

Wilderness Fact Sheet

National Wilderness Preservation System

The National Wilderness Preservation System currently contains 803 wilderness areas comprising 111,365,114 acres.

Agency	Units	Federal Acreage	Percentage
Bureau of Land Management	260	9,977,742	8.96%
Fish and Wildlife Service	71	20,703,041	18.59%
Forest Service	448	36,653,771	32.91%
National Park Service	61	44,030,560	39.54%
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Total	840*	111,365,114	

* 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.