AMERICA'S WILDERNESS IN THE 21ST CENTURY IS TOPIC OF COLLOQUIUM

The future of the nation's wilderness will be the topic of the next colloquium series lecture at NASA Langley Research Center on Monday, December 14.

Entitled "America's Wilderness in the 21st Century," the lecture will be given by wilderness writer Chris Madson at 2 p.m. in the H.J.E. Reid Conference Center, 14 Langley Blvd.

Madson will discuss the history of wilderness protection in Wyoming, the controversies, the changes in mission and the need for aggressive action on behalf of wilderness. The outcome of these issues will shape both the future of the West's most spectacular wildlife species, such as the grizzly bear and the gray wolf, and economic and recreational development in the Rockies.

He also will present his lecture at 7:30 p.m. December 14 in the Virginia Air and Space Center as part of The Sigma Series Lectures. The Sigma Series is a series of free public lectures sponsored by the Virginia Air and Space Center, the Daily Press and NASA.

Madson has been editor of Wyoming Wildlife magazine since 1983. He has written hundreds of articles on wildlife and wilderness and is the author of the book When Nature Heals: The Greening of the Rocky Mountain Arsenal. He also is a freelance writer and photographer and has received numerous awards from writer and conservation associations. Madson holds a bachelor of arts degree in biology with honors from Grinnell College, in Iowa, and a master's degree in wildlife ecology from the University of Wisconsin.

NOTE TO EDITORS: A press briefing will be held Monday, December 14, at 1:15 p.m. in the H.J.E. Reid Conference Center, 14 Langley Blvd. To participate in the briefing, please call the Office of Public Affairs, 864-6123 or 864-6176, by noon that day.

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