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Wilderness Center Denies Politics

MOSCOW — The director of the University of Idaho Wilderness Research Center says the aim of the staff "is not to become political activists."

Dr. Albert W. Erickson spoke this week to members of Sigma Xi scientific honorary at the university. The facility is 25 miles east of Big

Creek in the Idaho Primitive Area.

He explained that many of the present wilderness preservation efforts create conflict between wilderness purists and those interested in resource extraction.

"We will take a stand on facts and objectivity," Erickson stressed, adding that individuals on both sides of the wilderness question would thus be more likely to turn to the research center for neutral, rational information.

Erickson outlined three areas of major concern for the center — development of

a wilderness philosophy, a methodology for wilderness classification and tools for wilderness management.

His own definition of wilderness is a significant, pristine ecological area large enough to contain the home range of the major, non-migratory animal in the area.

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EMMETT — Navy P.O. 1. C. Darroll W. Lawson, son of Mrs. Vera Lawson of Mounted Route, Emmett, has returned to his homeport of Pearl Harbor.

Have any of us ever contacted Erickson + discussed the subject w/ him?

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