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(Gabe Vasquez, [Twitter](#), 1/27/21)

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(Gabe Vasquez, [LinkedIn](#), Accessed 10/6/21)

- **The Wilderness Society is an environmental advocacy organization.** “Since 1935, we’ve been protecting wilderness and inspiring Americans to care for our wild places. The Wilderness Society has led the charge to protect 111 million acres of wilderness since our founding and we’ve directly contributed to the passage of almost every major conservation law while fighting hard against attempts to undermine them.” (“Our History,” [The Wilderness Society](#), Accessed 12/6/21)

- **The Wilderness Society supports the Green New Deal.** “The Wilderness Society applauds Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) and Sen. Ed Markey (D-MA) for leading the Green New Deal resolution, and the 66 Representatives and 19 Senators who have already cosponsored. The resolution lays out a framework for how to safeguard nature and humanity from the worst effects of climate change while providing sustainable economic opportunities, clean air and water and a just future for all. These goals can only be achieved if our 640 million acres of public lands are managed as part of the solution. We are excited by the opportunity to help achieve these goals. Rep. Ocasio-Cortez referred to the resolution as a ‘Request for Proposals.’ We look forward to collaborating with these leaders in Congress and partners to ensure that public lands play a role in equitable solutions.” (“Public land protections provide pathways to a successful Green New Deal,” [The Wilderness Society](#), 2/8/19)
 - **The Green New Deal would eliminate fossil fuel emissions.** “Democrats on Thursday laid out a ‘Green New Deal’ that would eliminate U.S. greenhouse gas emissions within a decade, an effort to make climate change a central issue in the 2020 presidential race. The document, unveiled by rising political star Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Senator Edward Markey, marks the first formal attempt by lawmakers to define potential legislation to create big government-led investments in clean energy and infrastructure to transition the U.S. economy away from fossil fuels.” (Valerie Volcovici, “Democrats float ‘Green New Deal’ to end fossil fuel era,” [Reuters](#), 2/7/19)
- **The Wilderness Society wants to “rapidly and fairly phase out oil, gas and coal” from public lands.** “We work with public leaders to rapidly and fairly phase out oil, gas and coal development that occurs on public lands.” (“Climate Change Solutions,” [The Wilderness Society](#), Accessed 12/6/21)