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Conservation Notes

Current topics and issues affecting hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation in our North Dakota.

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Badlands Preservation Supports Roosevelt Library

Teddy Roosevelt's romance with North Dakota's iconic Badlands is a legacy for our State. He roamed the wild and scenic Badlands to clear his mind and set his political future. The beauty, wildlife, and open wilderness were inspiring and motivating.

Now the State is moving forward with establishing the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library to honor and respect our beloved Roosevelt. It is only fitting that we take steps to permanently preserve a portion of those iconic Badlands that influenced Roosevelt. By preserving a portion of our Badlands in their pristine, undeveloped condition, visitors to the library, and our states outdoor enthusiasts will have an opportunity to visit and experience the ambiance that was so important to Roosevelt.

But there is only a small amount of his rustic Badlands remaining that are roadless and are best suited as a representation of Roosevelt's experience. Most of the vast other Badlands' acres are currently open for industrialization by energy development.

Permanently protecting the modest amount of picturesque roadless Badlands as a complement and enhancement to President Roosevelt's Legacy and Presidential Library experience makes good sense. Therefore, the legislature should encourage the Industrial Commission, working with the U.S. Forest Service to take steps to permanently preserve the remaining suitable Badlands with their history, scenic views, and wildlife for our citizens, and enhance the prominence of the library.

[View "Keeping all the Pieces" film(15min.) at [Badlands Conservation Alliance.org](http://BadlandsConservationAlliance.org) for more Information]

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