Albuquerque, New Mexico, Selected to Host the National Wilderness Conference - October 15-19, 2014

The 50th Anniversary National Wilderness Planning Team is pleased to announce that Albuquerque, New Mexico, was selected as the location to host the 50th Anniversary National Wilderness Conference. This historic conference is planned for October 15-19, 2014.

The National Wilderness Conference Committee reviewed a total of eight thoughtful proposals and was impressed with the interest expressed by many wilderness advocacy groups, environmental organizations, and other NGOs from around the nation.

As one can imagine, the committee was tasked with a difficult decision to select only one location for the National Conference. However, it was a unanimous decision of the committee that Albuquerque would be the ideal host site. The committee was convinced by the enthusiasm expressed by the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance, Sierra Club, local proponents along with many letters of support from the community, including the Mayor of Albuquerque, Bureau of Land Management State Director and other community leaders.

The Albuquerque Convention and Visitors Bureau offers excellent facilities for the conference. The city also offers exceptional opportunities for diversity outreach with Native Americans, Hispanic, African Americans and academic communities, nearby outing prospects, and history associated with influential wilderness leaders such as Aldo Leopold.

Although the other nominated locations were not selected – Anchorage, AK; Kalispell, MT; Jackson Hole, WY; Bend, OR; Salt Lake City, UT; Duluth, MN and Las Vegas, NV – we invite, encourage, and urge coalitions in these locations to build assure that these cities becomes hubs of vigorous 50th anniversary wilderness events and activities in 2014.

We hope you will share our enthusiasm for the selection of Albuquerque as the site for the 50th Anniversary National Wilderness Conference in 2014. Be sure to make the key dates for this historic event on your calendar now!