

THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF BOISE,
STATE OF IDAHO
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, on September 3, 1964, the United States Congress passed and President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law the Wilderness Act, which established the National Wilderness Preservation System and designated several Wilderness areas in the United States including the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness Area in Idaho; and
- WHEREAS, Boise native and U.S. Senator Frank Church was the floor manager for the Wilderness Act when it passed the U.S. Senate and in later years Senator Church played a central role in Congress adding several Wilderness areas in Idaho including the Sawtooth, Hells Canyon, Gospel Hump and Frank Church-River of No Return through various Congressional acts; and
- WHEREAS, additional Wilderness areas were designated for the Craters of the Moon, Big Jacks Creek, Bruneau-Jarbidge Rivers, Little Jacks Creek, North Fork Owyhee, Owyhee River and Pole Creek; and
- WHEREAS, wilderness areas in Idaho provide numerous benefits to the people of this city, state and nation, including opportunities for solitude, and recreation – such as camping, hiking, hunting and fishing – as well as intrinsic values of the land for fish and wildlife habitat, clean water and “areas affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the imprint of man’s work substantially unnoticeable”; and
- WHEREAS, Boise residents of all ages and walks of life enjoy the Wilderness in Idaho and many Boise-based businesses provide Wilderness-dependent services such as outfitting and guiding and aerial access to backcountry airstrips; and
- WHEREAS, the Boise Municipal Airport and the U.S. Forest Service partnered on a public display at the Boise Airport for several months commemorating the 50th anniversary of The Wilderness Act and educating the traveling public about the value of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVID H. BIETER, Mayor of the City of Boise, Idaho do hereby proclaim September 3, 2014 to be

**WILDERNESS ACT 50TH
ANNIVERSARY DAY**

in the City of Boise.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on this the 29th day of August, in the year of our Lord two thousand and fourteen.



MAYOR OF BOISE, IDAHO

