



Other Items to Note

Other Features of Value Quality of Wilderness Character

The NPS has defined a fifth quality of wilderness character called, “Other Features of Value” based on the last clause of Section 2(c) of the Wilderness Act which states that a wilderness “may also contain ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical value.” This fifth quality may be used by a park to capture elements that aren’t included in the other four qualities (undeveloped, untrammeled, natural, and opportunities for solitude and primitive or unconfined recreation). While many different types of features could be included, the intent of this quality is to include those that significantly contribute to the setting of the wilderness and understanding its wilderness character.

It has been determined that the only features within the Olympic Wilderness that will be addressed within the “Other Features of Value” quality of wilderness character are Native American resources (i.e., archeological resources, traditional cultural properties, and ethnographic resources.)
