



50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act

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Dear Chief Tidwell,

On behalf of the Wilderness 50th Planning Committee, we invite you to the exciting 2014 National Wilderness Training and Conference, scheduled for October 15-19, 2014, at the Hyatt Regency in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Specifically, we look forward to your participation in an engaging lunchtime plenary panel with your counterparts from the Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Park Service on Friday, October 17, to share your perspectives on the future of Wilderness, particularly with respect to changing demographics and climate.

We anticipate some 1,000 attendees, including employees of U.S. federal land-managing agencies, representatives from environmental and wilderness NGOs and academic institutions, youth, and Native peoples. The Conference:

- provides a forum for discussing the growing challenges of perpetuating the values of Wilderness in a time of unprecedented environmental and social change; and
- deepens participants' engagement in Wilderness stewardship and enables their effective involvement in the difficult decisions that lie ahead.

For Conference details, please visit <http://www.wilderness50th.org/conference>. For assistance with travel arrangements, contact Lee Lambert, Executive Director, Society for Wilderness Stewardship; phone: 303-670-1642; e-mail: llambert@wildernessstewardship.org. Thank you again for considering our invitation. We look forward to seeing you there, as your participation enhances the overall training value for both agency employees and other wilderness professionals.

We also thank you for your crucial staff and financial support of the Conference. We hope you continue to support agency participation in the training and conference planning, consider additional financial commitments and, most importantly, encourage employee attendance.

Best Regards,

Garry Oye-----Vicky Hoover-----Tisha Broska-----Susan Fox-----Lisa Ronald
National Park Service---Sierra Club-----New Mexico Wilderness Alliance----Forest Service----Wilderness Institute