



Wilderness Adoption Worksheet

Thank you for volunteering to adopt a proposed wilderness area!

As you visit your area, the questions below may help you to experience the area fully and, in turn, provide information that can help our efforts to see it officially designated as Wilderness. Please feel free to answer as many of the questions as you wish; these are suggestions, not requirements. We encourage you to use your imagination and make a note of both facts and feelings as you enjoy your adopted area.

Your name _____

Your phone number & email _____

Name of your adopted wilderness area _____

Date & time of visit _____

1. How did you experience the area (hiking, backpacking, camping, viewing from a distance, snowshoeing, bird watching, etc.) and what was your first impression of the area? _____

2. What did you hear? Any nature sounds—birds or other animals, wind, water? _____

Any “human” sounds—car or air traffic, logging operations, ATV use? _____

3. What did you see? _____

4. If you went in the evening or camped out, what did the night sky look like? Any stars? Any bright city lights? _____

5. Did you see any other people, or evidence of people? _____

6. Did you feel a comfortable solitude where you can enjoy nature, or is there a city/town too nearby? _____

7. Describe how primitive or wilderness-like your experience was, including feelings of challenge, freedom, solitude, or a sense of wildness. _____

8. Use this space to write a personal description of or story about your experience. Be creative or poetic if you want—you can even write a poem, short story, or make a sketch about something you see or feel:

9. Please take photos while you are there and return them with this worksheet! We would love to see them and possibly add them to our website, Facebook page, or use them in our newsletter.

10. Do you have a Facebook account? Yes / No

Please post your experiences on your account and we will connect with you from the Columbia Highlands Wilderness Facebook page.

11. May we contact you for more information or for an interview about your visit? Yes / No

May we use any photos or descriptions you submit on our web site or newsletter? Yes / No

Please return information about your wilderness area as soon as possible.

Information can be sent via email to crystal@conservationnw.org, in person or via mail to our office at:

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Questions? Please contact Crystal at (509) 747-1663 or crystal@conservationnw.org

We look forward to learning about your wilderness experiences!