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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Between The
SOCIETY FOR WILDERNESS STEWARDSHIP
And The
USDI BUREAU of LAND MANAGEMENT, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE,
and NATIONAL PARK SERVICE,
And USDA FOREST SERVICE

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) is hereby made and entered into by and among the Society for Wilderness Stewardship, hereinafter referred to as the "SOCIETY," and affiliated wilderness advocacy, wilderness stewardship, and environmental non-governmental organizations, hereinafter referred to as "COOPERATORS," and the USDI Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), and National Park Service (NPS), and USDA, Forest Service (FS), hereinafter referred to as the "FEDERAL AGENCIES."

Background: The Wilderness Act of 1964 was landmark legislation to protect the last remaining tracts of undeveloped land in the United States and to establish the National Wilderness Preservation System (NWPS). Beginning in 1964, the United States Congress has designated over 109 million acres of land as wilderness. These lands represent a cross section of the nation's ecological wealth and are a source of inspiration, primitive recreational opportunities, and numerous ecosystem services to the American public. Celebration activities to highlight the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act will provide opportunities for the public to learn about wilderness, participate in the shared legacy of wilderness stewardship, and better understand the importance of these special places in sustaining the health and well-being of our planet.

Title: Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act

- I. PURPOSE:** The purpose of this MOU is to document the cooperation among the FEDERAL AGENCIES, the SOCIETY, and the COOPERATORS to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act, and seek coordination in activities, events, programs, and products that raise awareness of the benefits and values of wilderness in accordance with the following provisions.

II. STATEMENT OF MUTUAL BENEFIT AND INTERESTS:

The FEDERAL AGENCIES as the administering agencies of the NWPS, actively seek to develop coordinated programs, expand external relationships, and encourage public participation in wilderness stewardship activities.



The SOCIETY and the COOPERATORS actively seek to enhance capabilities to ensure the adequate protection of the wilderness resource, and engage the public in wilderness stewardship efforts.

Working in a coordinated manner, the FEDERAL AGENCIES, the SOCIETY, and the COOPERATORS desire to preserve the wilderness character of NWPS lands, expand the awareness of the general public about wilderness and its benefits, increase public engagement and participation in wilderness stewardship, and ensure the protection of wilderness areas as an enduring resource for present and future generations.

In consideration of the above premises, the FEDERAL AGENCIES, the SOCIETY, and the COOPERATORS agree as follows:

III. THE SOCIETY:

- A. Takes a leadership role in convening the FEDERAL AGENCIES and interested COOPERATORS to collaborate on the development and implementation of 50th anniversary programming and activities. The SOCIETY will provide leadership in scheduling and facilitating 50th planning team and working committee meetings. The SOCIETY will facilitate information sharing between the 50th planning team and the FEDERAL AGENCIES by providing a 50th planning team liaison whose role will be to ensure that agency leadership is well informed of 50th anniversary direction and decisions, and who will help identify opportunities for collaboration among the 50th planning team, FEDERAL AGENCIES, and all COOPERATORS.
- B. Facilitates through efficient communication COOPERATOR and FEDERAL AGENCY planning efforts to ensure broad coverage and effectiveness of celebration activities planned around the country in 2014, and in the years leading up to the 50th anniversary.
- C. Facilitates a collaborative effort among FEDERAL AGENCIES and COOPERATORS to develop and implement effective and consistent education programs, activities, events, and products, as appropriate, that celebrate the establishment of the NWPS, and that efficiently convey the ecological and social benefits of an enduring wilderness resource to the public.
- D. Should funds be appropriated for this purpose, enters, as appropriate and authorized, into agreements with the COOPERATORS and/or the FEDERAL AGENCIES, as needed, to assist with the sharing of costs for the planning and implementation of celebration activities and to establish proper fiscal controls and contribution levels of all participants.



IV. THE COOPERATORS:

- A. Select COOPERATOR representatives to participate on the 50th planning team and on 50th working committees.
- B. Coordinate activities with the SOCIETY, each other, and the FEDERAL AGENCIES to ensure broad coverage and effectiveness of programs, relationships, and public participation in wilderness stewardship activities planned around the country in 2014, and in the years leading up to the 50th anniversary.
- C. Coordinate the development of education programs, activities, events, and products, as appropriate, jointly with the SOCIETY, each other, and the FEDERAL AGENCIES, that celebrate the establishment of the NWPS, the ecological benefits of an enduring wilderness resource, and public use and enjoyment of wilderness areas.
- D. Encourage wilderness advocacy, wilderness stewardship, and environmental NGO's and their memberships, other organizations, and the public to host 50th anniversary events and/or to participate in and help promote scheduled 50th anniversary activities.
- E. Should funds be appropriated for this purpose, enter, as appropriate and authorized, into agreements with the SOCIETY and/or the FEDERAL AGENCIES, as needed, to assist with the sharing of costs for the planning and implementation of celebration activities and to establish proper fiscal controls and contribution levels of all participants.

V. THE FEDERAL AGENCIES:

- A. Select agency representatives to participate on the 50th planning team and on 50th working committees.
- B. Coordinate activities with the SOCIETY, each other, and the COOPERATORS to ensure broad coverage and effectiveness of programs, relationships, and public participation in wilderness stewardship activities planned around the country in 2014 and in the years leading up to the 50th anniversary.
- C. Coordinate the development of education programs, activities, events, and products, as appropriate, jointly with the SOCIETY, each other, and the COOPERATORS, that celebrate the establishment of the NWPS, the ecological and social benefits of an enduring wilderness resource, and public use and enjoyment of wilderness areas.



- D. Should funds be appropriated for this purpose, enter, as appropriate and authorized, into agreements with the SOCIETY and/or the COOPERATORS, as needed, to assist with the sharing of costs for the planning and implementation of celebration activities and to establish proper fiscal controls and contribution levels of all participants.
- E. Encourage agency personnel, where appropriate, to actively engage and participate in 50th anniversary events and to help organize and host activities.

VI. IT IS MUTUALLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED BY AND AMONG THE PARTIES THAT:

- A. COOPERATORS: Attachment "A" will list all non-federal agency COOPERATORS who are participating in 50th anniversary celebration planning and activities covered by this MOU. COOPERATORS have agreed to be represented by the SOCIETY as the principal contact for, and signer of, this MOU.
- B. SCHEDULES: A schedule of all planned events and activities during the celebratory year will be coordinated by December 1, 2013 and published by the 50th planning team prior to the start of 2014.
- C. CELEBRATION DATES: Numerous events may be planned throughout 2014 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act. National celebratory events will be generally targeted for September 2014. Regional and local events will be scheduled throughout 2014 recognizing local needs, projects, and environments. Regional and field activities will generally be held during the summer of 2014 as build-ups to national events. Local events will be encouraged throughout the entire year of 2014.
- D. WEBSITE: Information about all events and all information and educational materials for public consumption related to the 50th anniversary will be posted online at <http://50th.wilderness.net>.
- E. PRINCIPAL CONTACTS: The SOCIETY, the COOPERATORS, and the FEDERAL AGENCIES intend to establish a framework for coordination and communication pertaining to this MOU. Individuals listed below are designated and expected to participate in mostly virtual meetings to facilitate implementation of this MOU, coordinate research and technology issues, and avoid unnecessary duplication to increase efficiency.

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- F. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA): The SOCIETY, the COOPERATORS, and the FEDERAL AGENCIES will comply with FOIA (5 U.S.C. 552), as applicable.
- G. PARTICIPATION IN SIMILAR ACTIVITIES: This MOU in no way restricts the FEDERAL AGENCIES, the COOPERATORS, or the SOCIETY from participating in similar activities with other public or private agencies, organizations, and individuals.
- H. COMMENCEMENT/EXPIRATION/TERMINATION: This MOU takes effect upon the signature of the FEDERAL AGENCIES and the SOCIETY. This MOU may be amended upon written request of either the FEDERAL AGENCIES or the SOCIETY with the subsequent written concurrence of the other. The term of this MOU is 5 years from the effective date. Either party may terminate this MOU by providing written notice to the other party. The termination will be effective upon the 60th calendar day following the notice, unless a later date is established.
- I. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES: The FEDERAL AGENCIES, the SOCIETY, and the COOPERATORS will administer their own activities and utilize their own resources, including the expenditure of their own funds, in pursuing the objectives set forth in this MOU. Each party will carry out its activities in a coordinated and mutually beneficial manner.
- J. NON-FUND OBLIGATING DOCUMENT. Nothing in this MOU requires the FEDERAL AGENCIES, the SOCIETY, or the COOPERATORS to obligate or transfer any funds. Specific projects or activities that involve the transfer of funds, services, or property between or among the FEDERAL AGENCIES, the SOCIETY, and the COOPERATORS require execution of separate agreements and are contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. These projects or activities must be independently authorized by appropriate statutory authority. This MOU does not provide that authority. Negotiation, execution, and administration of each of these agreements must comply with all applicable statutes and regulations. The activities, initiatives, or pilot projects contemplated



in this MOU will be conducted in accordance with existing statutory authorities. Nothing in this MOU, in any way, alters the parties' statutory or regulatory authorities.

- K. **ENFORCEABILITY:** This MOU is not intended to and does not create any right, benefit, or trust responsibility, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or equity, by any party against the United States, its agencies, its officers, or any person.
- L. **DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION:** The SOCIETY or the COOPERATORS shall immediately inform the FEDERAL AGENCIES if they or any of their principals are presently excluded, debarred, or suspended from entering into covered transactions with the federal government according to the terms of 2 CFR Part 180. Additionally, should the SOCIETY or the COOPERATORS or any of their principals receive a transmittal letter or other official Federal notice of debarment or suspension, then they shall notify the FEDERAL AGENCIES without undue delay. This applies whether the exclusion, debarment, or suspension is voluntary or involuntary.
- M. **AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES:** The individuals listed below are designated as representatives of their respective agencies and are authorized to act in their respective areas for matters related to this MOU.
- N. **NOTICES:** Any communications affecting the operations covered by this agreement given by the FEDERAL AGENCIES or the SOCIETY is sufficient only if in writing and delivered in person, mailed, or transmitted electronically by email or fax, as follows:
- To the Bureau of Land Management Program Manager, Fish and Wildlife Service Program Manager, Forest Service Program Manager, or National Park Service Program Manager, at the address specified on the grant/agreement.
- To the Society for Wilderness Stewardship at the address shown in the grant/agreement or such other address designated within the grant/agreement.
- O. **ENDORSEMENT:** Any SOCIETY or COOPERATOR contributions made under this agreement do not by direct reference or implication convey FEDERAL AGENCY endorsement of the SOCIETY'S or COOPERATOR'S products for activities.
- P. **MEMBERS OF U.S. CONGRESS:** Pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 22, no U.S. member of, or U.S. delegate to, Congress shall be admitted to any share or part of this instrument, or benefits that may arise therefrom, either directly or indirectly.
- Q. **MODIFICATIONS:** Modifications within the scope of this instrument must be made by mutual consent of the parties, by the issuance of a written modification



signed and dated by all properly authorized, signatory officials, prior to any changes being performed. Requests for modifications should be made, in writing, at least 30 days prior to implementation of the requested change. The FEDERAL AGENCIES are not obligated to fund any changes not properly approved in advance.

- R. USE OF BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, FOREST SERVICE AND NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
INSIGNIAS: In order for the cooperators to use the Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, Forest Service and National Park Service insignias on any published media, such as a web page, printed publication, or audiovisual production, permission must be granted from the Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, Forest Service or National Park Service Office of Communications. A written request must be submitted and approval granted in writing by the Office of Communications prior to use of the insignias.

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The authority and format of this agreement have been reviewed and approved for signature.


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