organizing 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary local community events. Possible events can include Walks for Wilderness; outings and service trips; museum, airport, or visitor center exhibits; speakers; interpretive programs; trainings or workshops; photography or writing contests; art shows; music or dance programs; book or poetry readings; stewardship projects and more.
- Providing information about the National Wilderness Conference, to be held October 15-19, 2014 in Albuquerque, NM. This event



will be *Wilderness50*'s premier forum for discussing the growing challenges of perpetuating the values of wilderness in a time of unprecedented environmental and social change.

Please join *Wilderness50* in celebrating "50 Years of American Wilderness" by visiting <http://www.wilderness50th.org>. Enter your email address on the home page to sign up for future key 50<sup>th</sup> updates.

*Wilderness50* is a coalition of more than 25 non-profit organizations, academic institutions, and government agencies that is planning and implementing local, regional, and national events and projects. This coalition is charged with raising public awareness of wilderness and engaging youth during 2014, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. Our nation's wilderness system was established in 1964 for the use and enjoyment of the American people and provides many direct and in-direct benefits, such as those relating to ecological, geological, scientific, educational, scenic, spiritual, economic, recreational, historical, and cultural uses and activities. The 758 wilderness areas that exist today are managed by all four federal land managing agencies, the Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, Forest Service, and National Park Service. You can learn more about *Wilderness50* by visiting our website at <http://www.wilderness50th.org> or you can follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/50thAnniversaryOfTheWildernessAct> and Twitter at <http://twitter.com/wild50th>.

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