



50th Wilderness Celebrations Images from Sierra Club Volunteers and Staff

Gold Butte in Southern Nevada



Kiavah Wilderness

Blending the ecosystems of the Mojave Desert and the Sierra, this 88,290 acre wilderness provides visitors both solitude and unique scenery. The area includes the hills, canyons and bajadas of the Scodie Mountains in the southern Sierra. Located in Kern County, the wilderness stretches from Walker Pass to Bird Spring Pass and is approximately 15 miles east of Lake Isabella and 15 miles west of Ridgecrest. Habitat for a variety of migratory birds such as the rough-legged hawk, yellow-headed blackbird, gray-crowned finch and the sage sparrow, the wilderness contrasts desert plants such as Joshua Tree, creosote and cactus within 100 yards of pinyon pine, juniper and canyon oak. The Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) traverses the length of the wilderness for 17 miles. The other major trail of the Kiavah Wilderness is the Cholla Canyon Trail. Further information on use, maps, nearby peaks and trails and contact agencies can be found at the Kiavah Wilderness web site www.blm.gov/kiavah

The Kern-Kaweah Chapter of Sierra Club invites you, your friends, and your families to come play an active part in the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act by investigating, then exploring a wilderness area near you. Celebrate by taking a trip (for a day or even an overnight) into an area to enjoy the outdoors in its natural state. If you relish such experiences in nature, consider joining the Sierra Club and receiving our national as well as regional publications, which feature diverse outings led by certified, experienced outings leaders who regard safety as a primary concern.

Check up on our frequently updated Meetup site for the Kern-Kaweah Chapter-Mineral Group outings at: www.meetup.com/sierracluboutings. Local groups also offer regular conditioning hikes close to home to prepare you for more strenuous activities in the outdoors. They also encourage the development of friendships among people with similar interests and values.

Other valuable sites:

For local outings: www.meetup.com

Forest service wilderness areas:

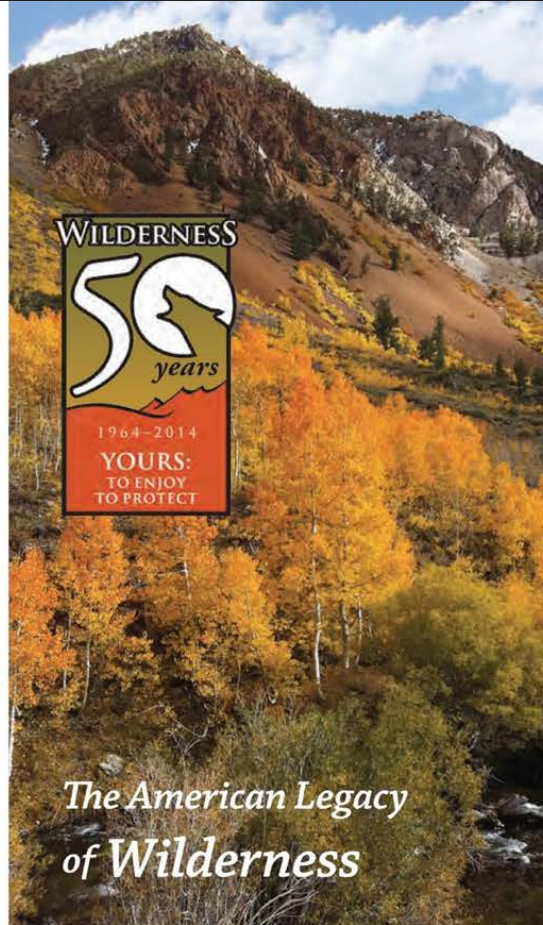
www.fs.usda.gov/sequoia

BLM wilderness areas:

www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/blm_special_areas/NLCS/Wilderness.html

Wilderness in the Sierras: www.sierrawild.gov

Cover photo: Bishop Creek Drainage, courtesy Claus Engelhardt
Left top: Ansel Adams Wilderness, courtesy Eva Nipp
Lower left: Desolation Wilderness, courtesy Connie Engelhardt



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Preservation, Use and Enjoyment



www.wilderness50th.org

Kern Kaweah Chapter wilderness brochure

What is Wilderness?

This year, 2014, we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act of 1964. Congress defined Wilderness as a resource to be set aside for the American people of present and future populations. Wilderness, in contrast to those areas where man and his works dominate the landscape, is an area where the earth and its community of life are controlled by natural processes and where man is a visitor who does not remain. There are no permanent roads or structures, motorized and mechanical equipment are not allowed. Access must be on foot or horseback. Wilderness is primeval nature, a landscape of human restraint, where natural conditions and self-sufficiency prevail. Wilderness is an opportunity for solitude and introspection. It is a place to leave the sights and smells and the electronic distractions of civilization behind, a place to contemplate where one has been, where one is going and to set priorities for one's life.

What is Wilderness?: www.youtube.com/watch?v=FT4r36-YPvQ

Golden Trout Wilderness

The Golden Trout Wilderness includes the best of the Kern Plateau just south of Sequoia National Park and north of the Kern River Valley. In contrast to the rugged glaciated terrain of the High Sierra to the north the Kern Plateau is a more gentle wilderness. This Wilderness is the home of the Golden Trout found in numerous small streams. The streams wind through green grassy meadows strung out like pearls on a necklace. The trout hang out under overhanging stream banks just waiting for a lucky fisherman to tempt them with an alluring fly.

Trips to visit this wilderness can be anything from an easy half day stroll to a full day hike. A hike like that will whet your appetite to take a backpack of several days to visit the more remote areas, far from any road. Among the many trails that provide access to the Wilderness are the trail in the east starting at Horseshoe Meadow above Lone Pine in the Owens Valley or from the west at the road head north of the old logging town of Johnsondale.

Website: www.sierrawild.gov/wilderness/golden-trout

Domeland Wilderness

The Domeland Wilderness is located at the southern end of the Kern Plateau. This land was first protected by the Wilderness Act of 1964 as a 62,695 acre wilderness and was later expanded to 130,081 acres in 1984 to include the delicate transition ecosystems that meet to the east, south, and north of the original wilderness. Though it is considered within the Sierra range, the Domeland Wilderness includes the overlap of several ecosystems to form unique plant and animal communities. The banks of the South Fork of the Kern River offer important riparian habitats of cottonwoods and meadows which stand in sharp contrast against the characteristic smooth domes and bold granite outcroppings. Domes that range from the size of a cottage to football fields across and spear-like jagged spires can be found in the Domeland.

Website: www.sierrawild.gov/wilderness/domeland



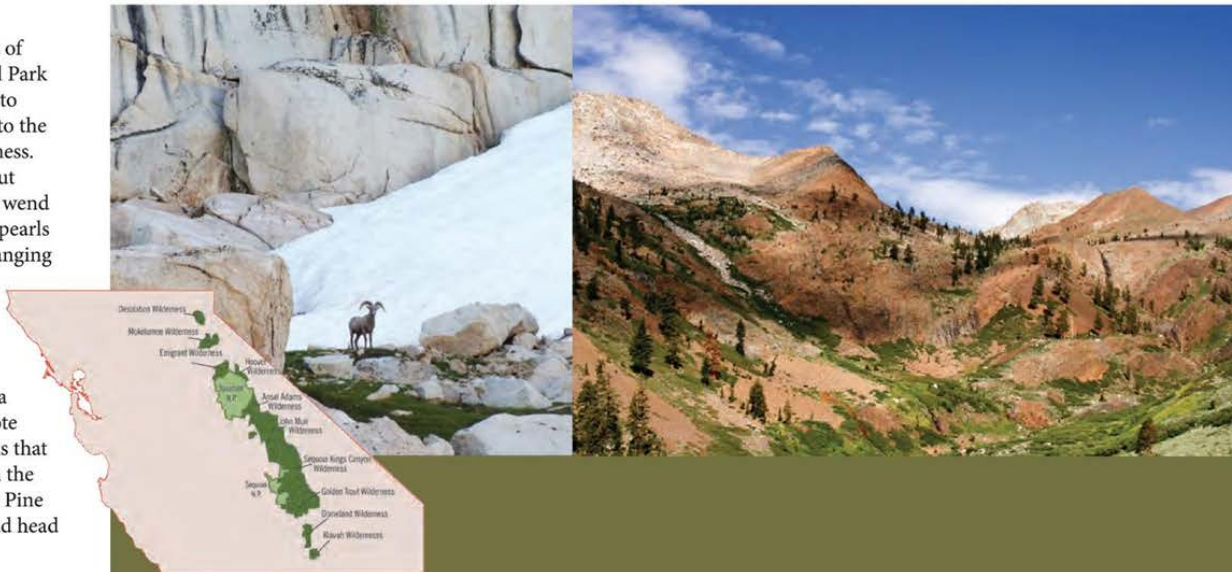
California Golden Trout

Sequoia National Park Wilderness

Spanning over 700,000 acres, the wilderness of Sequoia National Park is second in size among California wilderness areas only to Death Valley, and includes over 800 miles of trail. Many of the Sierra Nevada peaks over 13,000 feet are here. The park is famous for its ancient and towering Sequoia trees. Beyond those magnificent trees, trails stretch across the forested western slopes to the rocky scenic high country above tree line, up to the slopes of Mt Whitney. All of this is in the backyard of Kern County and easily accessible from Bakersfield.

Wilderness areas can be reached from the west side by Hwy 198 and 180. In addition, the Pacific Crest Trail passes through wilderness areas from either the north or the south. From the east there are no entry roads. Access is by trails such as Whitney Portal or Kearsarge Pass.

Websites: www.nps.gov/seki/index.htm
www.sierrawild.gov/wilderness/sequoiakings-canyon

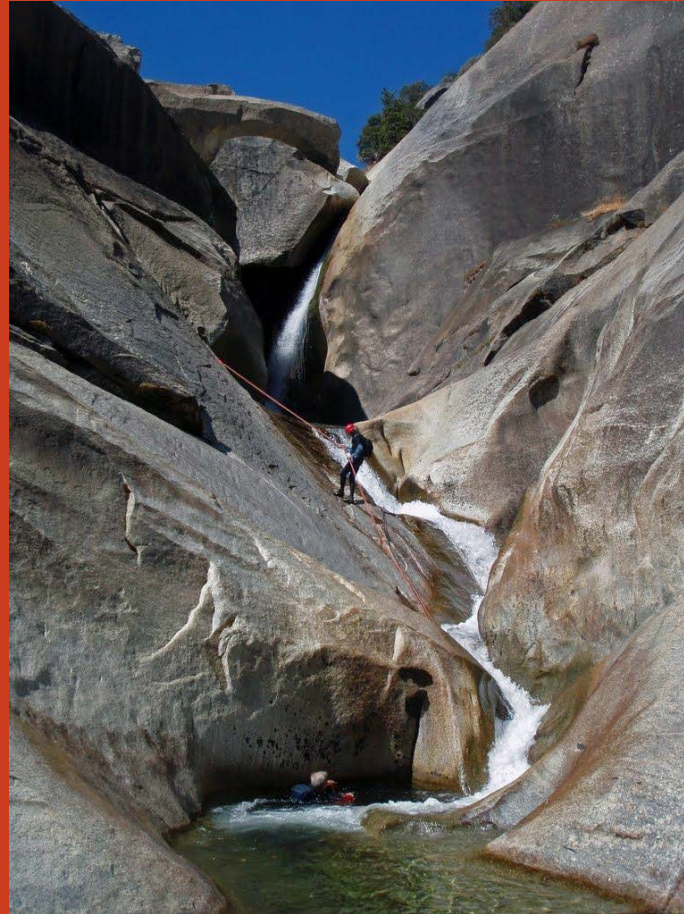


Above left: bighorn sheep, Sequoia National Park, courtesy Eva Nipp; above right: Golden Trout Wilderness, courtesy Research Indicates

Kern Kaweah brochure describes wilderness areas in southern Sierra Nevada



North Star
Chapter visits
the Boundary
Waters
Canoe Area
Wilderness



California's
Tehipite
Chapter
enjoys 2014
Aspen outing
and 2009
Dinkey Creek
outing



Puerto Rico Chapter at Jobos Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve



Puerto Rico Chapter hikers on La Ruta de la Confecion trail in Toro Negro State Forest



Puerto Rico
Chapter outing
to Mona State
Wilderness
Nature Reserve



North Star Chapter canoeing in Minnesota's Boundary Waters



Alabama Chapter
learns wilderness
first aid



Alabama Wilderness Wildlife



Alaska Voices of the Wilderness Exhibit



Juneau,
Alaska,
wilderness
reading



Lone Star Chapter service trip to Big Bend National Park - Grasslands



Canoeing in South Carolina



Celebrating
watery
wilderness in
South Carolina



Oregon —
Caffall atop
Twins



Illinois: Chicago South Shore Prairies



Connecticut Appalachian Trail hike for
disadvantaged youth



Ventana
Chapter atop
Crop Cone
Peak above
Big Sur Coast



Service Outing
in South Dakota,
cutting invasive
species



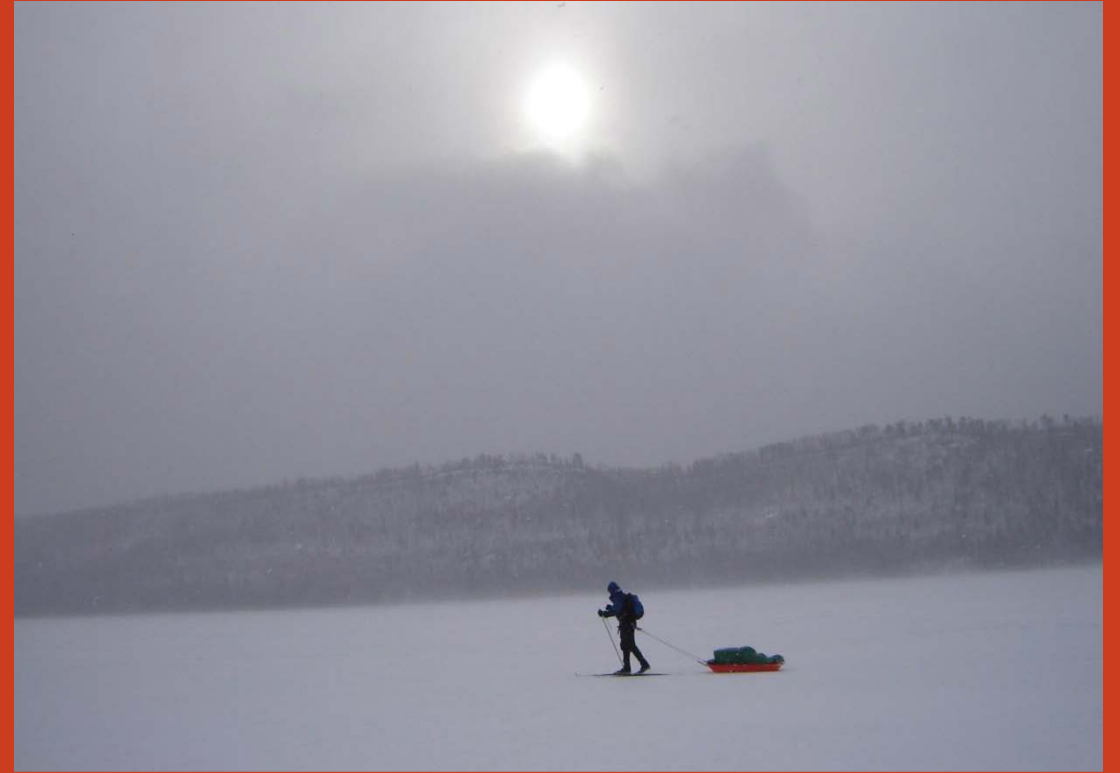
Oregon
Chapter
plugs its
Keep
Waldo Wild
campaign



Rio Grande
Chapter
celebrates at
the Albuquerque
conference



Oregon Chapter's 50 cheers for
Wilderness Art presentation



North Star winter outings



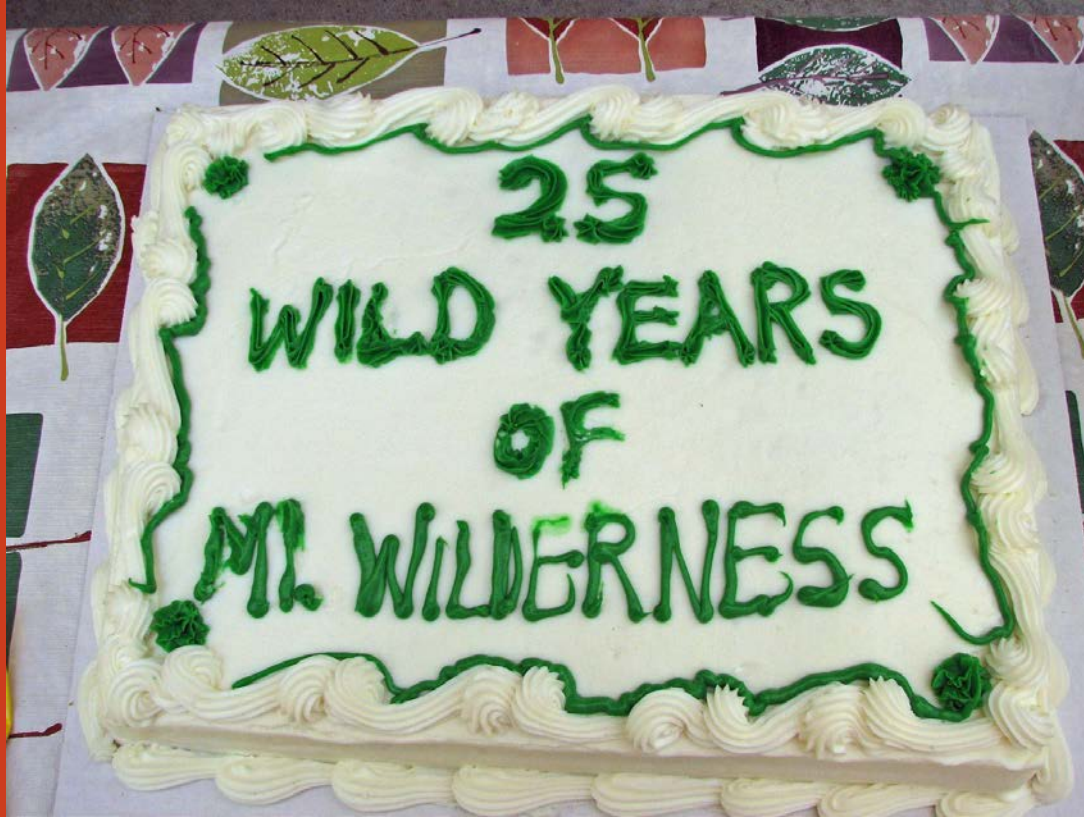
Wilderness in the Classroom



Florida
Chapter
outings may
involve
some water



High Peaks Wilderness in New York's "Forever Wild" Adirondacks



Michigan and Cumberland Chapters
celebrate with wilderness birthday cakes



Wyoming
Palisades WSA



Washakie
Wilderness



Loma Prieta
Chapter
fundraising event
attendees
Vicky Hoover
and Doug Scott



The Atlantic Chapter
on a Loch Muller
winter hike



Hawaii Service Outing



Toiyabe Chapter seeks to protect southern Nevada's Gold Butte area



Gaylord Nelson Wilderness in Wisconsin's Apostle Islands



Washington
State Chapter
hikes to the
Alpine Lakes
Wilderness



Welcome to Vermont



Iowa Outings - Neal Smith Refuge and Wildcat Den



John Muir Chapter celebrates wilderness
at Lake Superior



New Jersey Wilderness



North Carolina



Toiyabe Chapter
enjoys the Jarbidge
Wilderness



Dan Chu
joins
Pennsylvania
Chapter at
the Erie Art
Museum



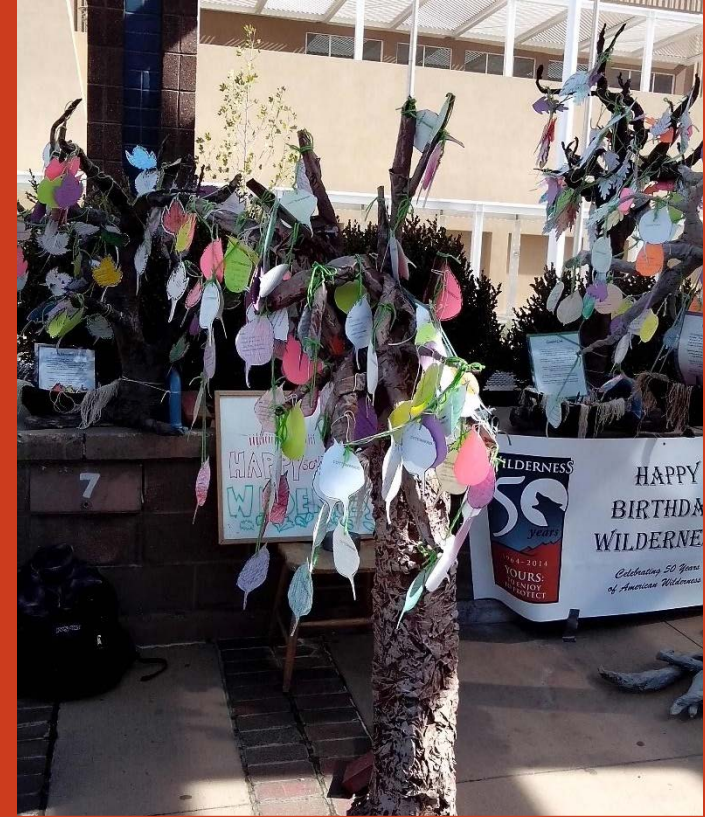
Angeles Chapter Earth Day wilderness celebrations



Alpine Lakes - Washington



Exploring Browns Canyon - Colorado



Creativity Forest –
Thanks to Vicky Regina Rio Grande Chapter



Tennessee
Chapter
campout in
Joyce Kilmer
Slickrock
Wilderness



Spring and Summer in Pennsylvania



Sunrise in Virginia



Minnesota's
North Star
Chapter
cheers Utah
wilderness



Mother Lode's Shasta Group joins
Wilderness Rendezvous in Northern
California



Georgia Chapter Ellicott Rock wilderness hike



Sierra Club
table at
Dahlonega,
Georgia
annual
Hemlock Fest



Georgia Wilderness
and proposed
wilderness map



Broward
County
swamp walk,
Florida



Noisy Diobsud Wilderness hike in Washington State



Maryland –
Note historic Mason-Dixon Line marker



Niobrara River outing in Nebraska



Wambaw Creek Wilderness in South Carolina



Water testing on Big Sioux River,
South Dakota, and a break on the trail



Grand Canyon Chapter Outing to Arizona's Pusch Ridge Wilderness



ICO Wilderness Training in Arizona



Idaho Chapter Wilderness Leaders Forum



Idaho Chapter
hosts Mike Brune
and family on a
wilderness hike,
June 2014



Maine Chapter Lobster Lake canoe trip



Maine Chapter
Sears Island
outing



Missouri
Chapter
traveling
wilderness
photography
show



Photo exhibit
from Missouri's
eight
wilderness
areas



San Francisco
Bay Chapter's
library
wilderness
display



Wilderness
display in
Berkeley, Ca.,
public library



San Geronio
Chapter tabling at
Pacific Crest Trail



Los Padres Chapter
birthday gala



Florida Chapter
wild outing



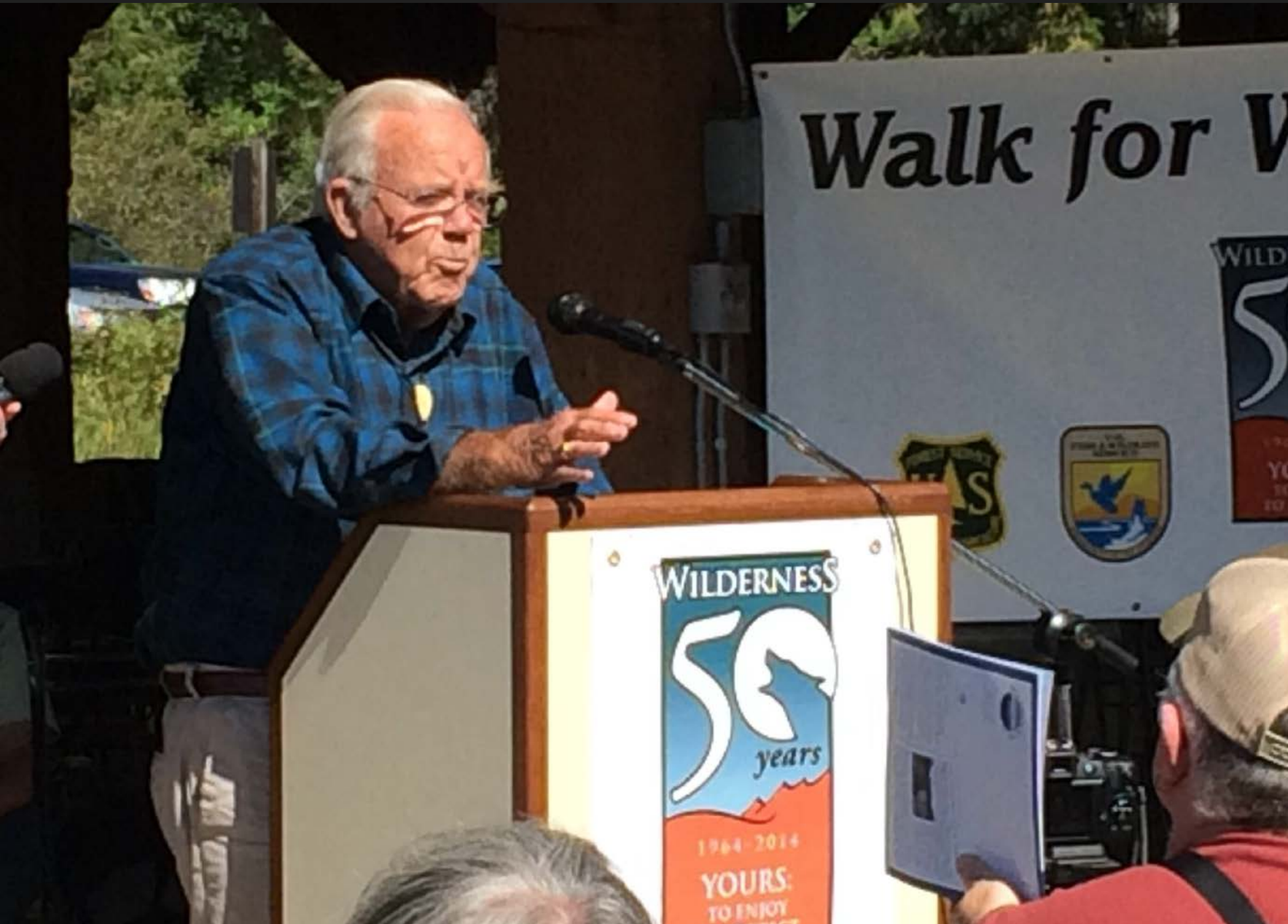
Suwannee River
in Florida



Massachusetts State Forest Reserve



Horn Island in Mississippi's Gulf Islands Wilderness



Stewart
Brandborg
celebrates
wilderness
history in
Montana



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Montana
goes wild
with films



Ohio
Chapter
wild
volunteers

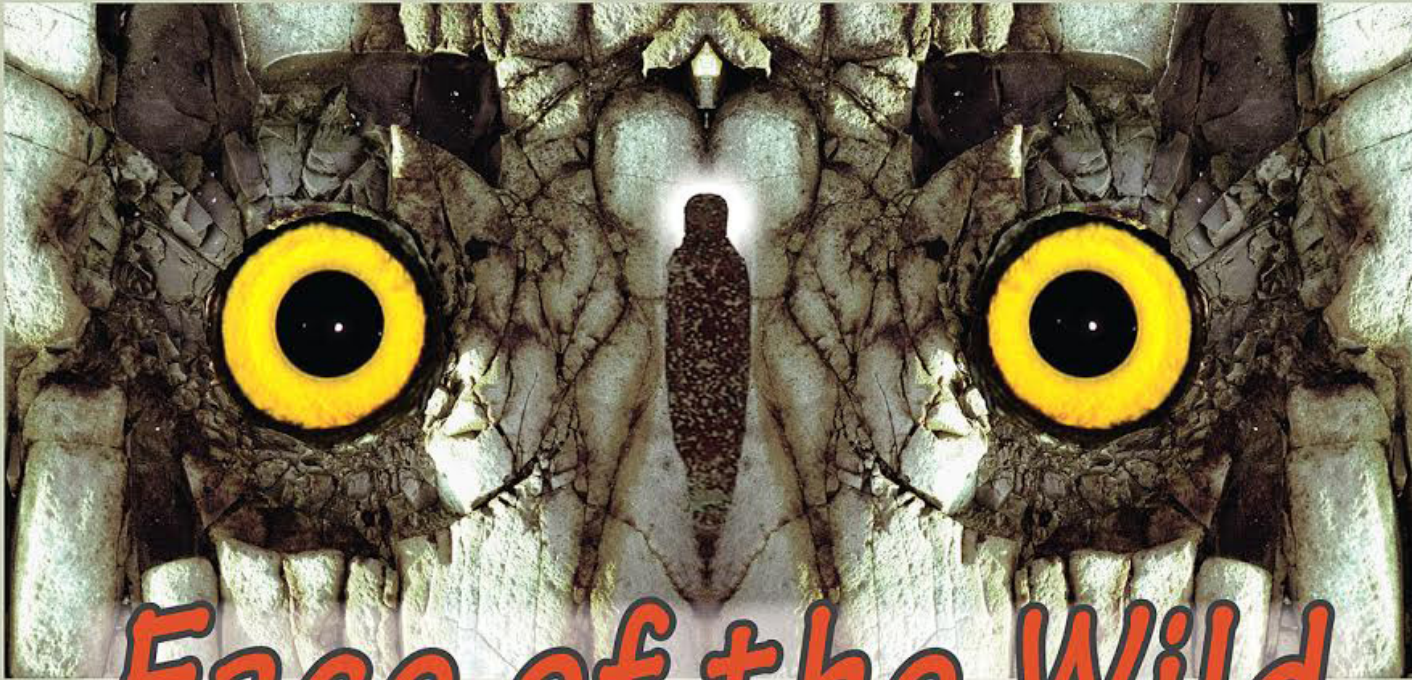


Ohio
Chapter
enjoys
sunrise in
the wilds



Redwood Chapter
accepts honorary
proclamation from
Sonoma County

Sierra Club Santa Lucia Chapter Annual Fundraiser



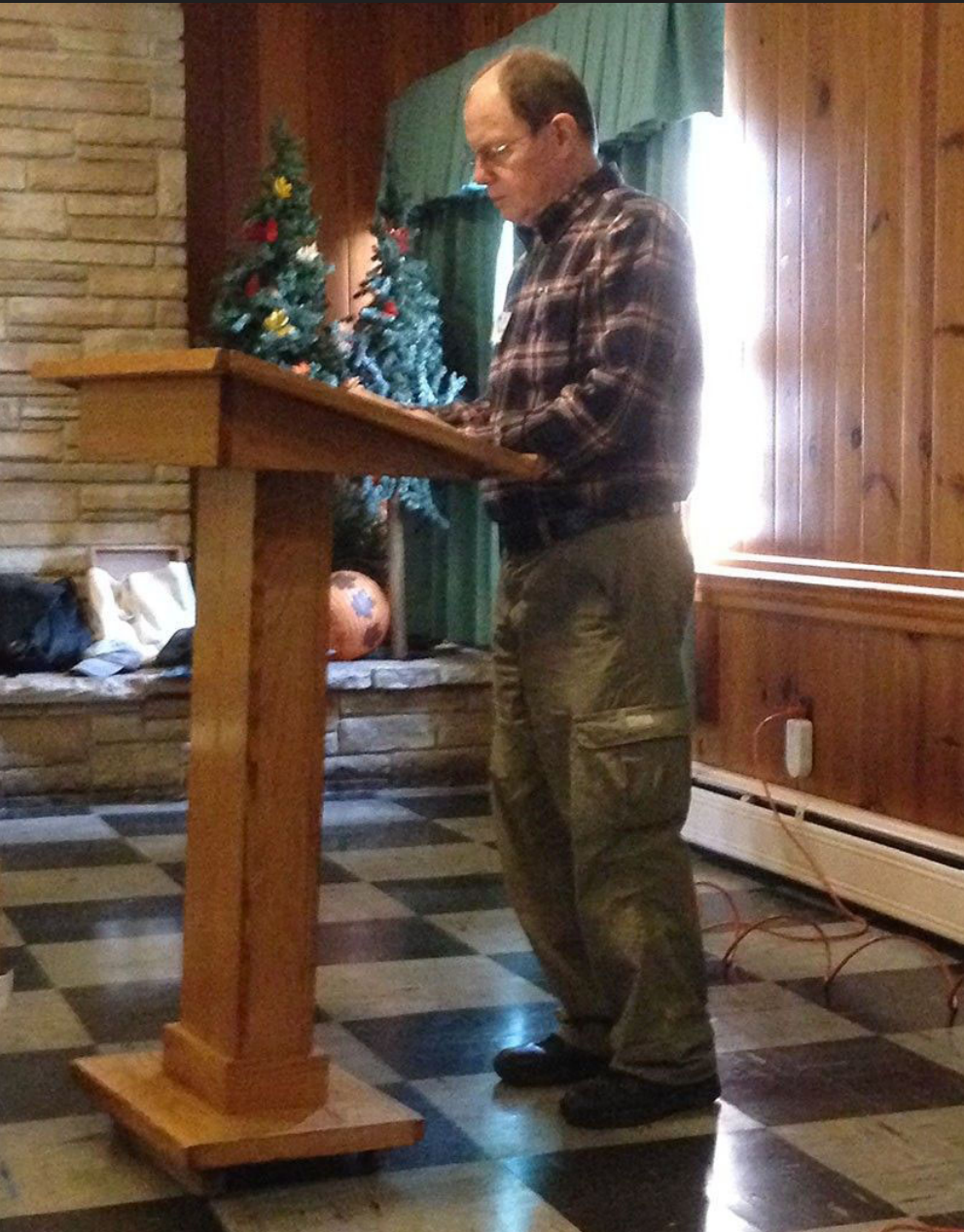
Face of the Wild

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act on August 3

Santa Lucia
Chapter
fundraiser
promo



Utah photo exhibit



West Virginia Chapter hosts
Ed Zahniser on Wilderness
Act history



West Virginia
Chapter overlooks
Lindy Point



Wilderness 50
coordinator
Vicky Hoover.

Thank you, Vicky!