

# 100 Valleys

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## Feds Clearcut Old Growth . . . still . . .

### BLM's COW CATCHER & the Trick

For three years the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Roseburg has NOT proposed any clearcuts of native old growth forests. Now... This September, old growth forests are up for auction. The **Cow Catcher timber sale** clearcuts 146 acres and hauls off 4 million board feet of mature and old-growth trees in the Cow Creek watershed. It is the first sale (of many) BLM has planned for the Cow Creek watershed!

#### VALUABLE Old Growth Characteristics Threatened

**Endangered Coho Salmon:** The watersheds of Cow Catcher timber sale drain into Council Creek that flows into Cow Creek, an important stream for Coho salmon. Clearcutting this old growth will degrade the habitat for the Umpqua's dwindling salmon by increasing peak flows, elevating water temperature and delaying salmon recovery.

**Red Tree Voles (RTV):** A citizen survey group (NEST) found 20 active RTV nests throughout this timber sale. Even though

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### Thinning Second Growth a Better Alternative

Last May Umpqua Watersheds organized a tour of the Umpqua National Forest's **Tomatillo timber sale** in the Steamboat watershed. Umpqua Watersheds was able to get the 13 members of the Northwest Mature and Old Growth Protection Coalition to support the 200 acre thinning in second growth, mono-culture plantations.

Later that year the small trees of Tomatillo were sold to Glide Lumber in a competitive timber sale auction between Swanson Superior Group and Roseburg Forest Products.

This summer Glide Lumber is thinning these forests in order to accelerate the remaining trees growth. A large percentage of public forests in Late Successional Reserves (LSR = old growth) are actually old clear cuts (plantations). Many of these old clearcuts are ready to be thinned commercially.

The Roseburg BLM office has identified 9,500 acres of young forests in the **Upper Umpqua Timber Sale**. This timber sale would only thin forests under 80 years of age.

By Umpqua Watersheds' Outreach Coordinator, Patrick Starnes.

### USFS Pigs Out on Peanuts

This summer D.R. Johnson Lumber Company is logging the **Peanuts timber sale** on the Umpqua National Forest, Diamond Lake Ranger District. The company is logging 154 acres of forests about 200 years old at 5,000 feet elevation. Two units are within an uninventoried Roadless Area of over 1,000 acres. Outside of the small roadless areas, they are building (or have built) 1.3 miles of new permanent roads and .6 miles of new temporary roads. Eighty acres are a "shelterwood" prescription, leaving as little as 10 trees per acre, and the rest is "seed tree" regeneration, leaving only 4 trees per acre—better known as clearcuts.

The Umpqua National Forest made a decision to clearcut Peanuts in June 1997 and sold it in October 1997.

Umpqua Watersheds appealed this sale because it was not consistent with the Forest's own recommendations in their watershed analysis. The Forest had recommended no regeneration harvests (clearcuts) in high elevation Mountain hemlock forests because reforestation was problematic. They also recommended no road building in the area's Loafer Creek sub-watershed of the N. Umpqua river. We lost our appeal because they were only recommendations.

The Peanuts timber sale degrades old-growth habitat for the Cascade Wolverine, the Northern Spotted Owl and the American Martin. It will also displace or kill about 40% of the Primary Cavity Excavators, e.g., Pileated woodpecker.

In case you are wondering why our government would do such a thing: The first "Purpose and Need" listed for this sale is to meet timber target goals. The next priority is to approximate stand replacement fire to provide for wildlife that prefer edge habitat. And finally, "*Harvest would help move the entire watershed from a high severity fire regime to a moderate severity fire regime, thus reducing the risk of catastrophic fire...*" (FS EA)

In the **Pigout Timber Sale** 145 acres of beautiful old-growth forests were sold to Roseburg Forest Products in 1998 and could be logged at any time. One unit can be seen from Watson Falls parking lot, one unit is across from the Umpqua Hot Springs, and some units are behind Elephant Mountain, close to the Peanuts logging. Much of Pigout is classic, Douglas fir old-growth, and the rest is high elevation Mountain hemlock/true fir forests. All the excuses for logging Pigout are the same as Peanuts.

To see pictures of these forests visit:

[http://www.umpqua-watersheds.org/unf/pigout\\_peanuts.html](http://www.umpqua-watersheds.org/unf/pigout_peanuts.html)

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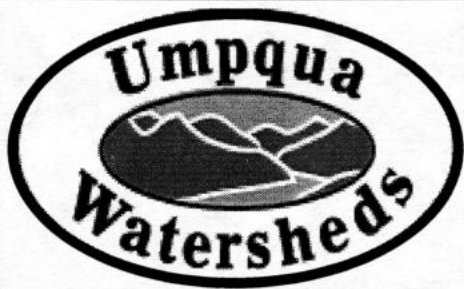
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## People get Results . . .



Dear Supporter,

Umpqua Watersheds supporters get great protection and restoration results for fish, forests, drinking water, rivers and communities.

*YOU must keep taking action with letters, phone calls, emails and appeals to protect our **Wild Forests and Mighty Rivers**.*

*It will take more of the same in the months ahead. Washington DC continues to swipe at the public's wishes to keep old growth standing and courthouse doors open for citizens.*

*The Roseburg, BLM's resurrection of Old Growth Clearcut timber sales in our southern watershed is our # 1 challenge right now. The Cow Catcher timber sale **story on page 1** is merely an example of what is before us in the next year. Many BLM, Umpqua National Forest and Coos Bay BLM sales have similar results in mind for our watershed.*

**TELL BLM — NO more Old Growth Logging in the Umpqua.**  
**Contact the BLM at: 541-464-3245**

*Umpqua Watersheds # 2 challenge is the Congress and the administration's attempt to diminish our environmental laws with smokescreens and hysteria about fire. We must speak up to keep our forests Healthy—The Leahy, Boxer Forestry and Community Assistance Act—will bring common sense back into fire legislation, **see page 3**. Bush's "Unhealthy" Forest Initiative will result in "no tree left behind" for our future. Umpqua Watersheds asks you to support Senator's Leahy and Boxer's bill..*

**TELL U.S. SENATORS — YES Protect communities & Forests.**  
**Contact your Senator at: 202-224-3121**

*Our local and national grassroots movement is facing a daunting task—but we will succeed! We have done it in the past and we can do it today. We will apply pressure, engage our community and speak your mind and your heart to decision makers and neighbors.*

***YOUR** voice is important . . . And multiplies with all who take a stand.*

*Sincerely,*

*Penny Lind, Executive Director*

*PS: **YOU DO** make a difference—keep up the good work.*

## Umpqua Watersheds - says thank you to:

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**YOUR support protects the Umpqua.**



## Old Growth Threatened by a Trick

*continued from Front Page*

BLM must protect "found sites" of this important food source for the spotted owl, the BLM has chosen to ignore the survey results. This sale cuts down and sells most of the nest trees.

**Spotted Owls:** Six Spotted Owl home ranges overlap the Cow Catcher units including 1 in a Critical Habitat Unit.

**Northern Goshawk:** The entire sale is within the range of the Northern Goshawk.

**Mountain Lady Slipper:** A very rare plant that was found, *Cypripedium montanum* will receive a small, 160' buffer.

### Cow Catcher HISTORY and the LAA Trick

Roseburg BLM had originally wanted to clearcut this sale in 1999. Under the Endangered Species Act, they admitted the sale was "Likely to Adversely Affect" (LAA) endangered salmon. Soon afterwards, the courts stopped most LAA timber sales because they degraded the watershed, which was not allowed by the Aquatic Conservation Strategy (ACS) of the Northwest Forest Plan. Roseburg BLM had to withdraw Cow Catcher and all other clearcutting proposals. This forced the BLM to finally work on needed thinning projects.

For the last three years the Bush administration has been weakening our landmark environmental laws, including changing the ACS from enforceable standards to an unenforceable wish-list. They are also changing the Endangered Species Act so that consultations are "streamlined" i.e. **rubber-stamped**.

This enabled Roseburg BLM to change the "LAA" status of this project to a "NOT Likely to Adversely Affect" (NLAA) Coho salmon.

This **trick** allows BLM to further degrade this and other watersheds. Since the courts found that the Northwest Forest Plan did not allow the federal agencies to degrade watersheds further by clearcutting old growth forests, the Bush administration is simply changing the Northwest Forest Plan to satisfy the industry.

In Roseburg BLM's notice of upcoming projects, we suddenly see many old timber sales (seven more of them) back on the list -- **clearcutting 2,791 acres** of mature and old growth forests, selling 78 mmbf (about 15,600 log truck loads) to the timber industry. If they get away with this, it will be tragic.

To see pictures of some of the forests to be clearcut, visit:  
<http://www.umpqua-watersheds.org/blm/cowcatcher.html>

*Submitted by Francis Eatherington, UW's full-time Forest Monitor*



*"The greatest wonder is that we  
can see these trees and not  
wonder more."*

*Ralph Waldo Emerson,  
from a conversation with John Muir*

## Healthiest Forest Initiative

Leahy-Boxer Bill best initiative for forest health

Senators Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and Barbara Boxer (D-CA) have introduced a common sense bill to protect forests and communities from wildfire for Congress to consider this Fall. Their bill, The Leahy-Boxer **Forestry and Community Assistance Act** will also maintain citizen and judicial review of forest management decisions.

The Senators unveiled their bill in response to President Bush's "Unhealthy" Forest Initiative, (SB1904) that would restrict the public's right to challenge forest management and open up our national forest to industrial type forestry practices not forest recovery goals.

The Community Assistance Act will uphold our landmark environmental laws, treat judicial review with respect and remember to include the public in decisions that effect our forests and communities. Most importantly, this Act will expedite projects to reduce the risk to communities from wildfire.

This comprehensive legislation protects the health of forests by placing an emphasis on large-scale insect and disease epidemics. It would provide forestry-dependent rural communities with assistance to promote economic development through sustainable forestry, development of new forest products and promotion of forestry-related tourism and recreation. The bill will charter a new Healthy Forest Reserve Program to help with buffers between sprawling development and communities.

The Bush administration continues to argue that our forests were unhealthy and vulnerable to wildfires because of environmentalists' appeals of illegal projects. The general accounting office reports do not support that conclusion.

Senator Leahy, who has fought to protect the public's right to offer input to government decisions involving public lands for decades, has another response. He stated, "Our forests are threatened by wildfires that are a direct result of past management practices, and we need to address this through prudent management policies. But bending the rules so that the Forest Service will not be held accountable to anyone but themselves will not protect our forests. It will only protect the Forest Service's bureaucracy and the special interests that try to influence them."

Senator Boxer said of the **Forestry and Community Assistance Act**, "This legislation can help prevent the catastrophic wildfires that have devastated forests and wildlife in California and across the nation. It protects our citizens and addresses environmental concerns by directing thinning and clearing activities to areas immediately adjacent to vulnerable communities. We need to put an end to so-called wildfire prevention policies that are driven more by a thirst for commercial timber than by the need to protect our communities." Penny Lind, Executive Director

**Please** help Umpqua Watersheds protect and restore the watersheds of the Umpqua River basin and beyond.

**Support** "Forestry and Community Assistance Act"

**Do Not** support "Unhealthy" Forest Initiative 1904

**Call** your Senators at: **1-202-224-3121**



## President's Message

Dear Supporters,

Let me assure you the Umpqua Watersheds, Board of Directors and Staff are working overtime to defend old growth on public lands in the Umpqua watershed and beyond. Our local, state and national government officials are giving us a lot to work on. There is so much misinformation, deception, and shortsightedness regarding the misnamed 'Healthy Forest Initiative' (1904). Look out for the big give away of Americans' public resources.

We recognize the myriad values associated with native ancient forests above and beyond the monetary return of saw logs headed to the mill. These remaining areas of old native forests are valuable sanctuaries for biodiversity, science, hunting, fishing, recreation, spiritual values, and the natural purification systems for our water of life. And again the BLM renews its plans to clearcut old growth (Cow Catcher timber sale) on the Cow Creek drainage, continuing to degrade the quality of water for people and fish.

With an ever-increasing demand on our precious water resources, a look at the poor quality and quantity of water in the South Umpqua is alarming. Parts of the main Umpqua smells like a cow pasture. The abundant algae bloom covering the bottom of the river and free floating algae indicate the inefficient application of fertilizers and local lawn beautification products and other land disturbances.

Should the Diamond Lake Ranger District go into the headwaters of the North Umpqua around Lemolo and Diamond Lake and clear cut primeval forests that have never been logged? No! They should stay off the fragile pumice aquifers on our headwaters.

Help us by renewing your membership and making a generous donation. This is a critical time for the protection of roadless areas and the remaining primeval natural forests of our watershed. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gerald Wisdom  
President Umpqua Watersheds

## Wild On Wilderness

*WOW is Umpqua Watershed's recently formed committee created to promote and advocate wilderness designation for wild lands within the Umpqua Watershed.*

*WOW's goals include assisting in the development of site-specific Wilderness Proposals for inclusion in a Wilderness Bill and establishing a large, diverse group of wilderness volunteers.*

*If you are interested in working on the wilderness effort PLEASE contact UW's office at: **672-7065** or Chairperson, Leslee Sherman at: **672-9614** to receive a Wilderness Volunteer Form allowing you to choose specific tasks and areas of interest.*

### OREGON WILDERNESS CONFERENCE

## OCTOBER 18

At Reed College - Portland, Oregon (see back page)

## East Fork Coquille Timber Sale

**Y**ou already wrote one letter to BLM about this terrible project. Please write another letter as soon as possible.

The East Fork Coquille proposal will clearcut 600 acres of mature and old-growth forests east of Roseburg. Over half of these acres contain ancient forests over 200 years old. The oldest forest proposed for clearcutting is over 400 years old.

The project also proposes to thin 2,000 acres of old clearcuts (aka Managed Plantations). We support this needed thinning. But it makes no sense to convert more old-growth forests to young managed plantations. We have plenty of plantations to provide us with a steady reliable supply to meet our needs.

Please write to the BLM State Director and ask her to take the old-growth logging out of all proposals. Otherwise more analysis in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is necessary because clearcutting old-growth is a national concern and not acceptable to most of the American public. Tell her how you feel about logging old-growth forests.

#### Write to:

Elaine Marquis-Brong  
State Director, BLM Oregon State Office  
P.O. Box 2965  
Portland, Oregon 97208

Or email: Elaine\_M\_Brong@or.blm.gov

Or FAX: 503-808-6308

Or Call: 503-808-6004

#### For more information visit:

[www.umpqua-watersheds.org/blm/CoosBay\\_BLM/east\\_fork\\_coquille\\_ts.html](http://www.umpqua-watersheds.org/blm/CoosBay_BLM/east_fork_coquille_ts.html)







# Autumn 2003 Hikes & Events!



## October 18 - Rattlesnake Mountain and Fish Creek Timber Sale

Saturday, join UW's Board Member Mike Piehl on the wild and scenic Rattlesnake Mountain Trail and learn more about the complexity of the Forest Service's Fish Creek timber sale. The carpool will meet in Roseburg behind the Douglas County Courthouse at **9am** or at the Ranger Station in Glide at 9:30am. Bring small backpack with lunch, water, sunscreen and raingear. **HIKE CLASS: Moderate**

## October 25 - Fungus Among Us The Hausotter Memorial HIKE

Saturday, join Umpqua Watersheds on our 3rd Annual fall mushroom outing we are now calling the Hausotter Memorial HIKE. Long-time acknowledged expert in the field, Jack Hausotter, annually led us through the forest and discussed various aspects of mushrooms and fungi. We will include a gathering session (the hunt!), followed by an I.D. session with one of Jack's students, Geoff Niles. Folks should come prepared with raingear, basket/bucket, knife, and whistle/compass. Carpool will meet behind County Courthouse at **9am**. **HIKE CLASS: Easy**



## OCTOBER 14 - Energy Conservation Forum "Global Cooling"

Tuesday at **7pm**, learn about alternatives for energy options from large energy providers down to small consultants who will help you get "off the grid" presented by the **Douglas County Coalition on Global Warming** in the Douglas County Library. For more information call: **672-9819**

## November 2 - Pigout Timber Sale near Hot Springs

Sunday, learn about this native old growth forest that has been sold to Roseburg Forest Products and could be cut any time. **Francis Eatherington** leads hikers to the site which is across the North Umpqua River from the Toketee Hot Springs. Carpool will meet in Roseburg behind the Douglas County Courthouse at **9am** or at the Ranger Station in Glide at 9:30am. Bring small backpack with lunch, water, sunscreen and raingear. **HIKE DIFFICULTY - Moderate**

## November 15 - Doerner Fir and Coquille Old Growth

Saturday, join UW's President Gerald Wisdom when he leads a visit to the Doerner Fir tree along with East Fork Coquille Timber Sale (see page 3). Meet at the Douglas County Courthouse at **9am** or at the Lookingglass Store at 9:30am. Bring small pack with lunch, water and raingear. **HIKE DIFFICULTY: 1st Part Easy & then after lunch Difficult**

## December 12—Hot Club Sandwich Benefit Concert

Friday, **7pm**, join friends to dance into the holiday season at the Elks Club in downtown Roseburg with: Live Music, Swing Dance Lessons, Dessert-a-thon - Planning underway—to volunteer call **672-7065**  
Tickets sold at the door: \$10.00 - \$7.00 with student ID. *See last page.*

## December 13 - Umpqua Coast with Oregon Shores

Saturday, join Robin Hartmann of Oregon Shores when hikers will learn about snowy plover habitat, its risks, good and bad beach grasses, dunes, foredunes. Discuss dune policy questions--public access, European beach grass management. Learn how you can **Adopt-A-Mile** of Beach to help protect public access. Carpool will meet in Roseburg behind the Douglas County Courthouse at **8am**. Coastal folks can meet the carpool at 9:30am at the Umpqua Dunes Center at the corner of Hwy 101 and Hwy 38. Bring small pack with lunch, water and raingear. **HIKE DIFFICULTY: EASY**

For more info: **672-7065** or email: [uw@umpqua-watersheds.org](mailto:uw@umpqua-watersheds.org)



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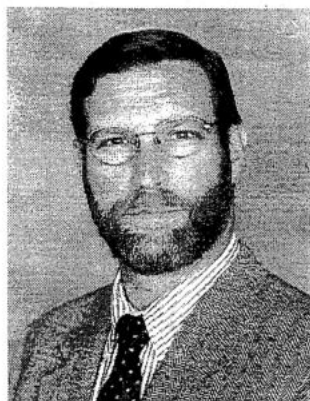
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## The Search Conference



### BOOK REVIEW

**M**errellyn Emery and Ronald Purser wrote a helpful book: *The Search Conference: a powerful method for planning organizational change and community action*, Jossey-Bass, 1996. A search conference brings together large numbers of folks who care about a social or environmental "puzzle;" all perspectives are welcome and recorded on easel paper for everyone to see; participants—not as delegates, but as citizens share their hopes for the future and their view on history. Together, participants learn and plan to pursue common goals.

The authors contrast "search conferences" to other conferences that depend on authorities and experts to define problems and suggest solutions. They base their description of successful, two-three day "search conferences" on theory and 30 some years of experience in the U.S., Australia and other countries. They illustrate their principles from case experiences with business, labor, economic development, educational, volunteer, governmental and environmental groups.

An intriguing aspect for me was Emery and Purser's approach to "rationalizing conflict": separate issues from agreements; pursue points on which folks *do* agree; in the meantime, ask parties in conflict to search for solutions to the puzzle and to bring back their proposals to the larger group.

*Jim Long retired agriculture professor writes for the "100 Valleys" and other local organizations papers.*

**"I see in Nature a magnificent structure... that must fill a thinking person with a feeling of humility..."**

Albert Einstein

## Salt of the Earth

**I**n order to control my high blood pressure, I have had to cut back on my salt intake over the last 20 years.

Recently I discovered that such a prescription could have saved a planet as excerpts from the following autopsy revealed.

**Planet:** Earth

**Cause of Death:** Global warming due to greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide

**Early warning signs:** Increased saltiness of the oceans through evaporation caused by global warming

**Areas first noted:** Bermuda, North Pacific

**Results:** Oceans no longer able to absorb carbon dioxide, thereby accelerating global warming faster than anticipated

The autopsy noted, with regret, that like many fatal illnesses, this "as-salt" on the planet could have been prevented through simple life-style changes. Information on reducing carbon dioxide through alternative energy choices and energy efficiency will be available at forums such as the one to be sponsored by the **Douglas County Coalition on Global Warming** on Tuesday **October 14<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm in the Douglas County Library.

Peter West of the State of Oregon's Energy Trust, Al Walker, Energy Consultant, and representatives from Pacific Power and Douglas Electric, will discuss what the doctors already know: An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

After all, when it comes to salt and global warming, you are what you eat.

*Long time UW Member, Stuart Liebowitz has organized his environmental focus by forming the local group:*

**Douglas County Coalition on Global Warming  
672-9819**

## Classifieds

### Part-time Position Available

Umpqua Basin Watershed Council seeks a half time employee for one year to coordinate a pilot program to recruit and train volunteers who monitor our watersheds. The position description is available from Bob Kinyon, UBWC Coordinator, 541-673-5756, and from Cardinal Services, 541-672-8466. This position will help fulfill UBWC's outreach goals. Applications are due October 3; the position starts mid-November.

### 1989 Volkswagen Camper Van \$500 OBO

Umpqua Watersheds received a year-end donation of a running vehicles for the hikes, etc. This summer it blew a head gasket and requires a rebuilt engine. UW must recover some of the donation funds or raise money to rebuild the engine for future program needs. If you are interested call: 672-7065

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Chris Bennett is developing one so...

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## Good Bye to Jack

On Wednesday, August 6, many of us in this community felt a personal sense of loss, with the passing of a local legend, Jack Hausotter, just 4 days after his 77<sup>th</sup> birthday. Jack was born on the family homestead in Riddle on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1926 and developed an early fascination with nature.

I first met Jack when, after spending a number of years wondering which of these many mushrooms might be edible, I enrolled in his mushroom I.D. class at U.C.C. in 1998. How fortunate I was, for this was to be the 26<sup>th</sup> and final year of Jack teaching before he retired (officially, anyway!).

Jack not only furthered my own interest in mushroom hunting, but opened up the much broader fungal world to me. I soon discovered that Jack not only possessed a deep knowledge of many of the other earth sciences as well (geology, biology, botany, etc.), but had been able to put this knowledge together to develop an understanding of how these various scientific disciplines interact in this great and complex web of life we are part of. I don't think I have ever met someone with such a broad, yet deep, understanding of how life on this fragile planet works.

Jack was both teacher and student. As his student, I saw how eager he was to pass knowledge on to anyone interested, yet on field trips he could display the excitement and fascination of a child when he'd find something he hadn't seen before. He could switch instantly from Latin technical names to funny real-life stories about almost anything.

He was willing to go to great lengths to share his knowledge- which I tested once by calling him about a mushroom I could not I.D. Yes, he spent the day driving from Myrtle Creek to Glide and back, just to help me!

The last couple of years, I have called on Jack to help out on Umpqua Watersheds' mushroom hikes, which he was generously glad to do. (See hike schedule insert for info. On this year's mushroom outing.) Most recently, just 2 weeks before his passing, and despite failing health, Jack agreed to give a talk about native plants at our recent River Day Celebration. This proved to be his last public speaking engagement.

All of us at Umpqua Watersheds have been fortunate to have had Jack's support over the years, and his presence will be greatly missed.

His legacy, however, lives on in many of us!

*Former UW Board Member, Geoff Niles was a student of Jack Hausotter mushroom classes and will be leading the Jack Hausotter Memorial hike this October 25th (see green insert).*

***"To touch the Earth  
is to be in harmony  
with nature."***

***Northern Plains Proverb***

## Patrick Marches to Miami

Careless Canadian environmental laws and lack of respect for Canadian workers along with Canadian government subsidies is costing Douglas County hundreds of high paying jobs and hurting private little "Ma & Pa" forest owners who have banked on these forests for their retirement and their other family needs.

Canada is importing raw materials (fir logs) and building materials (OSB board), which is directly impacting our home here in Douglas County.

Local "Ma & Pa" small timberland owners cannot compete with subsidized logs from Canada's Crown Lands nor from subsidized logs from our federal forests. We need to make small woodland owners a first priority in the log market followed by other industrial lands. We need to support Congressman Peter Defazio's efforts to keep the Canadian invasion in check.

A flood of Canadian building products on the market also hurts local mill owners. Even our local builders are buying Canadian finished wood products instead of locally produced building supplies here at home on the Umpqua.

You and I are NOT powerless in this capitalistic democracy. We can act at the highest levels in Washington, DC to the local levels here at home in Douglas County.

Call or write President Bush and ask him to repeal NAFTA and to NOT join the NEW Free Trade Agreement of the Americas (FTAA). Ask Senators Smith and Wyden to join in this battle to protect forest families. Thank Congressman DeFazio for fighting this encroachment from the beginning.

Locally, you can buy and support wood products grown and processed here at home. Encourage friends and family to do the same. I encourage our local Umpqua Homebuilders, Douglas Timber Operators, the Society of American Foresters and the local Small Woodlands Association to get behind this campaign and stop the Canadian invasion which will help make our private forests more competitive.

At the end of September, I have been asked to be Oregon's representative in a national campaign to end these "free trade" encroachments. On a 5000-mile trip, I will join labor and environmental activists from around the nation from Seattle to Miami. This national awareness campaign targeting the FTAA is called simply the "March to Miami" or M2M. See: [www.marchtomiami.org](http://www.marchtomiami.org)

Steelworkers, millworkers and other labor representatives have joined together with conservationist to form a "blue-green" alliance to protect our jobs and our beautiful environment.

The "March to Miami" starts September 29 from Roseburg and meets up with the folks from Seattle in Spokane on September 30<sup>th</sup>. We all will arrive in Miami on November 19 in time for the FTAA meeting with 34 countries. The march will pass through 15 states with presentations and conferences in the following cities: Seattle, Spokane, Missoula, Des Moines, St. Louis, Kansas City, Chicago, Indianapolis, Cleveland, Louisville, Nashville, Knoxville, Atlanta, Tampa and finally Miami.

I encourage you and any of my neighbors to join me on this march or pledge support by the mile for my efforts if you can't join me. I'm asking for a humble \$20.03 (to represent this year).

Thank you for your support and please send pledges to:

Patrick Starnes  
1030 W. Harvard #5021  
Roseburg, OR 97470

starnes2002@hotmail.com  
(541) 672-7065

*Outreach Coordinator, Patrick Starnes will be on unpaid leave until Thanksgiving.*



# River Day Moves South



## Event another Success near Canyonville

Umpqua Watersheds hosted the 17<sup>th</sup> River Appreciation Day July 19 for the first time at Stanton Park in Canyonville, thanks to coordinator, Patrick Starnes. Gerald Wisdom said 18 rafters floated between the Park and Lawson Bar that morning and estimated that by mid afternoon 200 folks had come to enjoy the shows, exhibits and food.

Canyonville Mayor Chuck Spindel, opened the ceremonies and featured the Rogue-Umpqua Scenic Highway and the importance to South County guests.

The shows featured a span of entertainment—from political satire to Irish folk songs. Among the exhibitors were Friends of the Umpqua hiking club, Native Plant Society, Douglas County recycling, Adopt-a-Wilderness, Al and Trudy Walker with their enthusiasm for alternative energy for homes, Steamboaters and Jeff Dose with his inflatable salmon for tall fish tales.

Jack Hausotter of NPSO reviewed the multiple values of native plants to peoples of the Umpqua since 10,000 ago. The recycling exhibit stressing the risk of household hazardous wastes reminded me "Every home is on water front property." Al Walker introduced new energy technologies, tax incentives and upcoming demonstrations this fall at UCC. And Steamboaters coaxed folks into a fly casting contest.

Bob Allen displayed a copy of the 1989 "charter" for this festival—the Resolution declaring the third Saturday of July as Oregon's River Appreciation Day. It was signed by then Senate president, John Kitzhaber. This commitment followed a celebration the year before initiated in the Umpqua by Bob Allen, Don McClean and Bob Hoehne, whose new poem also appears in this edition of *100 Valleys*.

The youngest prize winner was Rheo Rocco, Tenmile first grader, whose colorful poster was selected this year for posters seen around the county.

Mistress of Ceremonies, Sally Brown, said "Thanks to all the beautiful people who helped us celebrate our beautiful River."

When a participant was asked for a suggestion to preserve our Umpqua heritage, he responded: "Just leave the God-blessed river alone."

And if you haven't yet acquired your "Allen and Allen Logging and Ballet Company" T shirt, come to the next River Appreciation Day, the third Saturday of July 2004. I hear this T celebrates the smallest "clear cut" in the Umpqua. Just ask the two Allens cited above.

*Jim Long, retired agriculture professor writes for the "100 Valleys" and other local organizations papers.*

## Wilderness Youth Camp

Umpqua Watersheds' annual Wilderness Youth Camp Out 2003 held at Twin Lakes on July 25-27 was better than ever according to youthful attendees. "It was fun. It was hard AND it was worth it! You should DO it!," said Grace Garrett, age 12. Others also said they loved it and want to do it again next year.

The camper-hikers, ages 12 to 18, had the great fortune of having Ken Carloni, biologist, lead them on a hike overlooking the two Twin Lakes. As we hiked, Ken taught the group tree identification, about forest soils, about flowers and other plants along the way. The clear July day's spectacular views were incomparable and we could see for miles.

Great fun was had by all. After the morning hike to the overlook, a swim in the second lake was definitely in order. Rafting and swimming were main events irresistible in the clear, blue, pristine twin lake.

This fun event is also part of Umpqua Watersheds' educational commitment to its membership. For kids, young and older, this annual campout held the last weekend in July is carefully designed to be fun while learning about nature and wilderness. Three of the campers won the grand prizes for successfully completing the Nature Scavenger Hunt. Larla Cranley, age 12, of Rice Valley and Grace Garrett, age 12, of Oakland tied for first place and Emmalyn Garrett, 18, of Oakland came in a close second. Congratulations to these outstanding participants and future leaders in our society.

Many thanks to all participants, whether you were a camper or a planner. You all made it a memorable event!

Be watching next early summer for more information about the 2004 campout.

*Robin Wisdom, Assistant Forest Monitor & volunteer.*

***"... only the enthusiasm of people can make it work: an enlightened and involved public stands as the hope between the remaining parcels of wilderness and oblivion"***

Michael Frome

## ANCIENT FORESTS

*by Bob Hoehne*

You stand like no other  
vine maples dance at your feet

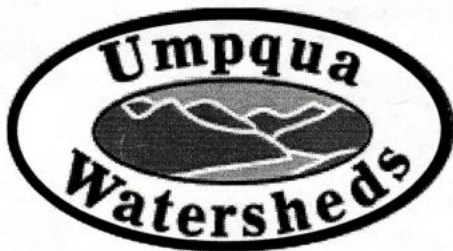
You stand like no other  
with your old limbs  
hanging downward.  
The waters that flow  
by your roots  
make sounds of music  
on their way to the river.

Your broken tops tell your age  
and are a new home  
to many on the forest floor.  
I see the sun  
between your split tops.  
You stand like no other!

YES  
you stand like no other  
Ancient Forest

*inspired by Donegan Prairie*





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### *Umpqua Watersheds*

Benefit Concert - *Swing Dance*  
(Planning Underway)

Friday night

**Dec. 12 - 7pm**

Seattle's gypsy swing band,  
**"Hot Club Sandwich"**  
with the local string band  
**"Hotqua"**

at the **Elks Lodge** downtown Roseburg

To volunteer or more info call:

**672-7065**

\$10 at the door    \$7 with student ID

## **Wilderness Conference Saturday - October 18**

Reed College - Portland, Oregon

### **Join Conservation Leaders and Scientists**

Don't miss this opportunity to join concerned Oregonians in learning how you can help protect Oregon's wild lands, wildlife and waters.

**Conference begins - 8:45am** Registration fee of \$35 includes morning pastries, lunch, and dinner or \$15 does not include meals. Register by Oct. 10th.  
Volunteers will receive discounted registration.

For registration and more details on volunteering call Erin Fagley at Oregon Natural Resources Council (ONRC):

**(503) 283 - 6343**

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