

Democratic Radio "Explore our National Parks"

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MADISON - Today, Senator Janet Bewley offered the following Democratic Weekly Radio address commemorating the National Park Service's 100th Birthday.

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The audio file of this week's address can be found here:

<http://media2.legis.wisconsin.gov/multimedia/Sen24/bewleyradio8.25.16.mp3>

A written transcript of the address is below:

"An idea that has truly stood the test of time is celebrating its 100th birthday this year. On August 25, 1916 President Woodrow Wilson created the National Park Service, assuring access to protected national treasures for generations to come.

"Writer and historian Wallace Stegner called national parks "the best idea we ever had. Absolutely American, absolutely democratic, they reflect us at our best rather than our worst." In 1916, the Park Service oversaw the 35 national parks and monuments. Today, the National Park System of the United States includes more than 400 areas covering more than 84 million acres.

"In Wisconsin we are blessed to have the Apostle Island National Lakeshore, the Ice Age National Scenic Trail, tributaries and portions of the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway and a vital leg of the North Country Scenic Trail."

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