

The University of Georgia
USDA Forest Service

To: Wilderness Values Assessment Project Participants

From: Workshop Steering Committee

Re: Wilderness Values Workshop, April 23-24, Athens, GA

We are looking forward to your participation in the wilderness values workshop in Athens, GA, April 23-24. The current agenda for the meeting is enclosed.

This workshop is part of an ongoing wilderness values assessment effort cosponsored by the US Forest Service, US Bureau of Land Management, The Pew Wilderness Center and The Wilderness Society. The overall goal and purpose of this effort is to inventory and assess what we currently know about the values to Americans of the National Wilderness Preservation system in the United States.

With the overall goal of the wilderness values assessment in mind, the fundamental question that will be addressed at the workshop is: **"What are the multiple values held by and benefits accruing to Americans from the National Wilderness Preservation System in the United States?"** The National Wilderness Preservation System includes designated wilderness areas and the policies and regulations for managing these wilderness areas stated in current federal legislation.

In order to address the above fundamental question, a multidisciplinary approach is proposed with the major subject areas or measurement accounts being social, economic, ecologic and ethical. These subject areas or accounts are derived from the wilderness values framework developed at the National Wilderness Values Workshop held in Washington, D.C., July, 2000. A figure entitled "An Organizing Framework for Wilderness Values" summarizing this framework is enclosed. A more detailed discussion of this framework is provided in the enclosed paper by the same title.

Another primary purpose of the workshop is to lay the foundation for subsequent wilderness values assessment products. A primary planned product of the workshop is an edited book assessing wilderness values from the multidisciplinary perspectives noted above. The general format of the book would follow the outline suggested by the workshop agenda with separate chapters written by subject area teams addressing social, economic, ecologic and ethical values of wilderness. Subject area team leaders and proposed team member to date are enclosed.

At the April 23-24 workshop and in subsequent chapters of the wilderness values assessment book, we propose that each subject area team address the following questions:

1. In your subject area or account, what is the conceptual and empirical scope of wilderness values of relevance to the fundamental assessment question?
2. In your subject area or account, how can wilderness values of relevance to the fundamental assessment question be measured?
3. In your subject area or account, what data currently exist on wilderness value measures of relevance to the fundamental assessment question?
4. In your subject area or account, what gaps in knowledge about wilderness values relevant to the fundamental assessment question need to be filled?
5. In your subject area or account, how do you suggest that gaps in knowledge about wilderness values of relevance to the fundamental assessment question be filled for inclusion in the wilderness values assessment book, or relegated to future research beyond the book?

With respect to the April 23-24 workshop and the subsequent edited book, we suggest that following roles for participants and expected contributions:

1. With the coordination of the team leader, each subject area team member should contribute to developing a 15-minute overview of initial responses to the five subject area questions above to be presented at the workshop at the beginning of subject area sessions.
2. Because each person is being invited because of their background, interest and expertise in wilderness values, each person should be an engaged workshop participant and discussant throughout all workshop sessions (e.g., not just in their subject area session).
3. Each team member should actively participate in their subject area break-out session on the second day of the workshop with the goal of developing more detailed responses to the five subject area questions above which will be presented to the entire group after lunch at the end of the workshop.
4. With the coordination of the team leader, each subject area team member should contribute to the planning and writing of subject area chapters to be included in the wilderness values assessment book.

We are excited about the upcoming workshop and look forward to stimulating and productive interaction that will help us progress towards the overall goal and purpose of inventorying and assessing what we currently know about the values to Americans of the National Wilderness Preservation System in the United States.

The Multiple Values of Wilderness

Subject Areas and Subject Area Teams

A. Social Values (overall coordinator: Mike Tarrant)

Mike Tarrant (team leader)
Rudy Schuster
Alan Watson

B. Economic Values (overall coordinator: Mike Bowker)

1. Net Economic Values

Mike Bowker (team leader)
John Bergstrom
Ken Cordell

2. Regional Economic Impacts and Development

Don English (team leader)
Randy Rosenberger
Karen Abt

C. Ecological Health and Biodiversity Values (overall coordinator: TBD)

1. Life Support System Values

Team leader (TBD)

2. Intrinsic Values

Sandra Gudmundsen (team leader)

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April 23-24

Holiday Inn Express, Athens, GA

Revised Preliminary Meeting Agenda

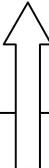
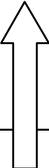
APRIL 23

- 1:45-2:00 pm** **Registration**
- 2:00-2:15 pm** **Introduction to Workshop and Overview of Wilderness Values
Assessment Purpose, Objectives and Approach**
Ken Cordell (Project PI and Workshop Moderator)
- 2:15-2:45 pm** **“Organizing Framework for Wilderness Values.”**
John Bergstrom, Mike Bowker, Ken Cordell
- 2:45-3:00 pm** **--Break--**
- 3:00-4:30 pm** **“Social Values”**
Mike Tarrant, Rudy Schuster, Alan Watson
- 4:30-6:00 pm** **“Ecological Health and Biodiversity Values”
Life Support System**
TBD
Intrinsic Value
Sandra Gudmundsen

APRIL 24

- 8:00-8:30 am** **Thoughts and discussion on the previous day.**
Pete Morton, Doug Scott
- 8:30-10:00 am** **“Economic Values”**
8:30-9:15 am **Net Economic Values**
Mike Bowker, John Bergstrom, Ken Cordell
- 9:15-10:00 am** **Regional Economic Impacts and Development**
Don English, Randy Rosenberger
- 10:00-10:15 am** **Break**
- 10:15-11:45 am** **Disciplinary Team Break-Out Sessions**
- 11:45 am -12:30 pm** **-- Working Lunch—**
- 12:30-2:00 pm** **Team Reports, Wrap-up and Next Steps**
Ken Cordell (facilitator and moderator)

Table 1. An Organizing Framework for Wilderness Values

Basic Functional Connections	Measurement Accounts or Categories	Specific Types of Measures or Indicators
<p style="text-align: center;">Wilderness Values</p> 	Social	Psychological Value Sociological Value Anthropological Value
	Economic	Active Use Value Passive Use Value Economic Impacts
	Ecologic	Human Life Support Value Animal and Plant Life Support
	Ethical	Instrumental Value Intrinsic Value
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wilderness Services</u></p> 	Animal and Plant Habitat	
	Carbon Sequestration	
	Subsistence Living	
	Cultural Preservation	
	Historic Preservation	
	Scientific Discovery	
	Educational Development	
	Personal Physical Health and Growth	
	Personal Emotional Health and Growth	
	Personal Spiritual Health and Growth	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wilderness Functions</u></p> 	Preservation of Natural and Wild Places	
	Recreational and Experiential Setting	
	Ecosystem and Biodiversity Preserve	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wilderness Attributes</u></p> 	Geographic	
	Geologic	
	Hydrologic	
	Atmospheric	
	Biologic	
	Naturalness	
	Wildness Constructed	