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**WinterGreen Vacations - Winter vacations can help protect America's spectacular wilderness areas.**

From the Sierras to the Smokies, from "sea to shining sea" and all the wild places in between, America's wilderness is an indelible part of our national heritage and an important legacy to pass on to our children.

Pristine, undeveloped wilderness is important – not only in its own right, but for the clean air and water, recreation, and wildlife habitat it provides all of us.

But these wild places are constantly under pressure and need protection in order to thrive.

And now there is a new program that makes it easy for winter travelers to support those remaining wilderness areas - WinterGreen Vacations.

The idea is simple. Stay at WildSpring Guest Habitat in Port Orford, Oregon) from January through March, 2010, and they will donate 2% of your lodging of two-day stays or longer to The Wilderness Society.

The beta-test of the program is starting with a select group of 17 small, eco-friendly and independently owned inns and B&Bs in 11 states across the country. The goal is be national in 2011, with hopefully thousands of such eco-sensitive lodging facilities participating.

WildSpring Guest Habitat is a small, eco-friendly resort overlooking the ocean in the southern Oregon coast, offering luxurious accommodations in a naturally beautiful environment. Eco-conscious since their initial planning stages, they are as proud of the fact they have a zero carbon footprint through offsets, as they are of the fact they've been recommended twice in the *New York Times* this past year. They are also a Select Registry Inn, which represents only 400 quality assured, inspected inns and B&Bs in North America.)

"We are all committed to protecting these wild, beautiful areas of our country," said Michelle Duarte, owner of WildSpring Guest Habitat, who developed this program. "And we are honored to work with The Wilderness Society in what we hope will become a major annual program generating strong financial support for their outstanding work."

Founded in 1935, The Wilderness Society's mission is to protect wilderness and inspire Americans to care for our wild places. From writing and passing the landmark Wilderness Act to winning lasting protection for more than 109 million acres of permanent wilderness across the country to date, The Wilderness Society is America's premier public lands conservation organization. TWS and its 500,000 members and supporters are dedicated to protecting America's wilderness and to developing a nationwide network of these iconic wild lands through public education, scientific analysis and advocacy.

"The Wilderness Society is always looking for innovative opportunities to increase public awareness and generate support for America's wild places," said Sally Adams, Vice-President of Communications and Marketing, The Wilderness Society. "We're very excited about working with WinterGreen Vacations to pilot what could become an important program to help people not only enjoy this country's beautiful wilderness areas, but to support them in a direct way."

"We're in the middle of the south Oregon coast, a wild, naturally beautiful area, including the beautiful Kalmiopsis Wilderness, a spectacular place that's very popular with visitors, even in the winter, says Michelle. "We are excited by a chance to support this American treasure through WinterGreen."

WildSpring Guest Habitat: [www.wildspring.com](http://www.wildspring.com)

The Wilderness Society: [www.wilderness.org](http://www.wilderness.org)

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