

WHAT TO EXPECT IN WILDERNESS

1. mechanized machinery cannot operate in wilderness areas, however some wilderness areas have “grandfathered” buildings or operations, such as Opal Creek with its mining operation.
2. motorized vehicles cannot travel through wilderness however, some wilderness areas have been given exemptions for managing agencies to use mechanized and motorized access to deal with invasive species.
3. hunting and fishing, skiing, hiking and snow-shoeing are allowed
4. camping is allowed
5. certain wilderness areas have roads “cherry-stemmed” out of them, making for motorized access to the interior.
6. cell towers are located within some wilderness areas, having an exemption or waiver as a grandfathered condition.
7. prescribed burns have been implemented in some wilderness.
8. fighting fires in some wilderness areas has been granted.
9. logging, mining, road building, is not allowed.
10. grazing livestock is sometimes allowed.
11. installing “guzzlers” and supplying water troughs for wildlife
12. does not usually include areas with power lines, but exemptions have occurred as grandfathered installations .
13. no wheeled mode of transport may be used, nor mechanical devise, yet in some wilderness areas, due to invasive species control, some mechanical implements have been given permission by the managing agency.

14. when hiking into wilderness areas one can expect to experience re-connection with the self and something greater than the self. A serenity, a re-creation of self, a spiritual renewal. The human spirit needs places where nature has not been rearranged by the hand of man.