

Wilderness Fact Sheet

National Wilderness Preservation System

The National Wilderness Preservation System currently contains 765 wilderness areas comprising 109,142,230 acres.

Agency	Units	Federal Acreage	Percentage
Bureau of Land Management	224	8,764,073	8.03%
Fish and Wildlife Service	71	19,862,488	18.20%
Forest Service	445	36,573,108	33.51%
National Park Service	61	43,942,561	40.26%
Total	801*	109,142,230	

* Wilderness areas that are managed by more than one agency are counted as a unit by each agency.

State Wilderness Systems

In addition to federally designated wilderness areas, seven states--Alaska, California, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, New York, and Wisconsin--have state wilderness systems.

Tribal Wildernesses

Various Native American tribal bodies--including Montana's Confederated Salish and Kootenai and California's Inter-Tribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council--have designated tribal lands as wilderness.