



**Grand Traverse County Commission on Aging  
Senior Center Network**

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**Subject: An American Icon: Utah's Red Rock Canyonlands**

America's Red Rock Canyonlands Wilderness, located in southern Utah, draws pilgrims from across the country and around the world. It is the largest network of undesignated wilderness lands remaining in the lower 48 states – at its heart lies the Great Canyonlands region surrounding Canyonlands National Park.

The Senior Center Network will host a program **entitled "A Wilderness Icon: America's Red Rock Wilderness" on Wednesday, November 18 at 12:30 p.m. at 801 E. Front Street, Traverse City.** The presenter, Clayton Daughenbaugh, is a conservation organizer with the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance.

The program includes "Wild Utah," a multi-media slideshow documenting citizen efforts to designate public lands in southern Utah's spectacular canyon country as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. This 15 minute journey through red rock splendor, narrated by Robert Redford invigorates and motivates viewers to participate in the movement to protect these unique lands. It was made possible through the generous donation of photos, music and words from concerned Utahans who wish to pass this heritage on to future generations.

The Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance and its partners in the Utah Wilderness Coalition seek to gain local support for the "Citizens' Proposal" to protect wilderness areas in Utah's red rock canyonlands. Comprehensive legislation is pending in congress and administrative decision by the White House and the Department of Interior are ongoing.

"These are spectacular public lands owned by all Americans. As citizens, we have a great opportunity to act to protect these special places," Daughenbaugh states.

Daughenbaugh also serves as the volunteer chair of the Sierra Club's National Wildlands Committee.

If you would like to attend this presentation, please register in advance by emailing [dmikowski@grandtraverse.org](mailto:dmikowski@grandtraverse.org) or by calling 231-922-4911.

The Senior Center Network is part of the Grand Traverse County Commission on Aging – “Caring for those who cared for you” for 40 years.

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