

Resolution #7
Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs

SUPPORT BLM WILD LANDS SURVEY

Submitted by: Friends of Nevada Wilderness and Toiyabe Chapter, Sierra Club

Background: Early in 2011 Secretary of Interior Salazar issued a Directive to all Bureau of Land Management districts to survey lands having wilderness characteristics as described in the 1964 Wilderness Act, but not yet classified as Wilderness Study Areas, and to include consideration such lands for wilderness protection in BLM's Resource Management Plan Revisions. However, Secretary of Interior Salazar was forced to withdraw his directive after the House of Representatives cut off funding for the program.

Presently, many BLM districts are attempting to identify these wild lands with citizen help as they prepare for their RMPs. In Nevada, for example, private lands that have outstanding wilderness characteristics have been purchased through the use of special funds need to be managed for their wilderness values in accord with the Wilderness Act.

Resolution: The Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs strongly supports the BLM Wild Lands survey.

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