



Wilderness:

- Wilderness is a Congressionally designated area
- One Acre in Five is designated Wilderness in the Northern Region
- More than 40% of the Gallatin's 1.8 million acres has been preserved in two congressionally designated wilderness areas.
- The Gallatin contains more than half of the Lee Metcalf and Absaroka- Beartooth Wildernesses.
- Wilderness of the Gallatin National Forest is a distinct and treasured resource, whose value to the Nation grows with each decade.
- The Gallatin National Forest employees value the Wilderness resource, understand their responsibilities to it and are accountable for its stewardship.
- The Gallatin National Forest actively seeks public participation and involvement in Wilderness stewardship and fosters a responsible land ethic.

Wilderness Act:

- "Wilderness...For the good of the whole people, and for other purposes"- The Wilderness Act, 1964.
- Wilderness is "where man is a visitor who does not remain"-The Wilderness Act of 1964.
- "Retaining its primeval character and influence, without permanent improvements or human habitation"- The Wilderness Act of 1964.
- Wilderness "generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable;"-The Wilderness Act of 1964.

- Wilderness” may also contain ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical value.”-The Wilderness Act of 1964
- Wilderness “has outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation;”- The Wilderness Act of 1964.

Wilderness Values:

- Wilderness provides us with the opportunity to step back and let natural forces take the dominant role.
- Wilderness has long been revered as a setting for spiritual renewal.
- Wilderness has value to science and to the perpetuation of a healthy planet.
- Wilderness water and air are important strongholds for a healthy planet.
- Cultural and historical artifacts are part of the Wilderness resource
- Wilderness education is critical to Wilderness preservation
- Wilderness, not just for ourselves, but for future generations.
- Wilderness Trails are pathways to primitive recreation, solitude and spiritual renewal.
- Wilderness is a living laboratory that plays a significant role in ecosystem health
- Wilderness is where natural processes take place
- Wilderness provides a place for individuals to connect with the landscape without mechanized and/or motorized equipment and experience primitive recreation.
- Wilderness provides challenging opportunities for discovery, solitude, and self-reliance

