Renewal

As the chill of winter gives way to the warmth of spring, nature embraces another season and the forest comes alive. In Shenandoah's Federally Designated Wilderness Areas, which are protected from development, this transformation is at its purest. Humans, though only visitors in wilderness areas, may enter to escape, to find solace... to be renewed.

The Wilderness Act, 1964

"...An area of wilderness shall further be defined to mean in this Act an area of undeveloped Federal land retaining its primeval character and influence, without permanent improvements of human habitation, which is protected and managed so as to preserve its natural condition..."