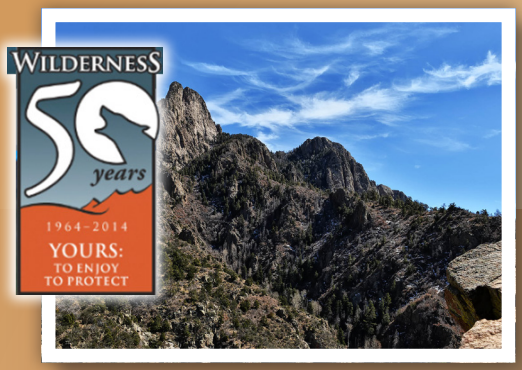

Wilderness Act 50th Anniversary Series

This series will provide the public with an in-depth look at the establishment of the Wilderness Act of 1964, wilderness areas of New Mexico, challenges of managing wilderness areas in today's urban society and the future of our wilderness areas. Bernalillo County Open Space is partnering with federal agencies in celebration of the Wilderness Act 50th Anniversary through this **FREE** series and invites you to participate. Federal partners include the U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Land Management.

1. Wilderness 101

April 26 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Bachechi Open Space (9521 Rio Grande Boulevard NW)

Karl Malcolm from the Forest Service will present an overview of the Wilderness Act. Following that, the documentary "Wild by Law" will be screened outdoors at the Bachechi Environmental Education Building.

2. Wilderness in New Mexico: A Virtual Tour

May 17 from 7- 8 p.m. at the Petroglyph National Monument Visitor Center (Unser Boulevard at the Western Trail NW)

Enjoy an evening under the stars at the Petroglyph National Monument with Diane Souder who will present a slideshow of wilderness areas throughout New Mexico.

3. Management, Challenges and Opportunities of Wilderness Areas

July 19 starting at 2 p.m. at the Tijeras Pueblo Education Center behind the Sandia Ranger Station (11776 State Highway 337, Tijeras)

A panel of experts will talk about some of the challenges and opportunities of managing wilderness areas in New Mexico. The focus will be on fire, wildlife, trails and public-use issues.

4. Looking to the Future of Wilderness

August 23 from 7 - 10 p.m. at Valle de Oro and the Gutierrez-Hubbell House in the South Valley (6029 Isleta Boulevard SW)

This event will start with a sunset hike at the new urban wildlife refuge, Valle del Oro. Following that, there will be a short youth presentation and an outdoor screening of short films made by youth, plus a featured film, at the Gutierrez-Hubbell House. Don't forget to bring a picnic blanket and dinner for this outdoor event.

To register for these events, visit **www.bernco.gov/openspace** or call **(505) 314-0398**.
Also, visit **www.wilderness50th.org** for a complete list of events for the Wilderness Act 50th Anniversary, including the national conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico on October 15-19, 2014.

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