



Wildlands

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North America was once a vast, breathtaking expanse of unbroken wilderness. Today we're left with only remnants of that wild America, and the future of those remaining wildlands is not always secure. The Sierra Clubs Wildlands Campaign is committed to protecting more of our wildlands and preserving the solitude, clean water, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities they provide.

Although the number of threats to our wildlands has increased dramatically in the last 100 years, the process by which they can be protected and preserved is straightforward enough. There are three steps:

Preservation — designating lands as permanently protected parks, refuges and wilderness.

Acquisition — buying threatened land to protect it for future generations.

Restoration — planning the rebuilding and recovery of healthy natural systems.

Six Treasures Worth Saving

The Sierra Club has identified six natural treasures that are each still large

THE GOOD NEWS

Although America is still losing wildlands at an alarming rate, it's not too late to protect some of the nation's greatest natural treasures. That's why the Sierra Club is calling for our nation to protect, acquire, and restore an additional 100 million acres of wildlands by 2006, beginning with the six incomparable natural wonders listed above.

enough and wild enough to house wildlife icons such as grizzly bear, wolf, and salmon. Together, they are prime examples of what could be lost and what must be saved:

Wild Alaska. The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska is home to polar bears, musk oxen, and caribou, but the oil industry wants to drill in the sensitive coastal plain of the refuge. The Tongass and the Chugach National Forests of southeast Alaska, the largest remaining temperate rainforests on Earth, are threatened by the ravages of industrial clearcut-logging practices.

The Northern Rockies and its grizzly bears are threatened by oil and gas drilling and timber and mining operations. **The Maine Woods** and its 60,000 miles of lakes and rivers are threatened by commercial logging and development. **The Everglades** are home to wading birds, alligators, and the rare Florida panther - have been drained and are on the brink of collapse, a victim of overdevelopment, pollution, and agribusiness.

The Utah Wilderness is a fragile desert landscape carved over time into unique redrock canyons - is a prime target for

How YOU can make a difference

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Get involved with your local Sierra Club group or chapter. The Club's effectiveness has roots in its volunteer power. Write letters to the editor, speak at public meetings and talk to the media. These campaigns rely on volunteer time and energy.

Additional resources: You can find out more about the Sierra Club's Wildlands campaign on the Web: www.sierraclub.org/wildlands/

The Sierra Club's Wildlands campaign is supported and implemented by the more than 700,000 Sierra Club members in Chapters and Groups across America.

corporate mining, oil and gas drilling, and livestock operations.

The Sierra Nevada and Sequoia National Forest give life to rich, complex habitats teeming with animals and boasting giant sequoias thousands of years old, but these forests are threatened by commercial logging and off-road vehicles.