

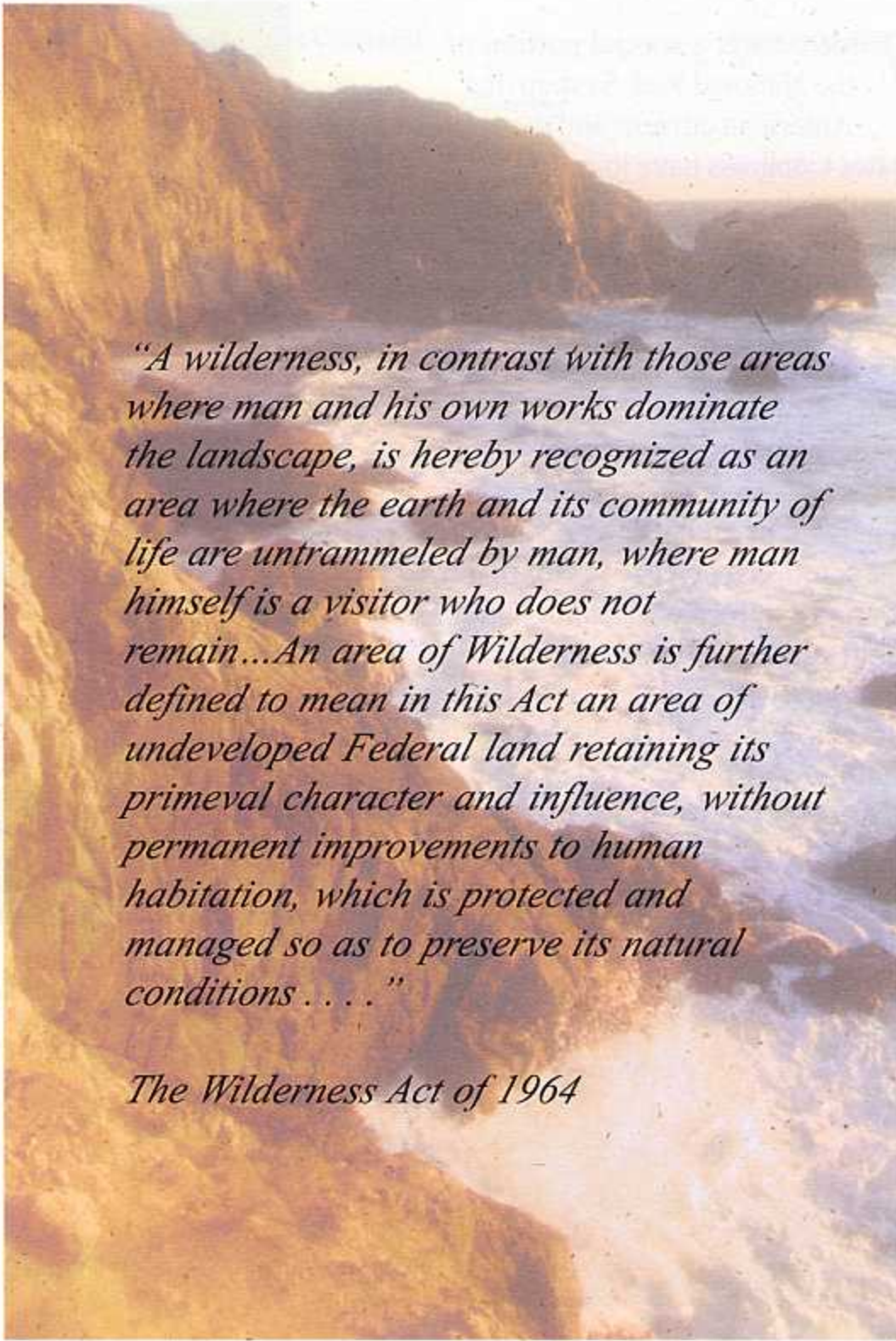
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**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WILDERNESS REPORT
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"A wilderness, in contrast with those areas where man and his own works dominate the landscape, is hereby recognized as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain...An area of Wilderness is further defined to mean in this Act an area of undeveloped Federal land retaining its primeval character and influence, without permanent improvements to human habitation, which is protected and managed so as to preserve its natural conditions"

The Wilderness Act of 1964

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INTRODUCTION

Wilderness is a special portion of the National Park System that American citizens and the United States Congress have jointly declared will be kept as wild and natural as possible. Wilderness designation is a declaration of people's care and desire to protect special areas in the National Park System. As a result of the Wilderness Act of 1964 and subsequent legislation, 45 national parks contain approximately 43 million acres of designated wilderness — nearly 53 percent of all Park Service lands. Significant additional acreage is still in the wilderness review process, meaning that these areas are under recommendation, proposed, or being studied for wilderness designation (see section on the Status of Wilderness Stewardship).

NPS Mission Statement

The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and intrinsic values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. The National Park Service cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation, and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world.



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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DESIGNATED WILDERNESS AREAS

WILDERNESS NAME	PARK UNITS (45)	SIZE IN ACRES
Ansel Adams	Devils Postpile National Monument	747
Badlands	Badlands National Park	64,144
Bandelier	Bandelier National Monument	23,267
Black Canyon of the Gunnison	Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park	15,599
Buffalo National River	Buffalo National River	34,933
Carlsbad Caverns	Carlsbad Caverns National Park	33,125
Chiricahua	Chiricahua National Monument	10,680
Congaree Swamp	Congaree Swamp National Monument	15,010
Craters of the Moon	Craters of the Moon National Monument	43,243
Cumberland Island	Cumberland Island National Seashore	8,840
Death Valley	Death Valley National Park	3,253,028
Denali	Denali National Park	2,124,783
Gates of the Arctic	Gates of the Arctic National Park	7,167,192
Glacier Bay	Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve	2,664,876
Great Sand Dunes	Great Sand Dunes National Monument	33,450
Guadalupe Mountains	Guadalupe Mountains National Park	46,850
Gulf Islands	Gulf Islands National Seashore	4,080
Haleakala	Haleakala National Park	24,719
Hawaii Volcanoes	Hawaii Volcanoes National Park	130,790
Indian Peaks	Rocky Mountain National Park	2,917
Isle Royale	Isle Royale National Park	132,018
Joshua Tree	Joshua Tree National Park	557,802
Katmai	Katmai National Park and Preserve	3,384,358
Kobuk Valley	Kobuk Valley National Park	174,545
Lake Clark	Lake Clark National Park and Preserve	2,619,550
Lava Beds	Lava Beds National Monument	28,460
Lassen Volcanic	Lassen Volcanic National Park	78,982
Marjory Stoneman Douglas	Everglades National Park	1,296,500
Mesa Verde	Mesa Verde National Park	8,500
Mohave	Mohave National Preserve	695,200
Mount Rainier	Mount Rainier National Park	228,480
Noatak	Noatak National Preserve	5,765,427
Olympic	Olympic National Park	876,669
Organ Pipe Cactus	Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument	312,600
Otis Pike Fire Island High Dune	Fire Island National Seashore	1,380
Petrified Forest	Petrified Forest National Park	50,260
Philip Burton	Point Reyes National Seashore	25,952
Pinnacles	Pinnacles National Monument	13,270
Saguaro	Saguaro National Park	70,905
Sequoia-Kings Canyon	Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Parks	736,980
Shenandoah	Shenandoah National Park	79,579
Stephen Mather	North Cascades National Park	634,614
Theodore Roosevelt	Theodore Roosevelt National Park	29,920
Yosemite	Yosemite National Park	704,624
Wrangell-St. Elias	Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve	9,078,675
NPS Designated Wilderness	Total (acres) =	43,287,523

