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Value of Trees Standing

Economists Call for End to Old Growth Logging

Protecting the last remaining old-growth and mature trees in Washington and Oregon is sound economic policy and concludes a comprehensive review signed by 15 of the top forestry economists in the Pacific Northwest. The review's conclusion is the result of the first-ever detailed economic assessment of the impact of logging mature and old-growth forests on public lands in Washington and Oregon. "A hard, dispassionate look at the numbers confirms that the economic future of the Northwest should rest on saving our old trees, not cutting them down," said Jasmine Minbashian, campaign coordinator of the Northwest Old-Growth Campaign.

The Northwest Old-Growth Campaign, in partnership with the World Wildlife Fund and the Wilderness Society, also released a just-completed, major poll showing an overwhelming majority of voters (70 percent) in Washington and Oregon support an end to logging old-growth forests on public lands in Washington and Oregon. Support for the protection of mature forests was also strong (65%). "Even in difficult economic times, these results clearly show protection of this region's mature and old-growth forests has become a deeply held core value of the citizens of the Northwest," said Adam Davis, senior researcher with the nationally recognized, nonpartisan polling firm of Davis, Hibbitts and McCaig.

The poll also asked voters in the two congressional districts containing the most unprotected old-growth the same questions and even found strong support for

ending old-growth logging there. Seventy-two percent of voters in Washington state's 3rd congressional district in southwestern corner of the state (Rep. Brian Baird) favor an end to the logging of old-growth on public lands. In Oregon's 4th congressional district in the central-southwest (Rep. Peter DeFazio), 58 percent support an end to old-growth logging. "Among every group and in every region of Washington and Oregon, a majority of voters favor protection of mature and old-growth forests," Davis said.

The Northwest Old Growth Campaign, a coalition of 13 major conservation groups in Washington and Oregon, is working to

protect the last remaining old-growth and mature forests on a million acres of public lands. Currently members of congress are working with the campaign on drafting legislation that will be formally introduced this spring. "An objective look at the science, the economics and public opinion clearly makes the case that the time has finally arrived to save these majestic trees that the citizens of our region treasure," said Mitch Friedman, of the Northwest Ecosystem Alliance.

For copies of the Economists' Report or the poll call: **672-7065** or visit UW: upstairs **630 SE Jackson**, Roseburg

Poll Shows NW Supports Protection

Old Growth Protection 150 years or older	Combined Support	Combined Opposed
Baird - WA - 3rd District	65%	31%
DeFazio - OR - 4th District	59%	38%

Davis, Hibbitts & McCaig, Inc. (DHM) recently completed a survey of 600 registered voters in Washington and Oregon assessing public opinion toward the logging of old-growth and mature forests on national forest and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands. The survey's findings reflect strong support across a variety of demographics for protecting these forests from logging.

Mature Forest Protection 80 to 150 year old forests	Combined Support	Combined Opposed
Baird - WA - 3rd District	72%	25%
DeFazio District	58%	38%

Overall Support for Forest Protection

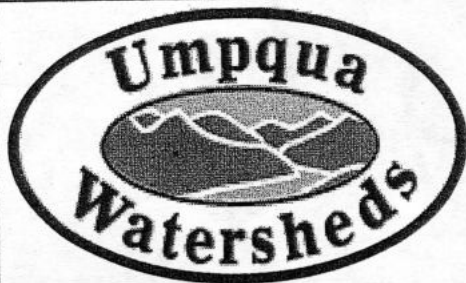
There was strong overall support in Washington and Oregon for protecting old

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Dear Supporters,

Umpqua Watersheds brings you accurate, credible, science-based, and publicly-supported information about the environment of the Umpqua . . . **YOUR home!**

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When you join Umpqua Watersheds, write letters to newspapers and public officials, and speak out for protection of our forests and rivers you have taken action and made things happen for the benefit of your community and its future.

Umpqua Watersheds needs you to keep the pressure on public agencies and officials who control management plans for our watershed.

When our leaders do not take action to secure the environmental future necessary for generations to come, we need to make those changes happen ourselves.

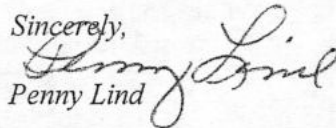
Umpqua Watersheds does take on the tough challenges we are faced with today – your actions bring successful outcomes to our many protection campaigns.

In Umpqua Watersheds quarterly newsletter, "100 Valleys," and on our website: www.umpqua-watersheds.org you can see where your action is needed.

Today, the threats to our forests and rivers have NOT stopped. There are timber sales and other projects planned on your public forest and there are harmful events planned to take place on your rivers. All of these are at the expense of water quality, fish and wildlife and own OUR quality of life.

Read about them here . . . Respond today!

Sincerely,


Penny Lind

IN MEMORY OF:

Alvin F. Lind

A Grandfather of the Wild Umpqua!

UW Supports Some Thinning

Since some of the Umpqua's first clear-cuts are reaching 50 years old the Umpqua National Forest and Roseburg BLM are doing more thinning in these "monoculture plantations." Many of these former splendid old-growth forests were primarily clearcut and then densely replanted with only one species of trees: Douglas fir.

Things changed with the advent of the Northwest Forest Plan in 1995. The Northwest Forest Plan set aside lands for intensive management (logging), as well as land reserved for endangered wildlife that depends on old forests. These reserves are called Late Successional Reserves (LSR). Unfortunately, many of the LSRs were already clearcut before they were designated reserves. These old clearcuts must now be thinned to "accelerate the development of old-growth" (if you cut down a tree, the tree next to it will grow faster), so they can once again (hopefully, in theory) support the endangered Northern Spotted Owls.

Even though both the Umpqua National Forest and the Roseburg Bureau of Land Management are implementing the same Northwest Forest Plan by thinning the LSRs, there are significant differences between the two agencies.

One of the better thinning sales we've reviewed is the **Tomitallo sale**, in the Steamboat Watershed; a Late Successional Reserve and important Key Watershed for native steelhead fish and Spotted Owls. The Umpqua National Forest could remove about half of the small trees so that the other half may have more room to grow. Of the half that needs to be cut, the Forest Service is selling only to the timber industry, while also leaving some for wildlife like woodpeckers or birds that live in dead wood. The Forest Service will leave up to 12 dead trees per acre, either laying on the ground, in the streams, or standing (snags). Trees that need to be cut along streams will

all be left to within 160 feet of the streams edge. The Forest Service is also removing over 8 miles of unnecessary roads. The wild acres they are re-creating will benefit not only endangered birds, fish, and other wildlife, but people who enjoy camping and hunting in wild places.

One of the worst thinning projects we've reviewed is the BLM's **Slimewater Timber Sale**, in the South Umpqua LSR, just south of Days Creek. No existing roads will be taken out. Instead, the BLM proposed to re-build the 50-year-old skid roads that were used when the forest was first clearcut. The BLM promised that the reconstruction would only happen in the dry season and only after the final decision to do the thinning. But we found that the BLM had **bulldozed** open these roads **during the wettest time of the year** and before the public comment time was even over. The BLM claimed these roads were needed so staff could drive (a quarter mile) on these roads to prepare the thinning sale. Another difference between the Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service is that the BLM sells virtually every tree cut instead of leaving deadwood. Trees under 18" will be thinned out, to within 20 feet of streams. Instead of falling these trees into streams, or leaving them for wildlife, they will all be sold.

The Northwest Forest Plan never assumed any timber volume would come out of the Reserves. The scheduled timber harvest was calculated in other parts of the forest, called the "Matrix". Late Successional Reserves must be rehabilitated so that the Spotted Owls can move in after the old growth in the Matrix is logged. While some excess logs in the Reserves can be sold to help pay for the restoration, it is incorrect to treat these wildlife reserves the same as the Matrix.

USFS' - TOMATILLO

dead trees	12 per acre left
stream buffers	large 160 ft.
decommissioned roads	8 miles
new roads	NONE

BLM's - SLIMEWATER

dead trees	NONE per acre
stream buffers	small 20 ft.
rebuilt roads	2.2 miles
decommission same #roads as are rebuilt	

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...YOU support restoration thinning AND an end to mature and old growth logging.

NO Jet Boats!

A few weeks ago our community woke up to news that the South Umpqua River flowing through our city and neighborhoods could have drastic changes in their use.

Our city and county leaders did not think this drastic change warranted a closer look—one that included the public.

That has been an unfortunate mistake for everyone. Especially the people who live along the river, the animal and aquatic life that depend on the river, and even for our leaders and the promoters who have a well deserved black eye from their actions.

Jet Boat Drag Races are planned to burst onto our river, stage at our parks, and blast through neighborhoods in April.

Umpqua Watersheds staff have been bombarded with telephone calls from concerned residents from all walks of life in our city and county. Not one of these callers supported the Jet Boat Drag Races. All have questions about how this could happen without their knowledge and input.

Umpqua Watersheds agrees that a river use change of this magnitude does not suit our river or our neighborhoods.

Umpqua Watersheds staff has talked with numerous local, county and state representatives to learn more about this planned event and how this change could happen without the public being made aware. Our research shows that little knowledge has been shared concerning this event—that is troubling.

We have learned that river use by the racers will commence on Thursday, April 4—there could be as many as 20 crafts (regatta permit) running three times (**120 times on the river**). The city parks director and the county parks director and a county deputy have signed the Regatta permit required by the State Marine Board.

Umpqua Watersheds, like the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), have concerns for the two bald eagle nests, migratory birds, and most important the endangered Coho salmon. Excessive noise (95-100) decibels and speed (80-100 mph) are standard for these crafts; not for our river.

Please speak up for **YOUR Neighborhoods, YOUR River** and take action now! For more information contact:

Umpqua Neighborhood Association
 1224 NW Walnut #306
 Roseburg, OR 97470

By Penny Lind, Executive Director

President's Message

Lamb's tongue is blooming on the hill below the house, the terraces are filled with brilliant yellow daffodils, and the sun is shining through big, fluffy white clouds. Spring is definitely on the way. Now is the best time to capture the full beauty of our native Oregon forests. The ferns are fresh and green, the streams are running strong with clean water, myriads of wildflowers are in bloom and the waterfalls are putting on their best show of the year. To get a lung full of this wonderful pine-scented Oregon air, lace up your boots, don a rain jacket and join Patrick on the Umpqua Watersheds hikes. Come to learn, or come to teach, there's something in it for everybody. A schedule of hikes is in this newsletter, check it now and plan to join us.

This spring, the Board of Directors is faced with a daunting, but delightful task. It's time to select new board members and our packet has several wonderful and well-qualified applicants. Any of the applicants would be great additions to the Board of Directors. It's going to be a tough decision to make. We always look forward to the infusion of new Board members, as they bring new ideas, new opinions, and new energy to the Board of Directors. Without new Board members, we run the risk of becoming static.

In closing, I want to thank all the people who attended our annual banquet and those who attended the Tingstad and Rumble benefit concert. It's always a pleasure to see Umpqua Watersheds' events so well attended. I also want to thank the banquet committee and the outreach staff for all the planning and work that goes on behind the scenes. They all did a lot of good work to make these events available to us.

Thank you all,

Dale Greenley,

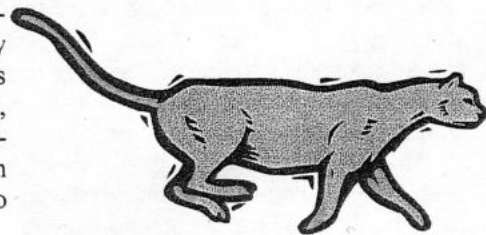
President, Umpqua Watersheds

North Umpqua Cougar Research ?

There is 5.2 million dollars worth of Cougar Research going on in Oregon and some is up the North Umpqua. The research could mean the killing of dozens of wild Mountain Lions from Steamboat Creek to Lemolo Lake. It could even effect Mountain Lions utilizing the Boulder Creek and Mt. Thielsen Wilderness Areas. The purpose of the research is to test factors that effect Elk populations, including nutrition and predation. Since Elk brings in more revenue for the state and for local businesses Cougars will suffer.

Cougars will be collared north of Highway 138 from Steamboat Creek drainage (western boundary), all the way east to Lemolo Lake. Boulder Creek Wilderness is right in the middle of this area. Snow conditions have to be just right to capture Mountain Lions for collaring so collaring might not happen until next fall/winter of 2002/03.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) will capture the cougars by driving up and down the roads with dogs and when they find a fresh set of tracks, they will let the dogs out to tree the cougar. They will then shoot the cougar with drugs to sedate it. The cougar will fall into a net under the tree.



If the dogs chase the cougar into one of the designated wildernesses, ODFW could follow it into the wilderness to collar it. A home range of a cougar is 200 square miles, and ODFW suspects the cougars they collar use the wilderness as part of their home range. ODFW will collar as many cougar as they can get. They don't know how many that will be, but estimate 20.

The elk will be collared this March, beginning in the Toketee area. ODFW will fly over the elk and shoot them with drugs to sedate them, then land and collar them. ODFW plans on collaring 40 elk.

The collared elk will be monitored in their "calving grounds". ODFW wants to target two elk calving areas, and expects to find them around Toketee (Thorn Prairie) and Steamboat Creek, using about 100 square miles for the study areas.

After ODFW gets 40 elk collared, and after they get as many cougar collared as they can, they will then see how many calves are killed in the calving grounds by cougars. Here's the formula for killing cougars: *IF more then 50% of elk calves die in the calving grounds, and IF more then 30% of those dead elk calves were killed by cougar. Then 50% of the collared cougars will be killed.* Fuzzy Math?

Since ODFW doesn't know how many cougars they will be able to collar, they don't know how many could be killed. They would follow a cougar into the wilderness to kill it if they had to, but will try to avoid that.

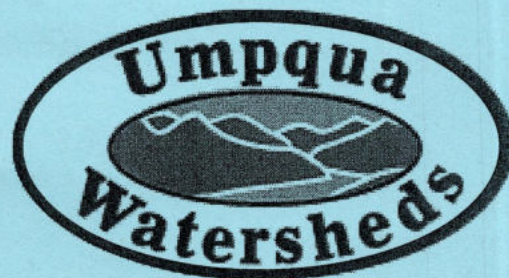
ODFW will kill the cougars by taking out the dogs again, re-treing the cats, and then shooting them, this time shooting to kill. ODFW tried to find zoos or wildlife agencies to take some of the cougars instead, but were unsuccessful. They thought about a holding facility for the cougars, and releasing them back into the wild after the study, but the cost was prohibitive. Thus, the cougars will be shot dead.

Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife has not yet decided how to dispose of the dead Mountain Lions. They don't know if they will leave them for the vultures, stuff them for wall hangings, or what.

Oregonians voted in 1994 and 1996 for greater protections for cougars (to prohibit hunting mountain lions with dogs). In response, Oregon state legislators, not ODFW, ordered this killing research, as well as mandated a maximum sport kill limit. More cougars are being hunted then ever before, and that is still not enough to legislators who disdain the wild.

Umpqua Watersheds believes the predator/prey wildlife in the North Umpqua should be managed for the benefit of the wildlife that live there, not for state profits. Large predators like cougars must be respected for the important part they play in keeping ecosystems healthy by targeting weak prey. Spending \$5,200,000.00 on a cougar killing study is simply unnecessary. Umpqua Watersheds, along with eight other citizen organizations, filed a lawsuit in February to stop this unnecessary research.

Spring Hikes 2002



April 6 - Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up

Saturday join UW's Board Member, Geoff Niles, who leads the adoption effort for cleaning up 2.6 miles of the North Umpqua Highway. North River volunteers meet Geoff at the Glide Ranger Station at 9am and others may join Patrick at the usual place behind the Douglas County Courthouse at 9am.

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April 20 - Earth Day Fair and Concert

Enjoy the **Family Fun Fair** all day Saturday (**10am - 4pm**) at Douglas County Fair Grounds for **Free!** There will be: Music, horse logging demo, used clothing fashion show, wild animals, storytelling, natural foods, face painting and fun making crafts! For more info: 440-4350

Later that night there will be an **Earth Day Dance** at **7pm** at the **Glide Community Center** where *the Rock, Reggae, Groove Band "Stumpy Douglas"* will play for only \$5 at the door. Sponsored by Douglas County Earth Day Committee. For more info: 679-7077

May 4 - Mariposa Lily Hike on Thunder Mountain

Saturday, join the neighbors of Little River when they host a hike to the top of Thunder Mountain where hikers will learn about the importance of protecting the Mariposa Lily. Meet in Roseburg behind the Douglas County Courthouse off Fowler Street at **9am** or at the Glide Ranger Station at 9:30am.

May 11 - Mother's Day Weekend at Donegan Prairie (see page 5)

Saturday, the day before Mother's Day, take your Mother on a mellow stroll thru the beautiful natural meadows of the Donegan Roadless Area. This 6,350 acre Roadless Area is a prime example of potential Wilderness areas many hope to gain this year through legislation. We will also visit the world's tallest pine tree and the only natural rock arch on the Umpqua, Cow Horn Arch. Meet behind the Courthouse at **9am** or at Canyonville's Promise Bakery at 10am.

May 18 - Tomatillo Thinning Tour (see page 3 for details)

Learn Forest Service's plan to decommission 8.8 miles of roads and to practice restoration thinning on a dense second growth monoculture plantation in the Reynolds Creek watershed a tributary of the Steamboat Creek. For more information on this "restoration thinning" **see page 3** of newsletter. Meet in Roseburg behind the Douglas County Courthouse off Fowler Street at **9am** or at the Glide Ranger Station at 9:30am. Bring lunch and water in a backpack.

June 1st - Bulldog Rock Roadless Area (see page 5)

Saturday, join Wilderness Adopters as they take hikers to discover this amazing rock outcrop and Bull Pup Lake. This 8,301 acre Roadless Area is another prime example of potential Wilderness area hope to be gained through legislation this year. Carpool will meet in Roseburg behind the Douglas County Courthouse off Fowler Street at **9am** and then meet at the Glide Ranger Station at 9:30am.

June 22 - Warm Springs Waterfall

Saturday, see the beautiful waterfall below the proposed logging of native forests in the Warm Springs watershed! Learn how both the Upper North and Warm Springs timber sales are clearly inappropriate in the Umpqua National Forests' highest recreation area: the Diamond Lake Ranger District. Carpool will meet in Roseburg behind the Douglas County Courthouse off Fowler Street at **9am** and then meet at the Glide Ranger Station at 9:30am. Bring lunch and water in a backpack.

JULY 20 - 16th Annual - River Appreciation Day

Celebrate the Wild Umpqua River at Whistlers Bend Park on the North Umpqua River. From 1pm to 8pm live music and speakers will take the stage on the rivers edge under the old growth canopy as FREE booths will host artists, entertainment and fresh food & cold drinks. Rafting, camping, hiking will be available along with 18 hole disc golf through the natural parkscape. To reserve booth space or camping site call: **672-7065** or email: uw@umpqua-watersheds.org

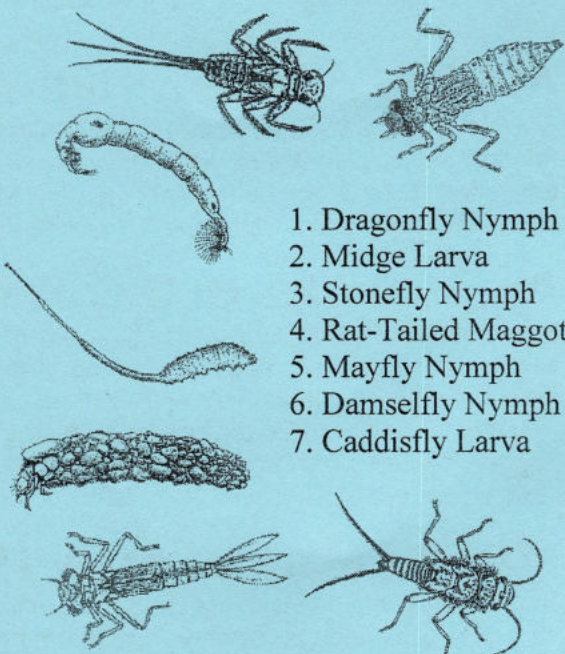
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List of Words

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LOSTRIVERSUCKER
TIDEWATERGOBY
UMPQUACUTTHROAT
COLUMBIASTEELHEAD
SNAKERIVERSOCKEYE
OREGONCHUB
DELTASMELT
COLUMBIACHUM
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CALIFCOASTCOHO
CALVALLEYSTEELHEAD
CALCOASTSTEELHEAD
HOODCANALCHUM
JACKLYN



MACROINVERTEBRATES



1. Dragonfly Nymph
2. Midge Larva
3. Stonefly Nymph
4. Rat-Tailed Maggot
5. Mayfly Nymph
6. Damselfly Nymph
7. Caddisfly Larva

Test your knowledge on Macroinvertebrate I.D.

Match number/name of bug to pictures.

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Answers are at bottom of page...

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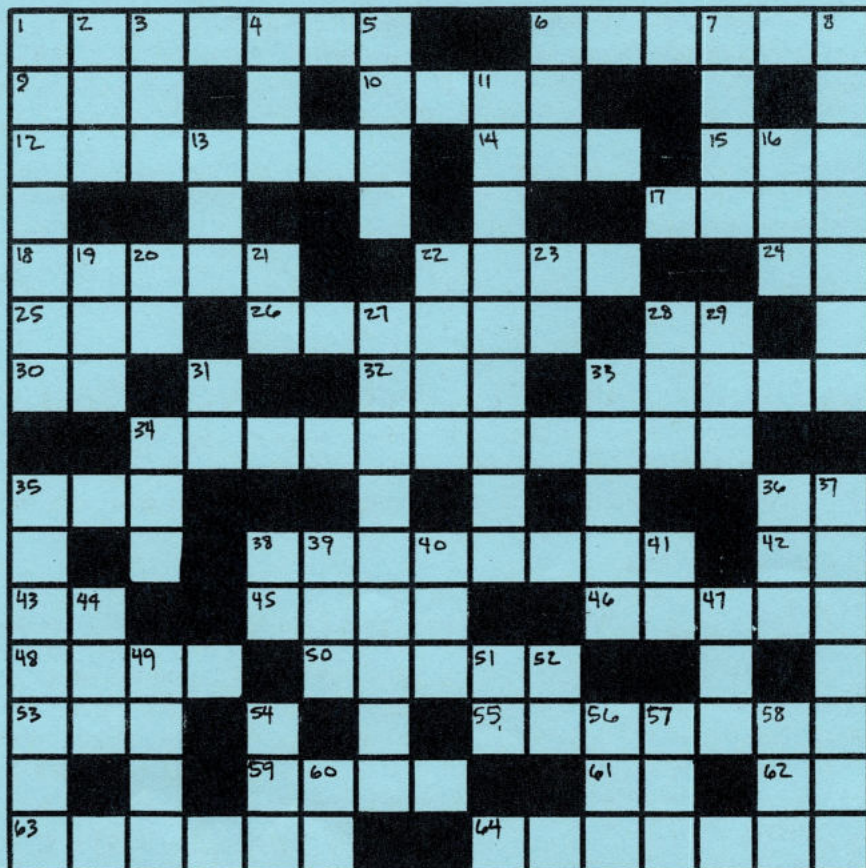
1. We are but one of many
6. National Forest are _____ lands
9. Male first name
10. Great lake
12. Teach
14. Bears take a long one annually.
15. A bald-faced _____
17. Endangered cat
18. Old sap color
22. Little River _____ timber sale
24. 101 (Roman)
25. Fish eggs
26. Place inside
28. Our southern neighbor (abbr.)
30. Metric Unit (abbr.)
32. _____ for two
34. Threatened City of Sutherlin reservoir
35. Spotted owl protector (abbr.)
36. Mister (abbr.)
38. A "See the big picture" philosophy
42. Common prefix for about
43. Rivers flow _____ the sea
45. To imitate
46. A walk in native forest is _____
48. Put your thoughts _____ action.
50. Proclivity towards
53. Born as
59. _____ Springs
61. In the meantime (Latin/abbr.)
63. Industry that has wreaked havoc in public forests
64. A hardwood tree

Down

1. Be a good _____ of the land
2. It contains seeds
3. Large flightless bird
4. _____ HEE
5. Important bank type
6. Oregon sweet _____
7. Endangered native plant, the mariposa _____
8. We _____ with all species
11. Acts upon another
13. A prompt
16. Type of business organization (abbr.)
19. Short for Mother
20. To exit
21. _____ parian
22. Local antlered mammal
23. _____ Thielsen
27. They helped make the North Umpqua renowned
28. Third letter of the alphabet
29. Request
31. Modus Operandi (abbr.)
33. To be suitable
34. Feline
35. Gone forever
36. A medical imagery
37. Use again
38. _____ or she
39. A month (abbr.)
40. Electrically charged molecule
41. A poisonous automobile emission
44. _____ step at a time
47. Prefix for not
49. Bigger than any one player
51. To perform
52. Old (abbr.)
54. A way to help our environment, is to re _____

Wildlife Crosswords

By Valerie Weston (see page 11 for answers)



56. _____ - Zooks
57. It's quality concerns us all
58. A place to stay
60. Our great state (abbr.)

Macroinvertebrate
answers 1,5,2,4,7,6,3

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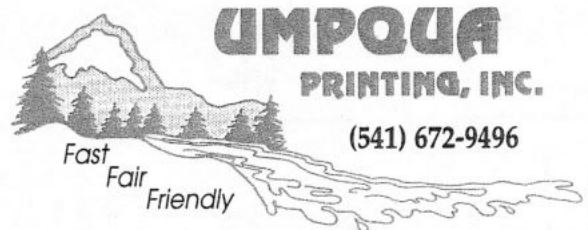
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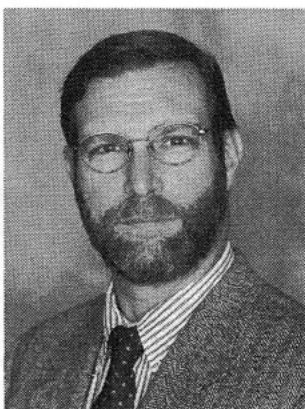
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Your Elliott Forest

The Elliott Forest is 92,000 acres of coastal Douglas Fir forests owned by the State of Oregon -- YOUR public forest. The Umpqua River is on its northern border, near Scottsburg and Reedsport. The Elliott has traditionally been logged by clearcutting to generate revenue for Oregon.

In 2003 the state proposes to **clearcut 440 more acres** of mature forests, leaving 100 foot buffers next to fish bearing streams, 50 foot buffers next to other streams that flow all year, and no buffers next to streams that flow part of the year, even if streams are above fish habitat.

Most of the clearcuts proposed for 2003 are on steep ground with "**High Landslide Hazard Locations**". If there were a house beneath the clearcuts, it would be illegal to log there. But there are no restrictions for fish habitat. For instance, it is legal to clearcut the Camp Creek timber sale (2 miles north of Loon Lake), even though it is "very likely that a landslide" originating in the high landslide risk areas to be clearcut "would likely deliver to reaches of suspected fish-bearing streams below".

The mature and lush forests in the Elliott are about 130 years old, originating from an 1868 forest fire. The trees average between two to three feet across. Because private forest lands surround the Elliott, it is critical that this isolated block of public forest protects as many endangered wildlife species as possible. The Elliott State Forest supported about 69 Northern Spotted Owls in 1995, when a habitat conservation plan (HCP) was developed to allow killing some of the endangered birds (an incidental take permit).

Wilderness Bill Coming!

Oregon Wild 2002

Wilderness Forum

The Hollywood Theatre
4122 NE Sandy Blvd, Portland

April 3
6 to 8 pm

Join Umpqua Watersheds and people from all over Oregon in a discussion with **Congressman Earl Blumenauer** (D) Portland to support **Oregon Wild 2002**; 400,000 acres of our larger **Oregon Wild** - 4.8 million acres. Oregon lags far behind its neighbors in percentage of wilderness:

WA - 10% OR - 3.6% CA - 13%

The **Umpqua** is well represented in **Oregon Wild 2002** with places like: Bulldog Rock, Last Creek, Lemolo, Brice Creek, Hardesty Mountain, Donegan Prairie - **38,000 acres** of Wild places.

Umpqua Watersheds has joined 14 partner organizations in Oregon to gain protection for these wild places that provide important community benefits:

Municipal Drinking Water Supply - Significant Old Forest Protection - Popular Recreation Areas - Scenic Viewpoints - Outstanding Biodiversity - Salmon Habitat Rare Plant Species - Solitude - and a Legacy for Future Generations.

ACTION ALERT - Please Call and/or Write:

Senator Ron Wyden

503-326-7525

700 NE Multnomah Suite #450
Portland, OR 97232

Congressman Peter DeFazio

541-465-6732

151 W 7th Room #400
Eugene, OR 97401

Umpqua Wilderness Adopters

Monthly Meeting * Last Thursday of Every Month

March 28 * 7pm * UW office, 630 SE Jackson (upstairs) JOIN US NOW!

Your state forest will now be clearcut so that in 60 years there will be only 26 owls left. The "conservation" plan is that *after* 60 years, some of the forests will grow big again, and maybe more owls can move back in future years.

Meanwhile, the state of Oregon is interested in your thoughts on clearcutting 440 acres of owl habitat in your forest,

above Coho salmon streams, on steep unstable slopes. If you have anything to say, you can write to the:

Oregon Department of Forestry,
Attn: Jane Hope,
2600 State Street

Salem, OR 97310, or email:

jane.hope@state.or.us

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7 C's of Watershed Restoration

1. **Clarity** of purpose: e.g. create more low-silt spawning habitat for bull trout near Mt. Hood (or for salmon on the Umpqua).
2. **Consensus** on purpose: among agency team members and with partners—other agencies, Tribes, recreation, land owners, consultants . . .
3. **Complexity**: assessments and projects, indeed, are multidimensional
4. **Competence**: within and across disciplines, in teams
5. **Costs**: wow!
6. **Certainty**: really uncertainty
7. **Commitment**: to risk and monitor

Jim Long's impressions of USFS Watershed Restoration Workshop, 6-8 November 2001, Hood River, Oregon to which Forest Service invited partners, including watershed councils.

Randi on Reciprocity

Randi Spivak, Executive Director of American Lands Alliance, said federal decisions influence the Umpqua Basin. But in the same breath, she asserted that Umpqua residents also influence national decision-making in Washington D.C. This was the big message from Ms. Spivak's appearance at Umpqua Watersheds' sixth annual celebration, January 25, in "The Nest" at Oakhills Golf Club in Sutherlin.

She noted that the Bush Administration is rolling back protections of long-established federal environmental legislation—NEPA, Clean Air and Water Acts, the Northwest Forest Plan, the Roadless Areas initiative.

This Administration's dismantling of environmental protections comes in different guises. Some are refusals to enforce the law. Others are pleas for more reviews or more rounds of hearings. Still others are reinterpretations of federal law relative to current security concerns and international trade goals or deferring to local public land managers to determine how Survey and Management requirements are fulfilled. Even more frightful are restrictions on the public's right to know through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

However, in spite of the rollbacks and restrictions, local residents influence legislators and our legislators influence executive policy. Citizens exert influence through the power of their deep regard for the land, wildlife and waters of the Umpqua; their comprehensive knowledge of its resources; their belief that the nation's security is based on its conservation of natural resources; and their ability to communicate in vivid, timely ways in local legislative districts and in D.C., e.g. during Lobby Day last June in which Patrick Starnes participated on behalf of the Umpqua.

Randi urged listeners to personally contact Sen. Ron Wyden during this immediate window of opportunity because he chairs a subcommittee of the House Resources Committee that oversees the USFS budget.

The influence is reciprocal—if, that is, we communicate our sentiments in timely ways to key legislators, agency administrators, and different interest group representatives.

Jim Long, a retired agriculture professor, volunteers on the Education Committees of Umpqua Watersheds, Small Woodland Owners Association and the Watershed Council.

Cooper Creek Clearcut Updates

On January 15, Sutherlin Watershed Action Committee (SWAC) sponsored a Town Hall Meeting regarding Lone Rock Timber's (LRT) planned clear cuts above Cooper Creek Reservoir. Over 100 people turned out, including a large group from LRT. Because the meeting raised more questions than answers, we plan on sponsoring a second Town Hall Meeting sometime in late spring.

The issue of providing protection for Municipal Watersheds is not just Sutherlin's problem. It involves the State of Oregon and every citizen. To put it simply, without safe drinking water we die.

SWAC has just begun to lobby our State government and the Board of Forest Practices to wake up and address the threat of our losing valuable water sources because of their failure to provide legal protection for these "Special Environments".

A new threat to the people of Sutherlin has risen regarding the planned clear cuts above Cooper Creek's earthen dam. There are 100% slopes within this clear cut, well above the 80% slope considered a "high landslide hazard location." If a slide were to occur, it has the potential of breaching the dam, letting water out at the rate of 5,000 cubic feet a second leaving the residents below the dam just minutes to evacuate. According to Sutherlin's "Emergency Action Plan" if the dam failed there would likely be extensive loss of life and property.

If you want to know more or would like to help, call Lorna at **459-8388**.

Written by Lorna Schoon.

FLOW FREAK, SOLITAIRE

*Of those who slide their boats in rivers early
by flash light, head light, no light, moon
count me among the latter,
though mostly alone where few fish swim
and fewer fishers go.*

*Running waters pull me there,
but I'll hold back, resisting now and then;
or speed my drift and race the river
where it deeps to slow against what onshore wind
blows up that canyon; sometimes
(come close enough to coast) even ebb tides help;
changed, the flood prevents an easy row back home.*

*Yet, right and wrong are not a part of this —
only, one picks some points
Beside the upstream / downstream flow
To start and stop along the way and at day's end.
Or if one choose to rise and go, at all?*

Joseph Patrick Quinn

NUHP

Public Hearing & Deadline

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality wants YOUR comments about the effects the North Umpqua Hydroelectric Project will have on water quality at a hearing on:

APRIL 23

2pm and 7pm

Douglas County Library

Ford Room

Highway 138 - Roseburg

and mail comments by:

5pm - May 10

TO: Oregon DEQ

Attn: Dennis Belsky

201 West Main, Suite # 2- D

Medford, OR 97501

or email:

belsky.dennis@deq.state.or.us

For local concerns see:

www.umpqua-watersheds.org

Lamprey Gone?

The Pacific Lamprey (*Lampetra Tridentata*) is an ancient resident of our coastal rivers. This anadromous fresh water eel-shaped jawless fish was a valuable resource for the people who lived here for thousands of years but it's numbers have been in a precipitous decline since the 1970's. Common to swimmers and boaters then, seeing one now is a rare event.

During the 1960's the average annual count over Winchester Dam on the Umpqua was over 29,000. In each decade since counts have shriveled. For all the years of the 90's combined only 286 were counted. What happened is a mystery though there are many possibilities: predation by bass; decline in water quality and increases in temperature are some. It is only one of four non-game fish in the Umpqua whose population is in decline.

The only Oregon population of these remarkable animals left that seems to be holding its own is in the Willamette River. Surprisingly, The Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife is still allowing a commercial harvest at Oregon City. The fish was a valuable part of the diet of the coastal and inland tribes of Native Americans for millenniums and recently the Umatilla and Siletz Tribes have initiated studies aimed at discovering the reasons for the decline and to find ways to bring populations back. Readers will be kept up to date on the hoped-for return of the Umpqua's Lampreys.

Written by Bob Allen who went to the American Fisheries Society annual meeting in February.

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Timber Counties Want Forest Protection

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growth forests from logging on national forest and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands: 70% supported it and 28% were opposed. This support is so far withstanding the economic recession and the war and other events surrounding September 11. There is also evidence that the long-time polarization of sentiment on these questions is also declining.

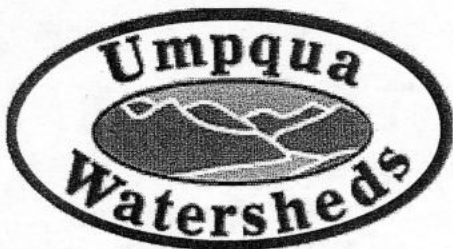
Support for protecting mature forests (those forests between 80 and 150 years old) from logging on national forest and BLM lands is slightly less strong, but still enjoys support of nearly two-thirds of survey respondents: 65% support and 31% opposed.

The survey also looked at support of old growth and mature forest protection in "natural resource" and "non-natural resource" counties (based on their economic base) in Washington and Oregon. The findings affirm results of a prior poll conducted in May 2001 and reflect strong support for protections in both groups of counties. In non-natural resource counties, almost 3 of every 4 respondents supported protections for old growth forest and over two-thirds for protection of mature forests. Support in natural resource based counties exceeded 60% for both old and mature growth protections.

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Earth Day Events

Family Fun Fair

Sat. April 20

10am - 4pm

at Douglas County Fair Grounds

Free!

Music, horse logging demo,
used clothing fashion show,
wild animals, storytelling,
natural foods, face painting
and fun making crafts!

For more info:

440-4350

Glide Dance

April 20 - 7pm

Glide Community Center

Rock, Reggae, Groove Band

"Stumpy Douglas"

\$5 at the door

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For more info:

679-7077