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Wilderness Society

There are many organizations in many parts of the world. These many organizations have many purposes. One of those purposes is to protect the earth. Earth Day is April 22. There is one specific society that I chose to focus on. This is the Wilderness Society. In the following paragraphs, I will tell of this organization's goals, their history, and the wonderful experts and volunteers who help to build up, not tear down, this planet we call Earth.

The Wilderness Society does all it can to save, protect and restore America's wilderness areas. Their goal is to ensure that future generations will enjoy the outdoors. They should enjoy clean air and water, wildlife, beauty, and opportunities for recreation and renewal that forests, rivers, deserts and mountains provide. The Wilderness Society protects the Arctic Wildlife Refuge from oil and gas drilling. It also tries to stop logging and road building on 58 million acres of roadless lands.

The third thing it does is it stops off-road vehicle users from driving in the wild. The last thing the Wilderness Society does is it protects America's wildernesses in Alaska and the 48 continental states from extensive oil development. Since 1935, this organization has helped protect more than 105 million acres of America's wildernesses. The Wilderness Society is made up entirely of experts and volunteers. You can help by becoming well informed. Or you can even join the organization yourself.

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identify, inventory and protect America's most fragile wild places. The Wilderness Society helped to pass the Wilderness Act of 1964. Their former president, Howard Zahniser, wrote the Act.

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