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## 13 Years of Excellence for Wilderness

WILD's long-serving senior staff person, Julie Randall, is transitioning to the next stage in her conservation career. Julie joined WILD in 2002 as a part-time fundraiser and program consultant, and ultimately served most of her years as Vice President for Government Relations and then Vice President for Programs.

"Julie added immeasurably and in multiple ways to WILD's programmatic achievements over 13 years. While successfully fulfilling her significant range of senior responsibilities in programs and development, she worked very close with me to conceive numerous new, innovative, and effective strategies to strengthen the wilderness concept internationally," said Vance Martin, WILD's President. "Julie has an excellent record of accomplishments in domestic and international conservation."

During her long and accomplished tenure at WILD, Julie was responsible for many diverse programs and outcomes, among them:

- [North American Inter-Governmental Agreement on Cooperation for Wilderness & Protected Areas Conservation \(NAWPA Committee\)](#) — Julie led the drafting and implementation of this first-ever international agreement on wilderness – ratified by Canada, Mexico, and the United States at [WILD9, the 9<sup>th</sup> World Wilderness Congress](#)— then served as the primary facilitator for the ongoing Committee, helping guide both its process and its numerous and continuing practical achievements.
- [Marine Wilderness 10+10](#) — With particular dedication to this new application of the wilderness concept, she crafted a strategy and facilitated dozens of governmental and NGO stakeholders towards understanding marine wilderness values, and working in practice and policy to protect these values.
- [WILD Cities](#) — As co-founder of this unique application of wilderness to the growing urban demographic, she helped launch WILD Cities with multiple city partners in several countries, enabling members of the collaborative to benefit from each other's advances in nature conservation in and surrounding urban areas.
- [World Wilderness Congress](#) — Julie organized and facilitated three Intergovernmental Forums on Wilderness at the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> World Wilderness Congress, and co-organized the entire Global Forum (concurrent sessions) for WILD9.

WILD's well-trained staff and associates will continue the work Julie initiated, as we consider the best options and the right candidate to continue her groundbreaking work into the future.

WILD's Manager of Conservation Programs, Adam Hanson (based in Washington DC; contact Adam at [adam@wild.org](mailto:adam@wild.org)), assumes responsibility for the majority of Julie's role during the search for a new Director of Government Relations. An announcement/work description is available for this specific position. For specific questions or more details, please contact WILD's President directly at [info@wild.org](mailto:info@wild.org)

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