

I am Sean Parks with the Aldo Leopold wilderness Research Institute and I'm a landscape ecologist and I started in 2008 what got me interested in natural resource management probably involves basically fly upbringing as a child I did a lot of camping and fishing with my family and a lot of hiking with my family and even after I left you know left you know flew the coop we went to college I backpacked and hiked and fished extensively let's hear Nevada California my work is relevant to the conservation wilderness values for several reasons but probably the most the most important reason is that wilderness is supposed to be a place where natural processes are allowed to play out one of those natural processes is fire reality is though is that fire is suppressed it's actually suppress in most wilderness areas and also outside of work experience and so the work that I working on a we have Institute are working on is basically building a case for allowing more fire to burn picking fire out of the wilderness taking fire

out of the ecosystem is actually a disruption itself and that is contrary to the Wilderness Act where these natural processes are supposed to play out and we can make a good case you know and provide good data to our managers I feel that or I hope that they will start to manage fire and more natural way when fire is taken out of the wilderness and there's a longer fire free interval there is in a inevitable fire that will burn and that in a van Gogh fire will be more so that you're potentially larger than and had these previous fires not been allowed so two to maintain wilderness character it's essential that we allow natural processes such as fire to play their role