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## **Caribou-Targhee Celebrates 40 Years of Wilderness**

“If future generations are to remember us with gratitude rather than contempt, we must leave them with more than the miracles of technology. We must leave them a glimpse of the world as it was in the beginning, not just after we got through with it.”

*President Lyndon B. Johnson*

When President Johnson signed the Wilderness Act on September 3, 1964, the Act had gone through 65 rewrites and 18 public hearings. With a near unanimous vote, Congress passed the landmark legislation known as the Wilderness Act of 1964. The Act establishes the National Wilderness Preservation System to “...secure for the American people of present and future generations the benefits of an enduring resource of wilderness.”

The Caribou-Targhee National Forest is responsible for managing the Jedediah Smith Wilderness on the west slope of the Tetons, the Winegar Hole Wilderness, on the southwest corner of Yellowstone National Park and portions of the Palisades Wilderness Study Area east of Swan Valley. All three areas were designated by the Wyoming Wilderness Act of 1984, legislation that was championed by Wyoming Congressman Dick Cheney.

The Caribou-Targhee National Forest has chosen to celebrate Wilderness by sponsoring a photo contest. Everyone, amateurs and professionals alike, are invited to submit high quality, matted 8 x 10 prints to be displayed at the East Idaho State Fair. Photos will be judged in four categories: People and Wilderness, Wilderness Character, Historic Photos and Scrapbook Your Wilderness Experience. Visitors to the Forest Service booth will have an opportunity to cast their vote to help select the winning entries. Top photos will

be displayed at the Idaho Falls Visitor Center, Grand Targhee Resort and other venues and media articles. All participants will receive a commemorative lapel pin and Certificate of Appreciation.

Today, more than 12 million people visit the 663 wilderness areas in the United States each year. Approximately 105,400,000 acres of Bureau of Land Management (6%), Fish & Wildlife Service (20%), Forest Service (33%) and National Park Service (41%) is managed for the *“use and enjoyment of the American people in such a manner as will leave them unimpaired for future use and enjoyment as wilderness.”*

For more information and an entry form, visit [www.fs.fed.us/r4/caribou-targhee](http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/caribou-targhee) or contact Megan Bogle, USDA Forest Service, Teton Basin Ranger District, Box 777, Driggs, ID 83422 208/354-2312 or [mbogle@fs.fed.us](mailto:mbogle@fs.fed.us). HURRY! Deadline August 31, 2004.