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## **Alaska Wilderness League Deeply Saddened by Death of Stewart Udall**

*Conservation hero leaves lasting legacy through the protection of our nation's most pristine lands*

### **Statement by Cindy Shogan, Executive Director, Alaska Wilderness League:**

“The Alaska Wilderness League was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of conservation hero Stewart Udall. Throughout his life, he inspired many by passionately championing environmental causes. He will leave a lasting legacy. As Secretary of the Interior for Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson, Udall played a key role in fostering environmental awareness and expanding the national park system. His efforts led to the passage of the Wilderness Act in 1964, which created the National Wilderness Preservation System, under which many key lands in Alaska are managed including much of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Secretary Udall will be dearly missed by conservationists throughout the nation.”

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**The Alaska Wilderness League is your voice for Alaska's wilderness in the nation's capital. For more information visit [www.alaskawild.org](http://www.alaskawild.org).**



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