

8th WORLD
WILDERNESS CONGRESS
30 SEPTEMBER - 6 OCTOBER 2005 ANCHORAGE, ALASKA



- RESOLUTION #:** 1
- TITLE:** Wilderness And Water: A Basic Human Right
- WHEREAS:** Wilderness areas are critical to the survival of life on earth as the sources of our purest waters;
- The waters that originate from the world's wildernesses are vital to the peoples of the countries through which such waters flow;
- The quantity, quality, and seasonality of many water sources in wilderness areas are critically threatened.
- THEREFORE:** The participants of the 8th World Wilderness Congress:
- Urge the United Nations to recognize and accept the existence and protection of wilderness areas and the water within and immediately adjacent to them as a basic human right; and
- Urge that the United Nations works with the governments of the countries of the world to incorporate wilderness protection as a basic human right in their respective national constitutions.
- RESOLVED:** That the 8th World Wilderness Congress:
- Urges the United Nations to recognize the existence and protection of wilderness areas and the water within and immediately adjacent to them across the world as a basic human right;
- Urges governments with *de facto* wilderness areas, which supply water resources, to protect these areas as *de jure* wilderness; and
- Urges national governments to cooperate and act decisively to ensure sufficient water flows within and adjacent to wilderness to sustain basic human rights and wilderness environments across international borders.
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