

Wilderness Fact Sheet



National Wilderness Preservation System

The National Wilderness Preservation System currently contains 757 wilderness areas comprising 109,512,959 acres.

Agency	Units	Federal Acreage	Percentage
Bureau of Land Management	222	8,752,349	7.99%
Fish & Wildlife Service	71	20,702,488	18.90%
Forest Service	439	36,167,532	33.03%
National Park Service	60	43,890,590	40.08%
Total	792*	109,512,959	

* 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 Sinkiyone Wilderness Council--have designated tribal lands as wilderness.