

Lyndon Baines Johnson Signs the Wilderness Act into Law

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President Lyndon Baines Johnson signed the Wilderness Act into law on Sept. 3, 1964. In this photo, LBJ hands the pen he used to Alice Zahniser while naturalist, author, adventurer, and conservationist Mardy Murie (standing behind her) looks on. Zahniser was the widow of Howard Zahniser, the principal author of the legislation that helped establish the National Wilderness Preservation System. Murie, dubbed the “Grandmother of the Conservation Movement” by both the Sierra Club and the Wilderness Society, also helped in the passage of the Wilderness Act. Photo courtesy of Paul Hansen, The Murie Center.



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