



To: Randy Moore, Forest Service Chief;
Christopher French, Forest Service Deputy Chief;
Christopher Swanston, Forest Service Climate Advisor and acting director of the Office of Sustainability and Climate

We, the undersigned, call on the Forest Service to take action to protect fens across our National Forest lands. We ask that the Forest Service adopt new federal regulations to define “fen” by rule, and to prohibit damaging or destroying any wetland classified as a fen under that definition. We specifically request that the Forest Service adopt the regulatory language recommended in WildEarth Guardians and Wilderness Workshop’s formal [APA petition](#) submitted to the Forest Service on October 23, 2023.

Fens are irreplaceable, ancient wetlands that support threatened and endangered wildlife species and contribute to the ecological health and resilience of our National Forests. Fens also play a key role in climate resilience as major carbon sinks. Protecting these delicate ecosystems is more important now than ever in the face of staggering biodiversity losses and the climate crisis. We ask for your leadership in securing the long-term health of our public lands and preserving these unique wetlands for future generations.