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### **Still wild at 50!**

#### *Local events celebrate 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act*

Quincy, CA, July 24, 2014 – A variety of events has been assembled by the Plumas National Forest (PNF) and many community partners to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Wilderness Act. Bucks Lake Wilderness, designated in 1984, will serve as a focal point for many local festivities.

The kick-off event is a special “Celebrate the Wilderness Act” art show featuring well-known local artist Sally Yost and numerous others. The show runs July 29<sup>th</sup> through August 30<sup>th</sup> at the Main Street Artists Gallery in Quincy. An opening reception will be held Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

Signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson on Sept. 3, 1964, the historic Wilderness Act established the National Wilderness Preservation System and designated 9.1 million acres of wild lands for the use of and benefit to the American people. Over the past 50 years, and as a result of America's support for wilderness, Congress has added more than 100 million acres to this unique land preservation system.

The celebration continues at the Plumas-Sierra County Fair August 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> where national & local wilderness information will be on display in addition to fun-filled activities.

Spend all day at Bucks Lake & Bucks Wilderness on September 20<sup>th</sup> enjoying activities which embrace the wilderness spirit of beauty and solitude. The day will kick off with early morning bird and guided wilderness hikes. Festivities will continue at the Sandy Point Day Use Area starting with a drum circle on the beach and followed by demonstrations of wilderness compatible activities. All activities and parking are free.

The Feather River College Outdoor Leadership program will provide a demonstration of Leave No Trace techniques while the Pacific Crest Trail Association will show how traditional tools are used in a wilderness setting. A traditional plant use exhibit will be presented by Ted Dawson of the Nor El Muk Tribe. In addition, a horse packing demo will be presented by the Backcountry Horsemen. Centering the activities will be noted, national keynote speaker, Mr. Doug Scott from the Campaign for America's Wilderness. There will also be wilderness art activities for kids to enjoy and wonderful live music from local musicians.

Saturday evening, plan to end the day with dinner (no host) at the Bucks Lake Lodge and enjoy a special anniversary awards evening and art show.

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Also in September, Feather River College will be hosting a Wilderness advocate speaker panel led by Outdoor Afro CEO Rue Mapp and a panel of local wilderness advocates. More details on this and other events will be forthcoming as presenters and times are confirmed.

For more information about the local event, contact Leslie Edlund, [ledlund@fs.fed.us](mailto:ledlund@fs.fed.us) or visit the PNF website at: <http://www.usda.gov/plumas> .

And there's more! Reserve October 10-12, 2014, the northern California regional celebration "Wilderness Treasures Rendezvous," being held at the Tehama County Fairgrounds in Red Bluff, CA. See [Facebook.com/NorCalWilderness50thCelebration](https://www.facebook.com/NorCalWilderness50thCelebration).



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*Wilderness50 is a coalition of more than 25 non-profit organizations, academic institutions, and government agencies that are planning and implementing local, regional, and national events and projects. <http://www.wilderness50th.org> .*