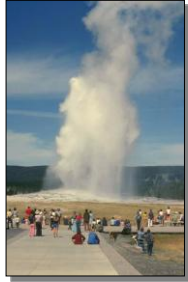


## Origins of National Park Service

### NPS paradox:

- “to conserve the scenery & the natural & historic objects & the wildlife therein & to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner & by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”



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## Artists Role in Promoting Parks & Protected Areas



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George Catlin



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George Catlin

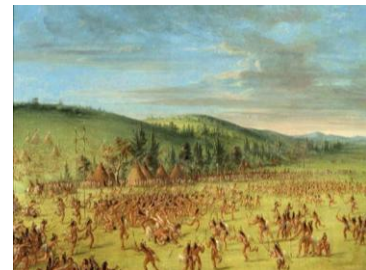
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*Thomas Cole*

Study of Mountain Craigs

"Father" of the Hudson River School of painters



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*Thomas Cole*

View of Schroon Mountain, Essex County, New York, After a Storm

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*Thomas Cole*

Distant Views of Niagara Falls (1830)

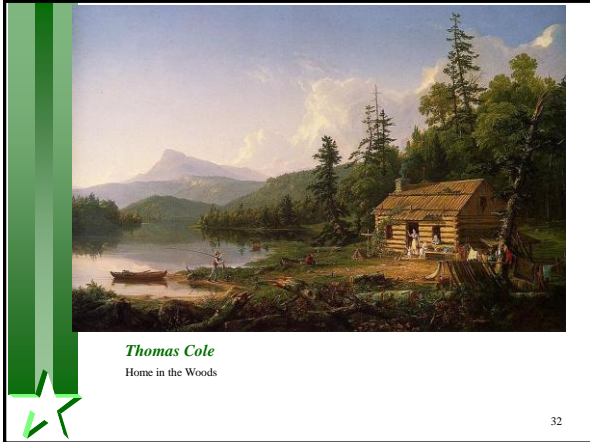
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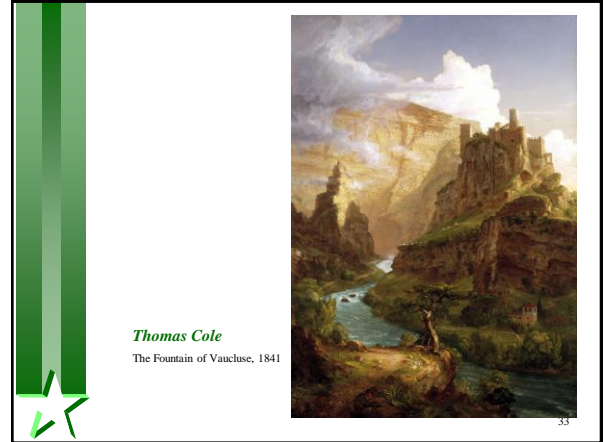
Distant View of Niagara Falls, 1830

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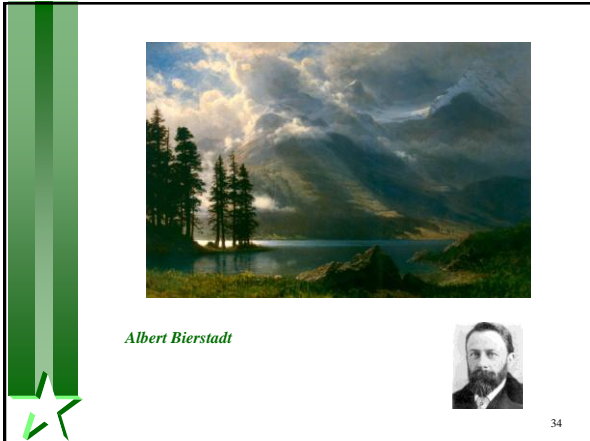
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Home in the Woods

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The Fountain of Vauchuse, 1841

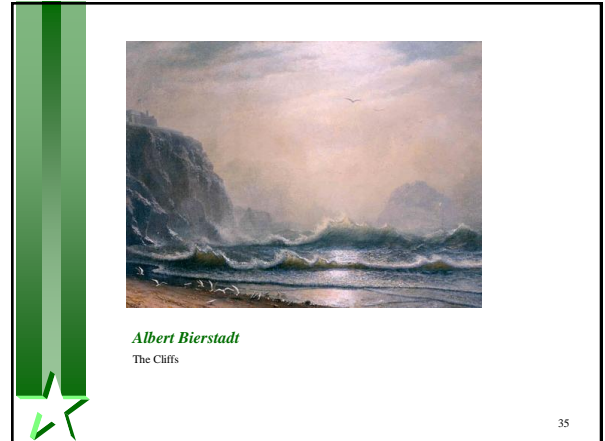
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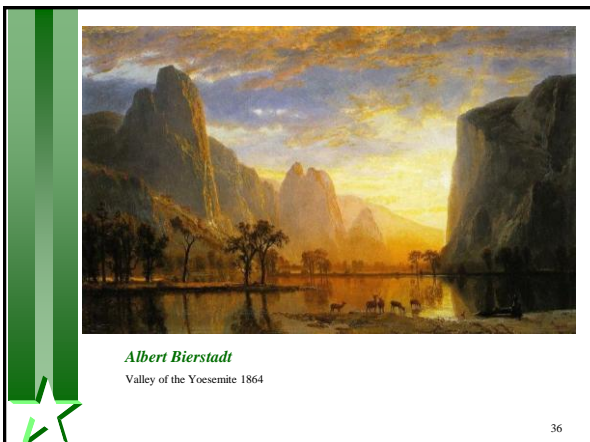


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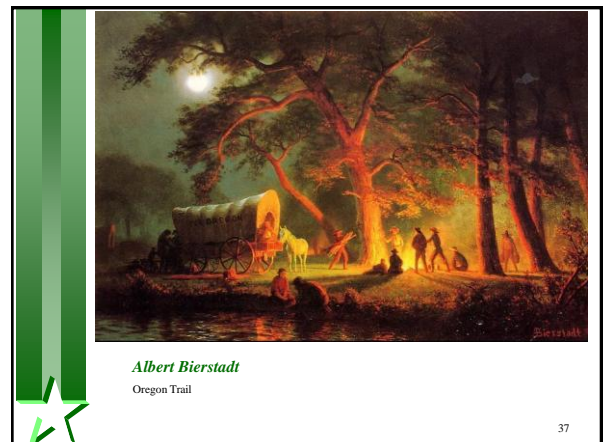
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The Cliffs

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*Albert Bierstadt*  
Valley of the Yosemite 1864

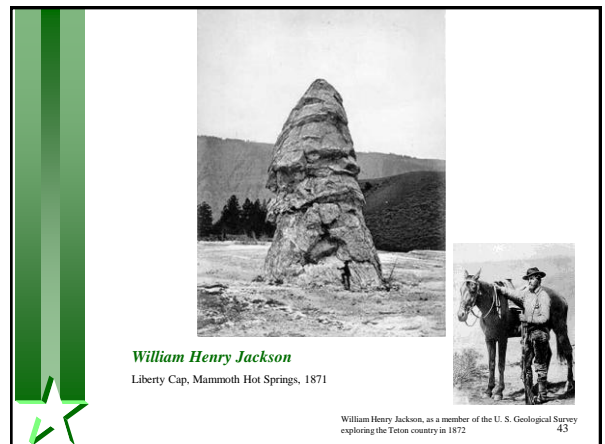
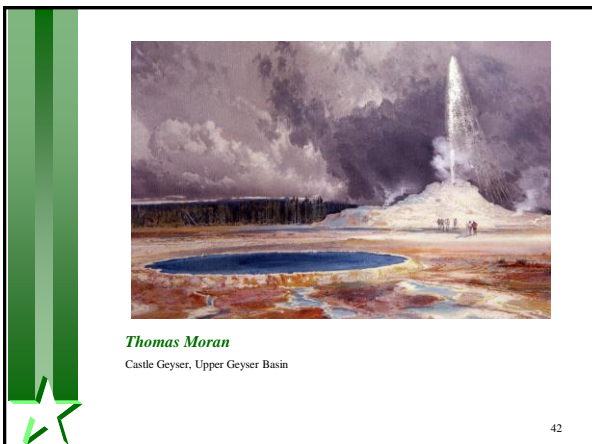
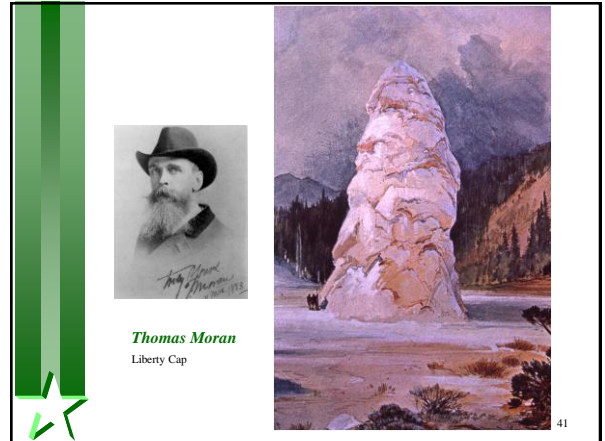
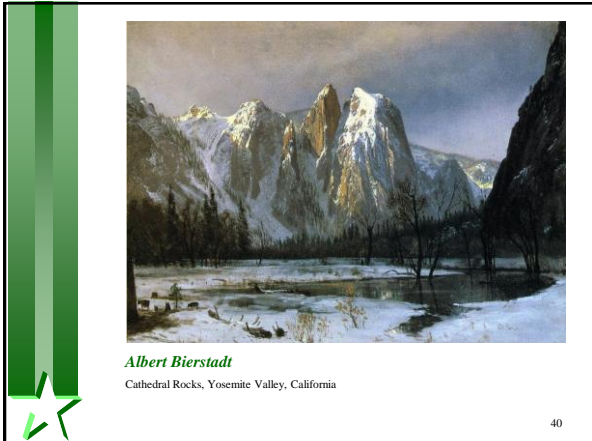
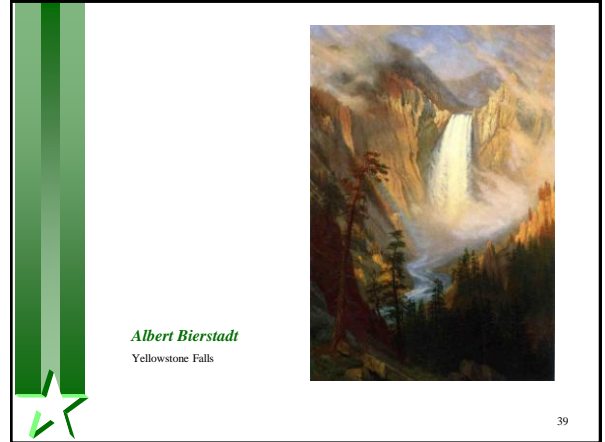
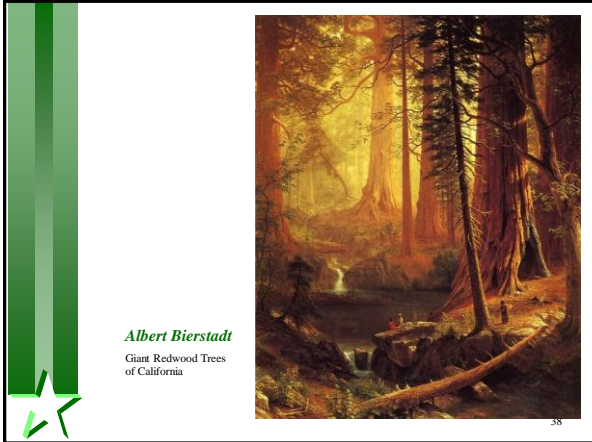
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*Albert Bierstadt*  
Oregon Trail

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**William Henry Jackson**

Castle Geyser and Crested Pool, Upper Geyser Basin, 1871

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Pack Train of the U.S. Geological Survey, 1871  
by William Henry Jackson



The Expedition Odometer, 1871  
by William Henry Jackson

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## Contributions of American Writers Was Significant

- Henry David Thoreau
- Ralph Waldo Emerson
- John James Audubon
- James Fenimore Cooper
- Washington Irving
- Samuel H. Hammond
- William Cullen Bryant
- Horace Greeley

*Extolled the virtues of wild nature & decried the loss of wild nature.*

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## 1906 Antiquities Act

- Originally to protect SW prehistoric Indian sites.
- Authorized the President to set aside “National Monuments” to protect “cultural artifacts and objects of scientific importance.”
- By 1910, 23 national monuments established, many were later converted to National Parks.
- Act has been used as a “holding action” to bring immediate protection to millions of acres.

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## Criteria to become a National Park

Proposed areas must contain resources of *national significance* and meet all 4 standards:

1. An outstanding example of a particular type of resource;
2. Exceptional value or quality in illustrating or interpreting the natural or cultural themes of our nations heritage;
3. Offers superlative opportunities for recreation, public use & enjoyment, or for scientific study;
4. Retains a high degree of integrity as a true, accurate, & relatively unspoiled example of the resource.



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## Concepts affecting National Parks

Key concepts:

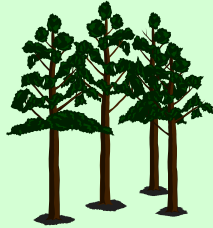
- Each park requires an act of Congress.
- No commodity extraction--some resources really were locked up.
- No \$\$ in lieu of taxes to local governments.
- Depended upon tourist dollars & support...



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## *Forest Reservation Act & Forest Management Act*

- 1891 **Forest Reservation Act**
- President could reserve public land from private entry.
  - By 1905 Harrison, Cleveland & Roosevelt had reserved +100 million acres.
- No provision made for management or funding!



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## *Forest Reservation Act & Forest Management Act*

- 1897 **Forest Management Act**
  - U.S. Forest Service organic act
- Purpose of the Forest Reserves:
  - to protect the forests in order to secure favorable water flows and provide a continuous supply of timber. (in General Land Office)
- Limited timber harvest to “dead, matured or large growth of trees” which had to be “marked & designated” for cutting.

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## *Transfer Act of 1905*

- Transferred the control of the Forest Reserves to the Dept. of Agriculture & Gifford Pinchot.
- Dedicated to most productive use for the permanent good of the whole people.
- Conserved & wisely used for the greatest good for the greatest number in the long run.
- Recreational use wasn't even considered.
- Pinchot was fired by 1910 (Taft & Ballinger's Alaska coal reserves.)

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## *Recreation policy in the National Forests*

- Recreational use had always been important.
- “Sage-brushers” and Summer Cabin Lease sites.
- By 1920 F.S. Chief said recreation ranked 3rd behind timber & stream flow regulation.
- First \$\$ for recreation:
  - \$10,000 for campgrounds in 1922.



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## *Recreation policy in the National Forests Today*

- Integrate recreation with Multiple Use Sustained Yield Act of 1960
- Maintain attractive natural forest environment for recreation.
- Emphasize service for general public rather than special groups.
- Participant rather than spectator activities favored.
- Minimum restrictions favored.
- Encourage cooperation with other agencies.

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