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There's a spectacular show taking place in the northwestern section of Wyoming. Produced by the Earth and directed by Nature, it is called Yellowstone National Park.

Open vats of mud bubble with steam as nearby puddles spurt water fountains 60 feet in the air. These are glimpses of the earth's mighty subterranean (underground) world. A northeastern plot called Specimen Ridge features ancient trees, rigid and grey, which tell a story 50 million years old. Amazing as it seems, those same petrified or fossilized trees were there in that vast long ago when dinosaurs roamed the plains and angry volcanoes showered the earth with their rocks of flame. Lava belched forth with a thunderous roar, mountains were formed and the earth was never again the same.

And that's not all. There's more — so much more, in fact, that it spills over into the neighboring states of Idaho and Montana. This is nature's wonderland untouched, and unmatched anywhere else on earth. Staging includes 10,000 natural wonders and a cast of 20,000 animals.

Sound effects are provided by roaring rivers, rushing streams, cascading waterfalls and steep, stark canyons echoing the low rumble of an earth full of surprises. Antlered male elk bugle as the seasons dictate, high-pitched and refined. Grey owls offer their deep bass-voiced hoot. Bald eagles swoop the streams and squirrels scurry to work and play with a patter of busy feet. Bears wooff and others — great and small — lend their squeaks and squawks, chirps and squeals, enriching the endless harmony. Yet, it's soooo quiet.

The vast uninterrupted landscape stretches out just as nature planned: open, unpredictable, wild and, ALWAYS, beautiful — all 2.2 million acres of it. (That's about the size of Delaware and Rhode Island combined!)

To capture this spectacular show, leave the outside world behind. Join us for a wild adventure, *Trailblazing Yellowstone*.