

Year in Review

Core Team



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Core Team

We have been on a
one year Journey.

The Core Team experienced
challenges and spirited debates.
They have given over
1,000 hours of
volunteer time to this effort.



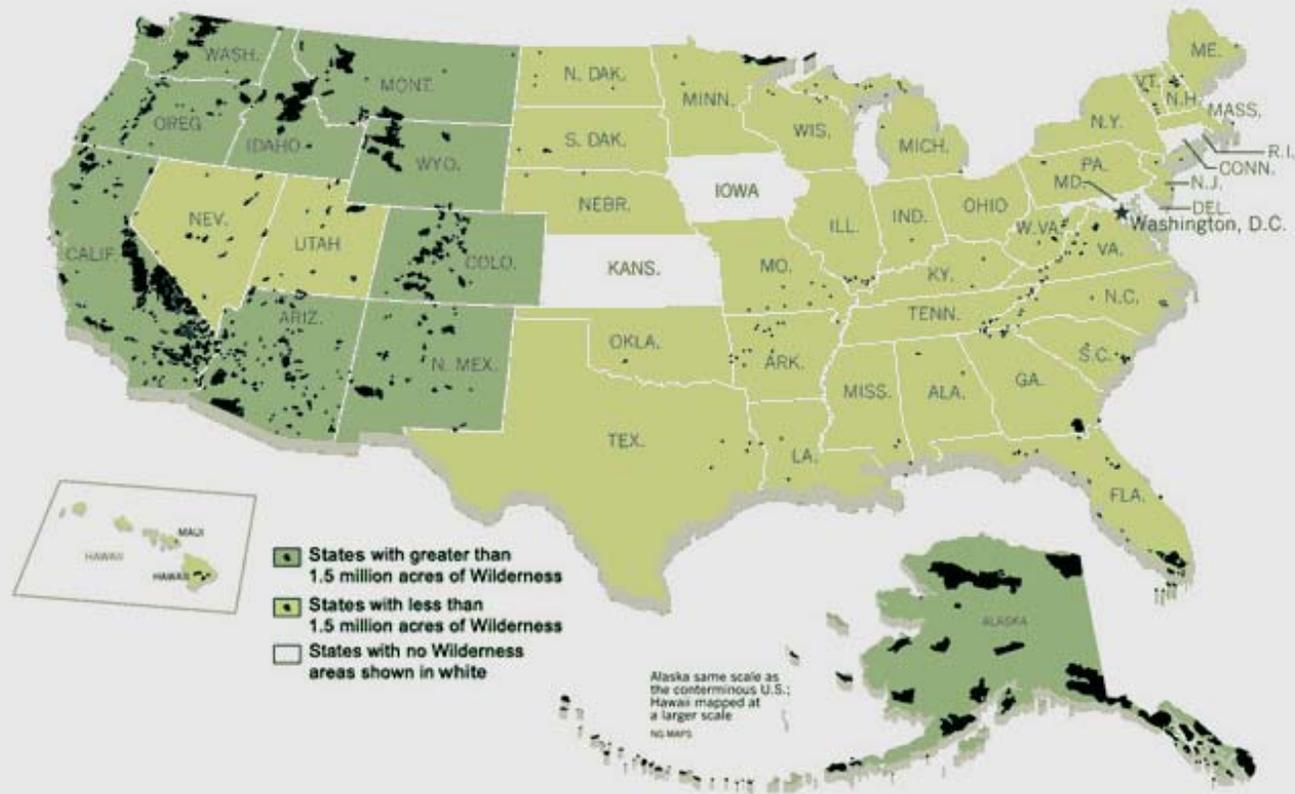
Forums and Field Trips:

- ❖ April 18, 2006 – 1st Forum- Dr. Cordell
- ❖ Field trips: June 17, July 18 and Sept. 20
- ❖ Oct. 4, 2006 – 2nd Forum – Dr. David Cole
- ❖ Nov. 15, 2006 – 3rd Forum – BWCA Permit System
- ❖ Feb. 7, 2007 – Core Team presented to Wilderness Managers at WINTER meeting
- ❖ Feb. 20, 2007 – Final Recommendations to RF, DRF & Forest Supervisors





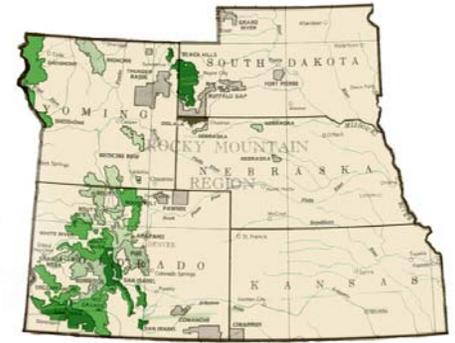
The National Wilderness Preservation System 1964-2007



Currently there are 718 areas covering 107 million acres



R2 Wildernesses



- 46 FS units in R2 (22% of R2 is wilderness)
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- 5 million acres in R2 – (3.5 million in CO)

Core Team’s focus was on the 35 Colorado wilderness areas and specifically the high use, popular areas known as “magnet” areas.



Wilderness Act- Sec. 2(c)

...an area where the earth and it's community of life are **untrammelled** by man, ...

not subjected to human controls or manipulations that hamper the free play of natural forces-

*not found anywhere else in federal statutes
(Harvey, 2005)*



Use and Enjoyment

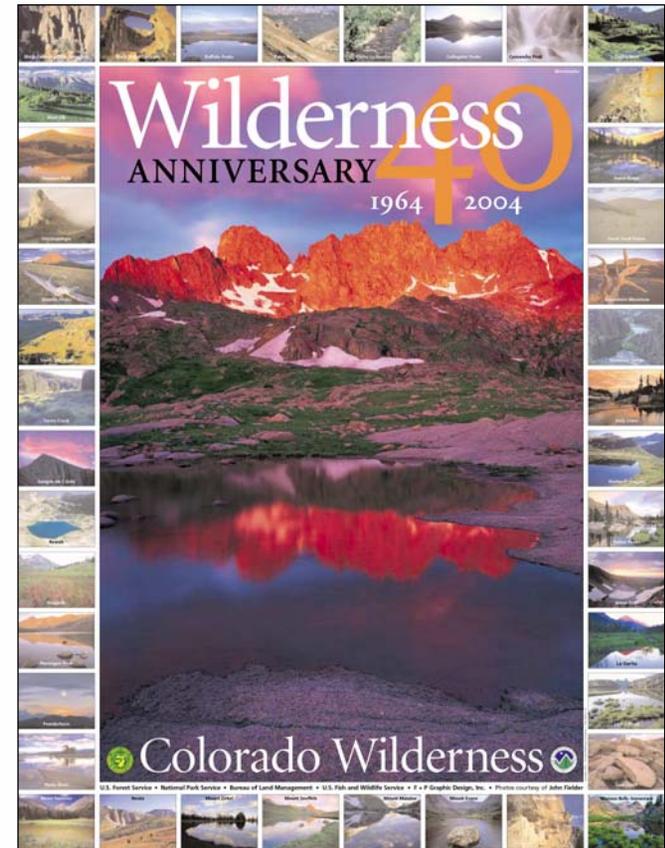
- ..shall be administered for the use and enjoyment ..
- Sec. 2(a)
- ...use and enjoyment in such a manner as will leave them unimpaired for future use and enjoyment as wilderness.
- Sec. 2(a)



Solitude

...has outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation..

Sec. 2(c)





TOP 5 VALUES

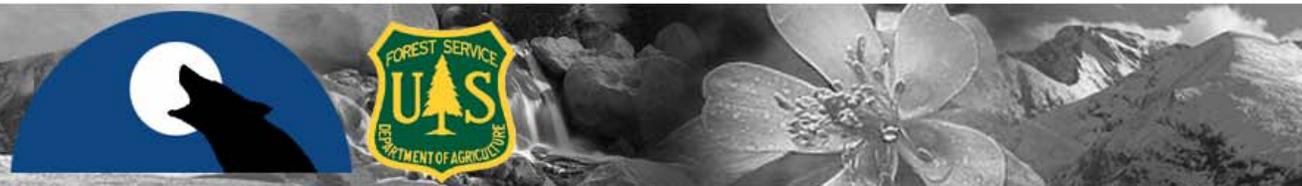
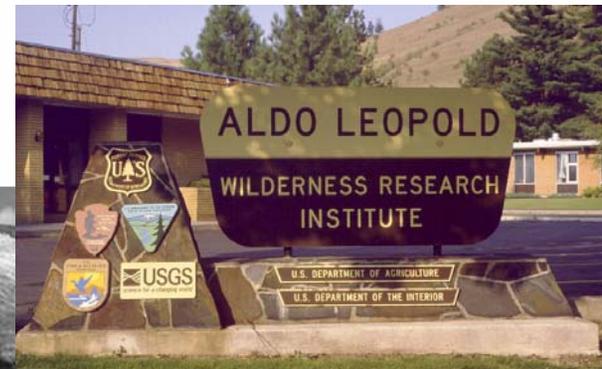
Dr. Ken
Cordell

- Protecting air quality
- Protecting water quality
- Protecting wildlife habitat
- Protecting T&E species
- Legacy for future generations

Heavy Recreation Use in Wilderness: Recent Research, Management Options and the Importance of Long-Term, Large-Scale Planning

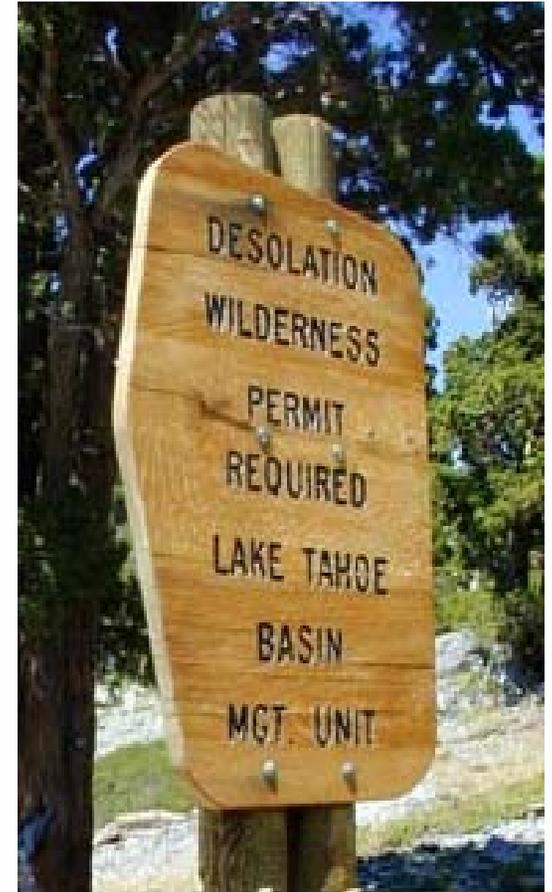


David N. Cole
Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute
Missoula, Montana



More Support for Limiting Use for Environmental Protection than Protection of Experiences

- 76% supported limiting use to avoid impacts on wildlife
- 76% supported limiting use to avoid impacts on vegetation and soil
- 33% supported limiting use in order to avoid seeing lots of people



“It’s not the journey, it’s the fact that we took it”

