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Fifty years ago today, a landmark piece of legislation was passed that changed the spectrum of public land management. The Wilderness Act created a land base with a unique management requirement: *"where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain."* Upon signing the Wilderness Act on September 3, 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson said:

"If future generations are to remember us with gratitude rather than contempt, we must leave them something more than the miracles of technology. We must leave them a glimpse of the world as it was in the beginning, not just after we got through with it."

The Intermountain Region has 37 designated wilderness areas totaling 5.2 million acres. These wildernesses span deserts, forest lands, and mountain tops. All of them provide an enduring wilderness resource. Our wilderness areas are ecological sanctuaries that inspire the American public.

To honor the Wilderness Act and the wilderness areas in our Region, I would like to announce a series of brown bag events about wilderness. Beginning next week (Sept. 10) and continuing throughout the month, I will be hosting "Wilderness Wednesdays." These lunchtime events will include an assortment of videos about wilderness and the Wilderness Act, some of which were produced right here in R4. The events will also include facts and history, interactive discussions, and some fun elements too.

Wednesdays (Sept. 10 to Oct. 1), from 12-1, in Room 5118

Bring your lunch and enjoy. Popcorn will be provided!

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