

John F. Kennedy, Rachel Carson, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, and the Great Environmental Awakening

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It is time for us to kiss the earth.

 Robinson Jeffers, "Return" from The Selected Poetry of Robinson Jeffers (1938)

Numerous first-rate US environmental and presidential history books have fueled my *Silent Spring Revolution* endeavor. The Weyerhaeuser Environmental Books series at the University of Washington Press, under the general editorship of William Cronon, is a phenomenal academic enterprise from which I profited. Many of these first-rate Weyerhaeuser titles can easily be discovered in my notes and in the selected bibliography. Rachel Carson has attracted a slew of fine biographers. Linda Lear, William Souder, Arlene Quaratiello, Robert K. Musil, Paul Brooks, Carol B. Gartner, Nancy Koehn, and Mark Hamilton Lytle blazed my trail. Diana Post and Cliff Hall allowed me the privilege of lingering for an afternoon at Carson's home on Berwick Road in Silver Spring, Maryland, where she wrote *Silent Spring* from 1958 to 1962 on a desk that is still there. Thanks, too, to Carson's nephew Roger Christie and his wife, Wendy Sisson, who caretake Carson's Southport, Maine, cottage with consummate attention.

The Rachel Carson Papers, housed at Yale University's Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, provide scholars access to manuscripts, notebooks, letters, newspaper clippings, photos, and other material relating to Carson's research and publications. The majority of the collection's material was a bequest to Yale University in 1965, with later additions gifted by Houghton Mifflin Company in 1968, Marie Rodell (Carson's literary agent) in 1973, and Lois Darling in 1983.

Also of importance is the Linda Lear Center for Special Collections and Archives at Connecticut College, which holds the Lear/Carson Collection. This depository consists of archival materials Lear gathered for her biography *Rachel Carson: Witness for Nature* (1994) and the edited anthology *Lost Woods* (1999) as well as personal papers given to Lear by Carson's colleagues and friends. Additionally, the Dorothy Freeman Collection, consisting of letters between Carson and Freeman, is housed at the Ladd Library at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. This openhearted correspondence has been ably edited by Martha Freeman into *Always, Rachel: The Letters of Rachel Carson and Dorothy Freeman, 1952–1964* (1994).

The Rachel Carson Council in Washington, DC, as envisioned by Rachel Carson, was founded in 1965, after her death, to carry on her environmental work. Directed by Dr. Robert K. Musil, the RCC advocates for climate justice on Capitol Hill and is backed by a national network of more than sixty colleges, with thousands of activists. More than thirty outstanding young environmental leaders serve as RCC fellows, receiving financial support and mentoring as they work from campuses nationwide on campaigns for fossil fuel divestment, renewable energy, food insecurity, and environmental justice. Musil—deeply knowledgeable about all aspects of Carson's life and the anti-nuclear movement—graciously proofread a final draft of this manuscript.

The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston, Massachusetts, holds a treasure trove of New Frontier conservation materials related to JFK (including his establishment of National Seashores and his 1962–63 conservation tours to the American West). Boxes of correspondence in the White House Subject Files were particularly helpful, especially the "Natural Resources" boxes 641 through 651. For JFK on the 1960 campaign trail, box 1031 (conservation speeches) proved vital. At the library, I received assistance at various times from Alan Price, Tom Putnam, Stacey Chandler, and Karen Alder Anderson. The JFK Library Oral Histories are pure historical gold. My longtime John F. Kennedy Foundation friends Rachel Day Flor and Elizabeth Murphy have supported this book from its conception, always pointing me in the right direction.

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Before his death in 2009, I toured Cape Cod with Senator Ted Kennedy to discuss his family's longtime interest in protecting treasured seashores. To my astonishment, he had memorized passages of Thoreau's "Walking." His wife, Victoria Reggie Kennedy, now US ambassador to Austria, has done a wonderful job creating the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate. In recent years, I have sailed with Ted Jr. and Kiki Kennedy, Patrick and Amy Kennedy, Chris and Sheila Kennedy, and Joe and Lauren Kennedy in Hyannis Port. Jean Kennedy Smith, JFK's brilliant sister, was generous, recalling Henry Beston, the Outer Cape dunes, and the Atlantic milieu growing up. Before she died in 2020, she allowed me to crash at her New York City home so that I wouldn't waste money on a hotel room. Her son Stephen Kennedy Smith was my coauthor for *JFK: A Vision for America* to celebrate our thirty-fifth president's one hundredth birthday. Stephen's hospitality and kindness toward me are boundless. US Ambassador Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg, from her post in Australia, has likewise extended numerous courtesies to me.

Residing in Austin, Texas, has simplified my ability to study the extraordinary lives of Lyndon and Lady Bird Johnson. My family regularly hikes along the Pedernales River at the Reimers Ranch in Bee Cave, Texas, where thoughts of Mr. Johnson's propulsive ambition are often present in my mind. Liz Carpenter, who passed away in 2010, and her delightful daughter, Christy Carpenter (and husband Harvey Alan Levin), proved to be storehouses of Johnson family lore. Thomas Smith's biography *Stewart L. Udall: Steward of the Land* (2017) was indispensable to understanding the minutiae of Johnon's conservation world. Mark Winkleman has become the intellectual guru of the Austin book scene and has introduced me to many LBJ-relevant people over the years. I treasure him.

Often at dusk I jog in Austin's Zilker Park, Lady Bird's exquisite urban beautification triumph. Lynda Johnson Robb and Luci Baines Johnson, the president's delightful daughters, have enlightened me about their family's passion for the natural world at numerous dinners over the years. Luci and her husband, Ian Turpin, work diligently to help St. Edward's University in Austin become a higher-learning school of academic excellence. At the Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library and Museum, the White House Center Files and first-rate oral history transcripts were very useful. In the LBJ–Lady Bird world, special thanks go to Mark Updegrove, Larry Temple, Claudia Anderson, Joe Califano, Chris Banks, Jennifer Cuddleback, Kathryn Hillhouse, Mark Lawrence, and chief archivist Jenna De Graffenried. Sharon Francis, a personal assistant to both Lady Bird Johnson and Stewart Udall, shared her unpublished memoir and hosted the Brinkley family at her Charlestown, New Hampshire, farm.

In central Texas, about fifty miles west of Austin, is the Lyndon B.

Johnson National Historical Park. During LBJ's presidency, the Ranch was known by the press as the "Texas White House." The federal park was authorized on December 2, 1969, by President Richard Nixon. Thanks to superintendent Justin Bates for running this bucolic "living history" site so well. I urge visitors to Austin to visit the LBJ Ranch (worth the drive) and the University of Texas's Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center.

I was lucky to interview many key Nixon-era figures profiled in this book. The indomitable Russell Train and kindhearted Nathaniel Reed were generous with their trench-warfare wisdom; both are now deceased. I greatly profited from J. Brooks Flippen's excellent *Nixon and the Environment* (2000) and authoritative *Conservative Conservationist: Russell E. Train and the Emergence of American Environmentalism* (2006).

Former EPA Administrator William Ruckelshaus—the eagle-eyed Indiana lawyer who oversaw the enactment of the Clean Air Act of 1970, and of the DDT ban of 1972—was a constant source of encouragement. Ruckelshaus consolidated a disparate set of environmental programs into a single federal agency: the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Fact: Ruckelshaus was one of the most able public servants in American history. In 2008, he asked me to conduct an oral history for the University of Washington–Seattle and Washington State University–Pullman (joint endeavor) of his entire life after enthusiastically reading my book *The Wilderness Warrior*. The loving hospitality of Bill and his wife, Jane, at their home in Medina, Washington, is forever ingrained in me. It was through Bill that I was introduced to hiking in Seattle's forest-rich Discovery Park, a Nixon-era urban playground. His death in 2019 devastated me. I wish he had been alive to proofread *Silent Spring Revolution*.

I was adopted as an auxiliary member of the Seattle conservation community's intelligentsia by Tom and Sonya Campion. Joel Connelly, the great environmental journalist of the Pacific Northwest, educated me about the North Cascades National Park battle and six Washington wilderness fights. And Doug Scott, a leading expert on the Wilderness Act, regaled me with background stories about the Long Sixties conservation zeitgeist. The University Archives at the University of Washington– Seattle houses the voluminous papers of both Henry M. Jackson and the North Cascades Conservation Council. And the William O. Douglas collection at the Yakima Valley Museum in Yakima, Washington, was likewise helpful. John Concillo, a Seattle film director, collaborated with me on *Liberty & Wilderness*, a documentary on Douglas's environmental activism. When in the Pacific Northwest I marvel that the threatened Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) swim through every major geographic zone of the Puget Sound area from urban Seattle/Tacoma/ Everett to agriculture-dominated rivers to lightly populated forests of the Olympic Peninsula. We must keep Washington State's streams flowing freely.

On the Richard Nixon front, I'm indebted to Ed Cox and Tricia Nixon Cox of New York City for helping me understand our thirty-seventh president's environmental policy motivations. Two of John Ehrlichman's children, Jan and Peter, couldn't have been kinder in sharing information about their father's deep connection to nature. Make no mistake about it: John Ehrlichman was one of the most significant environmentalists of the twentieth century, irrespective of his involvement with the Watergate nightmare.

At the Richard M. Nixon Presidential Library and Foundation, I was assisted by Jim Byron, whose knowledge of White House history is immense. Special thanks also to Frank Gannon, Mike Ellzey, Irwin Gellman, Jason Schultz, Ray Price, Ryan Pettigrew, and Dwight Chapin, all part of Nixonland. Professor Luke Nichter of Chapman University. who proofread chapters, knows more about Nixon than anybody alive. The H. R. Haldeman Diaries housed at the presidential library in Yorba Linda, California, are deeply illuminating on Nixon's shifting moods about environmental politics. The published version of The Haldeman Diaries: Inside the Nixon White House (New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1994), edited by Stephen E. Ambrose, unfortunately focuses primarily on Watergate and Vietnam. Luckily, for environmental history, the unexpurgated Haldeman diaries are now available to scholars in Yorba Linda. The Atomic Museum in Las Vegas, Nevada, helped me better comprehend the magnitude of the Nevada nuclear tests of the 1950s and 1960s.

Words cannot express how much my friendships with Paul Chavez (Cesar Chavez's son) and Marc Grossman (farm worker activist extraordinaire) have meant to this book. They run the Cesar Chavez Foundation in Keene, California. Their noble mission is to expand on Cesar and Helen Chavez's environmental justice work. Likewise, two civil rights icons—the late John Lewis and the indispensable Andy Young—helped me understand the linkage between Martin Luther King, Jr., and the environmental justice crusade as personified by the Chavez movement. Elisabeth Reuther (daughter of the UAW leader Walter Reuther) and Representative Debbie Dingell (D-Michigan, wife of the late John Dingell) helped me better grasp Michigan politics in the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s. Wayne State University in Detroit is the home of the vast Walter P. Reuther Library and Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs (including the Cesar Chavez and Walter P. Reuther papers). Today the UAW is known as the International Union United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America.

The Gaylord Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies at the University of Wisconsin–Madison houses a plethora of documentary evidence about its namesake, the visionary founder of Earth Day. The Frank Church Institute at Boise State University is the well-organized home of the Idaho conservationist's personal and public papers. Thanks in Boise to Gary V. Weinske, Bob Kustra, Marlene Tromp, Monica Church, and Peter Fenn. At the Minnesota Historical Center in Saint Paul, the voluminous Hubert Humphrey and Orville Freeman papers were invaluable.

When the Interior Department building was named after Stewart Udall on June 8, 2010, I was asked by then secretary of interior Ken Salazar (now US ambassador to Mexico) to deliver a celebratory eulogy at the historic ceremony. It was a great honor that enabled me to meet scores of Udall's friends and relatives. His son, former US senator Tom Udall of New Mexico, has kept his father's environmental legacy alive in the twenty-first century. Tom is now the US ambassador to New Zealand and Samoa. Stewart Udall's papers are housed at the University of Arizona Library, Special Collections, alongside the Edward Abbey and Ansel Adams collections.

As the presidential historian at the New-York Historical Society in New York City, I'm grateful to work with CEO and president Louise Mirrer. Thanks to other friends at NYHS, including Agnes Hsu-Tang, Dale Gregory, Alex Kassel, John Monsky, Susan F. Peck, Andrew H. Tisch, Russell Pennoyer, Robert Caro, Miner Warner, Nancy Newcomb, and the formidable Pam B. Schafler. This post offered me the opportunity to have informal talks with many surviving members of the New Frontier and Great Society. In Oyster Bay, New York, I benefited from conversations with Heather Johnson (executive director of Friends of the Bay) and Marie Salerno (founding president and CEO of National Parks of New York Harbor Conservancy and the Federal Hall National Memorial).

For years now, I've been on the advisory board of the James Madison Council at the Library of Congress, my favorite federal institution. For this project, the Manuscript Division was very gracious in facilitating my access to the essential William O. Douglas and Barry Commoner papers collections. Special thanks to my friends Sue Siegal and David M. Rubenstein for always backing my action.

My intrepid friend Tim Palmer is the dean of American Rivers

history. All of his books are golden. I was honored that he took time out from wilderness wanderings and rafting adventures to proofread various chapter drafts, saving me from the indignity of error. Because of the length of the book, I have refrained from asking anyone to proofread more than a few chapters. Other colleagues in the world of books who came to my aid include Walter Isaacson, Patricia Limerick, M. Margaret McKeown, Jane Mayer, Sara Dant, Char Miller, Doris Kearns Goodwin, Carl Hiaasen, William Souder, Michael Eric Dyson, and Beth Laski.

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On September 17, 2014, I was master of ceremonies for the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act celebration, held at the Mayflower Renaissance Hotel in Washington, DC. The event featured powerful addresses by Senator Harry Reid (D-Nevada), Secretary of Interior Sally Jewell, and John Podesta, who was then counselor to President Barack Obama, leading the White House's climate and conservation efforts. The John P. Saylor Wilderness Leadership Award was presented to Senator Martin Heinrich (D-New Mexico). Also that night, the Howard C. Zahniser Lifetime Achievement Award went to Tim Mahoney for his forty-year career defending the National Wilderness Preservation System. All of these leaders helped me better understand environmental politics from a Washington insider perspective.

I'm on the advisory board of the Barack Obama Presidency Oral History Project at Columbia University in New York. Owing to my interest in environmental history, I was tapped as the lead interviewer of Gina McCarthy, Christy Goldfuss, and other key climate change players of the Obama years. These long-form interviews provided me the opportunity to understand how NEPA, the Clean Air Act, and the EPA still anchor current environmental policy thinking. At Columbia, thanks to my advisory board colleagues, Lee C. Bollinger, Peter Bearman, Karida Brown, Jelani Cobb, Derek Chollet, Robert Dallek, Farah Jasmine Griffin, David Hollinger, Ira Katznelson, Kenneth Mack, Hannah Hankins, Helen Milner, Alondra Nelson, Michele Norris, Vicki Lynn Ruiz, Theda Skocpol, and Keith Wailoo.

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In the spring of 2022, the Eugene McCarthy Center at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota, invited me to lecture around Earth Day. The center's then president, Jim Mullen, and his wife, Mari, are leaders of the "Return to Civility" movement in America and are dear friends. At St. John's, I benefited from time spent with Professor Derek R. Larson, author of the excellent *Keeping Oregon Green: Livability, Stewardship, and the Challenge of Growth*, 1960–1980.

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Sage Ranaldo, a recent graduate from the University of Toronto, also moved to Austin during the summer of 2021 and assisted me in myriad ways. Sage is a radio DJ, old-style scholar, and new-style IT hand. His parents (Lee Ranaldo of the band Sonic Youth and his wife, artist Leah Singer) are family friends. They have raised Sage into an all-around scholar and gentleman.

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Today, many of the conservation nonprofits from the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s, which I write about, have evolved to work on climate change and environmental justice challenges of the twenty-first century. Their leadership is continuing to make a difference. I salute Michael Brune (executive director of the Sierra Club), Jennifer Morris (CEO of the Nature Conservancy), Janis Searles Jones (CEO of the Ocean Conservancy), Jamie Williams (president of the Wilderness Society) Melyssa Watson (executive director of the Wilderness Society), Collin D'Mara (CEO of the National Wildlife Federation), and Tom Kiernan (president and CEO of American Rivers).

Likewise, Mark Madison, historian at US Fish and Wildlife Service's National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, West Virginia, shared backstories with me about Edward Abbey, E. O. Wilson, and Howard Zahniser. In 2020, Madison acquired Rachel Carson's personal possessions from her Silver Spring home, including the Underwood typewriter she used when writing about Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge. Mentioning Abbey reminds me that Doug "Hayduke" Peacock is still wandering the Rockies, keeping track of grizzlies and plotting how to punish despoilers of our natural resources.

My friend Alison Whipple Rockefeller is the founder of the annual Rachel Carson Award for women in conservation. She has taken the global lead in educating the public about the enormous role women have played in environmental history—and she is a marvelous poet and public lands activist to boot. I've learned so much about Laurance Rockefeller, Sylvia Earle, and Rachel Carson from her.

At the University of California-Berkeley, I was invited to lecture

on Rachel Carson. Special thanks to such Bay Area friends as Nate Brostrom, Carolyn Merchant, Jon Jarvis, Bernadette Powell, John Knox, Keith Gilless, and Alice Waters for making my stay so memorable. The Sierra Club Collection at the Bancroft Library, University of California– Berkeley was an incalculable treasure trove of Long Sixties conservation history.

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My ninety-four-year-old father, Ed Brinkley, remains my Rock of Gibraltar. When I was a boy, he took me hiking in the Appalachians and Rockies, and I haven't stopped hitting the trail since. His personal Walden Pond is Cook Forest State Park, along the Clarion River in western Pennsylvania. Mine is the 315-mile-long scenic Hudson River as it flows downward from its Tear of the Clouds source and empties into New York City's grand harbor. My sister, Leslie Brinkley, a longtime reporter for San Francisco's ABC News affiliate KGO, kept me apprised of all sorts of Bay Area environment stories while I labored on this book.

None of this historical journey back to the Long Sixties would have been possible without my loving wife, Anne. We're partners in every sense of the word. Together, we have raised three remarkable children— Benton Grace, Johnny Cleland, and Cassady Anne—who have all matured into naturalists at heart. Whether rafting down the Deschutes River in Oregon, exploring Walden Pond in Concord, or following Lady Bird Johnson's footsteps in Big Bend, they made writing *Silent Spring Revolution* an adventure. Our family has stuck by David Brower's sage advice to environmentalists: "Have a good time saving the world. Otherwise, you're just going to depress yourself."

APPENDIX I

National Wildlife Refuges

Kennedy Administration

Wapanocca National Wildlife Refuge	Arkansas	February 1, 1961
Washita National Wildlife Refuge	Oklahoma	April 15, 1961
Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge	Ohio	July 28, 1961
Wyandotte National Wildlife Refuge	Michigan	August 3, 1961
Moody National Wildlife Refuge	Texas	November 9, 1961
Harris Neck National Wildlife Refuge	Georgia	May 25, 1962
Delevan National Wildlife Refuge	California	September 12, 1962
Cross Creeks National Wildlife Refuge	Tennessee	November 9, 1962
Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge	Maryland	December 27, 1962
Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge	Texas	February 27, 1963
John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge at Tinicum	Pennsylvania	March 18, 1963
Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge	Colorado	July 25, 1963
Pahranagat National Wildlife Refuge	Nevada	August 6, 1963

Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge	Delaware	August 8, 1963
Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge	Florida	August 28, 1963
Lake Woodruff National Wildlife Refuge	Florida	November 18, 1963

Johnson Administration

Choctaw National Wildlife Refuge	Alabama	January 27, 1964
Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge	Montana	April 10, 1964
Toppenish National Wildlife Refuge	Washington	April 27, 1964
Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge	North Carolina	May 13, 1964
William L. Finley National Wildlife Refuge	Oregon	June 17, 1964
Clarence Cannon National Wildlife Refuge	Missouri	August 11, 1964
Cedar Island National Wildlife Refuge	North Carolina	August 18, 1964
Cibola National Wildlife Refuge	Arizona/ California	August 21, 1964
Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge	Idaho	August 31, 1964
Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge	Georgia/ Alabama	September 1, 1964
Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge	Tennessee	November 16, 1964
Cedar Point National Wildlife Refuge	Ohio	December 18, 1964
Ankeny National Wildlife Refuge	Oregon	January 18, 1965
Conboy Lake National Wildlife Refuge	Washington	April 14, 1965
Grays Lake National Wildlife Refuge	Idaho	June 17, 1965
Browns Park National Wildlife Refuge	Colorado	July 13, 1965

Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge	Minnesota	September 8, 1965
Baskett Slough National Wildlife Refuge	Oregon	October 22, 1965
Seedskadee National Wildlife Refuge	Wyoming	November 30, 1965
Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge	Washington	January 27, 1966
Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge	New Mexico	April 25, 1966
Maxwell National Wildlife Refuge	New Mexico	April 26, 1966
Flint Hills National Wildlife Refuge	Kansas	September 1, 1966
Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge	Indiana	October 6, 1966
Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge	Texas	October 17, 1966
Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge	Maine	December 21, 1966
San Luis National Wildlife Refuge	California	February 2, 1967
Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge	Colorado	September 26, 1967
UL Bend National Wildlife Refuge	Montana	October 30, 1967
Target Rock National Wildlife Refuge	New York	December 15, 1967
St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge	Florida	February 12, 1968
Bear Lake National Wildlife Refuge	Idaho	May 9, 1968
Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge	Florida	September 23, 1968
Seatuck National Wildlife Refuge	New York	September 26, 1968
Grulla National Wildlife Refuge	New Mexico/ Texas	November 7, 1968
San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge	Texas	November 7, 1968
Amagansett National Wildlife Refuge	New York	December 16, 1968

Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge	New York	December 18, 1968
Buck Island National Wildlife Refuge	Virgin Islands	January 8, 1969
Fisherman Island National Wildlife Refuge	Virginia	January 17, 1969
Nixon Administration		
Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge	Virginia	February 1, 1969
Fisherman Island National Wildlife Refuge	Virginia	January 17, 1969
Buck Island National Wildlife Refuge	Virgin Islands	January 8, 1969
Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge	Oregon	July 3, 1969
Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge	Washington	July 3, 1969
Wassaw National Wildlife Refuge	Georgia	October 20, 1969
Nomans Land Island National Wildlife Refuge	Massachusetts	April 29, 1970
Ninigret National Wildlife Refuge	Rhode Island	August 12, 1970
Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge	Rhode Island	November 3, 1970
Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge	Oklahoma	December 11, 1970
Wallops Island National Wildlife Refuge	Virginia	March 11, 1971
Conscience Point National Wildlife Refuge	New York	July 20, 1971
St. Johns National Wildlife Refuge	Florida	August 16, 1971
Julia Butler Hansen Refuge for the Columbian White-Tail Deer	Washington	December 17, 1971
Lewis and Clark National Wildlife Refuge	Oregon	April 19, 1972

Plum Tree National Wildlife Refuge	Virginia	April 24, 1972
Wapack National Wildlife Refuge	New Hampshire	May 17, 1972
Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge	Texas	July 1, 1972
Seal Island National Wildlife Refuge	Maine	July 24, 1972
Thatcher Island National Wildlife Refuge	Massachusetts	July 25, 1972
Pearl Harbor National Wildlife Refuge	Hawaii	October 17, 1972
Meredosia National Wildlife Refuge	Illinois	October 25, 1972
Hanalei National Wildlife Refuge	Hawaii	November 30, 1972
Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge	North Carolina	February 22, 1973
Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge	Virginia	February 22, 1973
Pond Island National Wildlife Refuge	Maine	March 9, 1973
Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge	California	April 4, 1973
Huleia National Wildlife Refuge	Hawaii	April 25, 1973
Nantucket National Wildlife Refuge	Massachusetts	May 1, 1973
Swan River National Wildlife Refuge	Montana	May 14, 1973
Salinas National Wildlife Refuge	California	June 27, 1973
Occoquan Bay National Wildlife Refuge	Virginia	June 29, 1973
Rose Atoll National Wildlife Refuge	American Samoa	August 24, 1973
Franklin National Wildlife Refuge	Maine	September 19, 1973
Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge	New Jersey	September 23, 1973

Block Island National Wildlife Refuge	Rhode Island	November 1, 1973
Nansemond National Wildlife Refuge	Virginia	December 20, 1973
Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge	New Mexico	December 28, 1973
Hopper Mountain National Wildlife Refuge	California	February 6, 1974
Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge	Washington	February 21, 1974
Cabo Rojo National Wildlife Refuge	Puerto Rico	May 20, 1974
Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge	Massachusetts	May 24, 1974
Baker Island National Wildlife Refuge	Baker Island	June 2, 1974
Howland Island National Wildlife Refuge	Howland Island	June 27, 1974
Seal Beach National Wildlife Refuge	California	July 5, 1974
Petit Manan National Wildlife Refuge	Maine	July 9, 1974
Egmont Key National Wildlife Refuge	Florida	July 10, 1974
Jarvis Island National Wildlife Refuge	Jarvis Island	July 27, 1974
Trustom Pond National Wildlife Refuge	Rhode Island	August 15, 1974
San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge	California	December 18, 1974

National Parks

Kennedy Administration

Russel Cave National Monument, AL	May 11, 1961, proclaimed
Cape Cod National Shoreline, MA	August 7, 1961 authorized, establised June 1, 1966
Fort Davis National Historic Site, TX	September 8, 1961, authorized; established July 4, 1963
Fort Smith National Historic Site, AR	September 13, 1961, authorized
Piscataway Park, MD	October 4, 1961, authorized
Buck Island Reef National Monument, VI	December 28, 1961, proclaimed
Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, IN	February 19, 1962, authorized
Hamilton Grange National Memorial, NY	April 27, 1962, authorized
Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace National Historic Site, NY	July 25, 1962, authorized
Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, NY	July 25, 1962, authorized
Frederick Douglass National Historic Site, DC	September 5, 1962, authorized as Frederick Douglass Home; redesignated February 12, 1988

Point Reyes National Shoreline, CA	September 13, 1962, authorized; established October 20, 1972
Padre Island National Shoreline, TX	September 28, 1962, authorized; established April 6, 1968

Johnson Administration

Ozark National Scenic Riverways, MO	August 27, 1964, authorized; established June 10, 1972
Fort Bowie National Historic Site, AZ	August 30, 1964, authorized; established July 29, 1972
Fort Larned National Historic Site, KS	August 31, 1964, authorized; established October 14, 1966
Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site, NH	August 31, 1964, authorized; established May 30, 1977
Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site, PA	August 31, 1964, authorized
Johnstown Flood National Memorial, PA	August 31, 1964, authorized
John Muir National Historic Site, CA	August 31, 1964, authorized
Fire Island National Shoreline, NY	September 11, 1964, authorized
Canyonlands National Park, UT	September 12, 1964, established
Ice Age National Scientific Reserve, WI	October 13, 1964 (affiliated area)
Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, WY-MT	Administered under cooperative agreement with Bureau of Reclamation DOI, December 31, 1964; established October 15, 1966
Arbuckle National Recreation, OK	February 1, 1965; absorbed by Chickasaw National Recreation Area March 17, 1976
Curecanti National Recreation Area, CO	Administered under cooperative agreement with Bureau of Reclamation DOI, February 11, 1965

Lake Meredith National Recreation Area, TX	March 15, 1965, cooperative agreement with Bureau of Reclamation empowers the National Park Service to administer area then called the Sanford National Recreation Area; name changed to Lake Meredith Recreation Area October 16, 1972; redesignated a national recreation area November 28, 1990
Nez Perce National Historical Park, ID	May 15, 1965, authorized
Agate Fossil Beds National Monument, NE	June 5, 1965, authorized
Pecos National Historical Park, NM	June 28, 1965, authorized; redesignated June 27, 1990
Herbert Hoover National Historical Park, IA	August 12, 1965, authorized
Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument, TX	August 21, 1965, authorized as Alibates Flint Quarries and Texas Panhandle Pueblo Culture National Monument; redesignated November 10, 1978
Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site, AZ	August 28, 1965, authorized
Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, PA-NJ	September 1, 1965, authorized
Assateague Island National Seashore, MD-VA	September 21, 1965, authorized
Pennsylvania Avenue National Historical Site, DC	September 30, 1965
Roger Williams National Memorial, RI	October 22, 1965, authorized
Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area, CA	November 8, 1965, authorized; established October 21, 1972
Amistad National Recreation Area, TX	November 11, 1965, cooperative agreement with US Section International Boundary and Water Commission, US and Mexico

Cape Lookout National Shoreline, NC	March 10, 1966, authorized
Fort Union Trading Post National Historical Site, ND-MT	June 20, 1966, authorized
Chamizal National Memorial, TX	June 30, 1966, authorized; established February 4, 1974
George Rogers Clark National Historical Park, IN	July 23, 1966, authorized
San Juan Island National Historical Park, WA	September 9, 1966, authorized
Guadalupe Mountains National Park, TX	October 15, 1966, authorized; established September 30, 1972
Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, MI	October 15, 1966, authorized
Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, VA	October 15, 1966, authorized; renamed August 2002
Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site, NY	November 2, 1966, authorized
Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, IN	November 5, 1966, authorized
John F. Kennedy National Historic Site, MA	May 26, 1967, authorized
Eisenhower National Historic Site, PA	November 27, 1967, designated
Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site, MA	April 5, 1968, authorized
North Cascades National Park, WA	October 2, 1968, established
Lake Chelan National Recreation Area, WA	October 2, 1968, established
Ross Lake National Recreation Area, WA	October 2, 1968, established
Redwood National Park, CA	October 2, 1968, established
Appalachian National Scenic Trail, ME- NH-VT-MA-CT-NY-NJ-PA-MD-VA- WV-TN-NC-GA	October 2, 1968, established

Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site, NC	October 17, 1968, authorized; established October 27, 1972
Biscayne National Park, FL	October 18, 1968, as national monument; redesignated national park June 28, 1980
Mar-A-Lago National Historic Site, FL	January 16, 1969 (deauthorized in 1980)
Marble Canyon National Monument, AZ	January 20, 1969; absorbed by Grand Canyon National Park January 3, 1975

Nixon Administration

Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, CO	August 20, 1969, authorized
Saint Croix National Scenic Riverway, WI-MN	September 4, 1969, under National Park Service; authorized October 2, 1968
Wolf National Scenic Riverway, WI	September 4, 1969, under National Park Service; later removed from system
William Howard Taft National Historic Site, OH	December 2, 1969, authorized
Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park, TX	December 2, 1969, authorized as national historic site; redesignated national historical park December 28, 1980
Theodore Roosevelt Island, DC	January 1, 1970; authorized May 21, 1932; transferred off of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital August 10, 1933, but not counted as separate area until January 1, 1970, in National Parks and Landmarks
Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, WI	September 26, 1970, established
Andersonville National Historic Site, GA	October 16, 1970, authorized
Fort Point National Historic Site, CA	October 16, 1970, authorized

Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, MI	October 21, 1970, authorized; established October 21, 1977
Gulf Islands National Seashore, FL-MS	January 8, 1971, authorized
Voyageurs National Park, MN	January 8, 1971, authorized; established April 8, 1975
Lincoln Home National Historic Site, IL	August 18, 1971, authorized
Buffalo National River, AR	March 1, 1972, authorized
John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, DC	Authorized as Natural Cultural Center September 2, 1958; name changed January 23, 1964; non-performing arts fns transferred from Smithsonian Inst to NPS June 16, 1972; transferred back to Kennedy Center for Performing Arts Board of Directors October 16, 1994
Puukohola Heiau National Historic Site, HI	August 17, 1972, authorized
John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway, WY	August 25, 1972, authorized
Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site, MT	August 25, 1972, authorized
Longfellow National Historic Site, MA	October 9, 1972, authorized
Hohokam-Pima National Monument, AZ	October 21, 1972, authorized
Thaddeus Kosciuszko National Memorial, PA	October 21, 1972, authorized
Cumberland Island National Seashore, GA	October 23, 1972, established
Fossil Butte National Monument, WY	October 23, 1972, established
Lower Saint Croix National Scenic Riverway, MN-WI	October 25, 1972, authorized; combined with Saint Croix National Scenic Riverway February 1993

Benjamin Franklin National Monument, PA	October 25, 1972, designated; owned and administered by the Franklin Institute
Gateway National Recreation Area, NJ-NY	October 27, 1972, established
Golden Gate National Recreation Area, CA	October 27, 1972, established
Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, KY-TN	March 7, 1974, authorized; transferred to National Park Service management October 22, 1976
Boston National Historical Park, MA	October 1, 1974, authorized
Big Cypress National Preserve, FL	October 11, 1974, authorized
Big Thicket National Preserve, TX	October 11, 1974, authorized
John Day Fossil Beds National Monument, OR	October 26, 1974, authorized
Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, ND	October 26, 1974, authorized
Martin Van Buren National Historic Site, NY	October 26, 1974, authorized
Springfield Armory National Historic Site, MA	October 26, 1974, authorized
Tuskegee Institute National Historic Site, AL	October 26, 1974, authorized
Clara Barton National Historic Site, MD	October 26, 1974, authorized
Sewall-Belmont House National Historic Site, DC	October 26, 1974, authorized
Cuyahoga Valley National Park, OH	December 27, 1974, authorized; established June 26, 1975, as a national recreation area; established as a national park in November 2000

APPENDIX III

Protection for Animals Initial Endangered Species List: 1966–1967

This preliminary list consisted of 331 species divided into three categories of concern: 130 species either rare or endangered; 74 species at the edge of their range (and thereby at risk); and 127 species of "undetermined" status.

Mammals

Indiana bat: Myotis sodalis Delmarva Peninsula fox squirrel: Sciurus niger cinereus Timber wolf: Canis lupus lycaon Red wolf: Canis niger San Joaquin kit fox: Vulpes macrotis mutica Grizzly bear: Ursus horribilis Black-footed ferret: Mustela nigripes Florida panther: Felis concolor coryi Caribbean monk seal: Monachus tropicalis Guadalupe fur seal: Arctocephalus philippi townsendi Florida manatee: Trichechus manatus latirostris Key deer: Odocoileus virginianus clavium Columbian white-tailed deer: Odocoileus virginianus leucurus Sonoran pronghorn: Antilocapra americana sonoriensis

Birds

Hawaiian dark-rumped petrel: Pterodroma phaeopygia sandwichensis Hawaiian goose (nene): Branta sandvicensis

Aleutian Canada goose: Branta canadensis leucopareia Tule white-fronted goose: Anser albifrons gambelli Laysan duck: Anas laysanensis Hawaiian duck (koloa): Anas wvvilliana Mexican duck: Anas diazi California condor: Gymnogyps californianus Florida Everglade snail kite: Rostrhamus sociabilis plumbeus Hawaiian hawk (ii): Buteo solitarius Southern bald eagle: Haliaeetus leucocephalus Attwater's greater prairie-chicken: Tympanuchus cupido attwateri Masked bobwhite: Colinus virginianus ridgwayi Whooping crane: Grus americana Yuma clapper rail: Rallus longirostris yumanensis Hawaiian common gallinule: Gallinula chloropus sandvicensis Eskimo curlew: Numenius borealis Puerto Rican parrot: Amazona vittata American ivory-billed woodpecker: Campephilus principalis Hawaiian crow (alala): Corvus hawaiiensis Small Kauai thrush (puaiohi): Phaeornia pulmeri Nihoa millerbird: Acrocephalus kingi Kauai oo (oo aa): Moho braccatus Crested honeycreeper (akohekohe): Palmeria dolei Akiapolaau: Hemignathus wilsoni Kauai akialoa: Hemignathus procerus Kauai nukupuu: Hemignathus lucidus hanapepe Laysan finchbill (Laysan finch): Psittirostra cantans Nihoa finchbill (Nihoa finch): Psittirostra cantans ultima Ou: Psittirostra psittacea Palila: Psittirostra bailleui Maui parrotbill: Pseudonestor xanthophyrys Bachman's warbler: Vermivora bachmanii Kirtland's warbler: Dendroica kirtlandii Dusky seaside sparrow: Ammospiza nigrescens Cape sable sparrow: Ammospiza mirabilis

Reptiles and Amphibians

American alligator: Alligator mississippiensis Blunt-nosed leopard lizard: Crotaphytus wislizenii silus San Francisco garter snake: Thamnophis sirtalis tetrataenia Santa Cruz long-toed salamander: Ambystoma macrodactylum croceum Texas blind salamander: Typhlomolge rathbuni Black toad (Inyo County toad): Bufo exsul

Fish

Shortnose sturgeon: Acipenser brevirostrum Longjaw cisco: Coregonus alpenae Paiute cutthroat trout: Salmo clarki seleniris Greenback cutthroat trout: Salmo clarki stomias Montana Westslope cutthroat trout: Salmo clarki Gila trout: Oncorhynchus gilae Arizona trout (Apache trout): Oncorhynchus apache **Desert dace:** *Eremichthys acros* Humpback chub: Gila cypha Little Colorado spinedace: Lepidomeda vittata Moapa dace: Moapa coriacea Colorado River squawfish: Ptychocheilus lucius Cui-ui: Chasmistes cujus Devils Hole pupfish: Cyprinodon diabolis **Comanche Springs pupfish:** Cyprinodon elegans **Owens River pupfish:** Cyprinodon radiosus Pahrump killifish: Empetrichythys latos Big Bend gambusia: Gambusia gaigei Clear Creek gambusia: Gambusia heterochir Gila topminnow: Poeciliopsis occidentalis Maryland darter: Etheostoma sellare Blue pike: Stizostedion vitreum glaucum

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