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Cow Catcher Protest in Roseburg

Roseburg BLM renews Old Growth logging after a four year hiatus

The Roseburg Bureau of Land Management (BLM), along with the Coos and Medford BLM, is on a rampage with the Bush administration to diminish more of our remaining Old Growth forests in SW Oregon.

Federal decision makers, who hold our forests and rivers in their hand's have turned back their clock to the "bad ole days." The public must speak up to make that STOP!!

That's what 40 plus citizens did on a sunny day in September of 2004. The BLM keeps pushing Old Growth, clearcut sales through; YOU and I need to push back. Here is a partial list of what could be lost if the Bush administration, BLM and industry have their way.

Roseburg BLM

Cow Catcher Timber Sale - SOLD

Mature/Old Growth—146 acres

Spotted Owls—6 nests

Cow Creek Watershed—Damaged

Red Tree Vole—Habitat Lost

The Cow Catcher timber sale auction sold off 146 acres of our mature/old growth forests to mills that have not gotten the message, and choose to keep ignoring the public, scientists and elected leaders who do not want more of our old forests gone forever. The Roseburg BLM has more than 2,000 acres of rare, low elevation forests being prepared to sell and cut.

Umpqua Watersheds, with your help, will stand up to each of these challenges. The message needs to be heard in Roseburg, Oregon and in our nation's capital.

No More Old Growth Logging!



Over 40 local citizens peacefully protest Old Growth logging at the BLM office on Garden Valley

Coos Bay BLM

East Fork Coquille Timber Sale

Mature/Old Growth—600 acres

Owl & Murrelet—Habitat Lost

Red Tree Vole—Habitat Lost

This sale is filled with trees older than 400 years. We must not lose these giants.

Help stop East Fork Timber Sale!

This unique remnant of giant coast range old-growth trees is just west of Roseburg. Contact BLM to express your feelings on old growth and demand that BLM, at the very least, prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this project before February 2004.

Penny Lind, Executive Director

Forest Gifts were Found



Large Attendance Every Year

Last October, as part of its outdoor education, Umpqua Watersheds hosted our 3rd mushroom hike and hunt. We were greeted by great weather, and a group of 35-40 enthusiasts gathered for a day of both education and fun.

I have been involved in organizing Umpqua Watersheds' mushroom outings, and I was honored to be able to call on the expertise of Jack Hausotter in leading the informational and I.D. parts of our outings. Sadly, as many of you know, Jack passed away last summer, and while I certainly could never fill Jack's (size 15) shoes, we at Umpqua Watersheds are determined to continue this popular outing.

As we arrived at our 1st gathering area, off Coos Bay Wagon road, near Burnt Mountain road, I gathered the group for a short tribute to Jack, noting his contribution to the outdoor education of generations of Douglas County students, and his concerns about environmental health.

In keeping with Jack's tradition, we then had a discussion of the many important roles fungi play in our forests for both plant and animal survival, and over-all environmental health (Did you know that our beloved Douglas Fir forests could not even survive without numerous fungal colonies attached to their rootlets?).

After some instructions on how to pick mushrooms (while doing as little damage as possible) we hit the woods. I scouted out this particular spot because it contained some interesting and unusual mushrooms. I also pointed out to the group, some Pacific Yew trees which had been felled (illegally) and stripped of their bark

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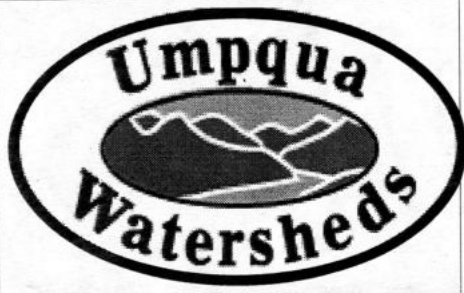
PLEASE WRITE : Elaine Marguis-Brong, OR, BLM Director, PO Box 2965, Portland, OR 97208 or CALL: 503-808-6026 - To STOP this Old Growth logging

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YOU can make it better . . . in 2004

Dear Supporter,

Today, you and I must stay focused and disciplined as our **Wild Forests and Mighty Rivers** face many uncertainties.

National tensions and economic hurdles exaggerated by the Bush administration's agenda have pushed environmental challenges and victories aside in our country. The Umpqua's special qualities have received that same bad treatment.

It's up to you and me to keep the spotlight on the current administration's threats to our fish, wildlife and communities.

The water we drink and the fish that depend on healthy rivers cannot be treated that way. They can no longer be lost to bad practices by timber and energy corporations and this administration's list of bad choices:

1. **Old growth logging mills** in the Umpqua have served up their damages for decades. The people, scientists and political leaders have all declared "enough is enough." Unfortunately, big old trees are still cut and sold to these mills. **It is Time for a Change!**
2. Scientists, along with conservationists, agree that the best restoration for the North Umpqua River's declining and endangered fish is the removal of **Soda Springs Dam**. Yet, this fall, a new license was issued that allows the energy industry to keep this destructive dam (1 of 8 in the project). This license also allows water quality and wildlife and human safety to pay the price for profits. **It is Time for a Change!**
3. The **suspicious fire legislation** that the Bush administration wrote for our NW forests, to pay back campaign support, is set up to leave us with more dark legacies of mismanagement. Conservationists will have their hands full monitoring and overseeing its implementation while the industry pressures to turn back the clock to aggressive logging.

It is Time for a Change!

With **YOUR** help, Umpqua Watersheds will keep our environmental challenges in the spotlight in 2004. **It is Time for a Change!**

Sincere thanks,

Penny Lind, Executive Director

YOUR VOICE is important—your calls and letters **DO** make a difference.

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FOR ALL YOU DO



"Rotten Apple" - the USFS Prefers Worst Alternative

By early August 2002, the lightning-caused Tiller fires had been burning for almost a month, burning cool and low in the Spotted Owl Reserves (otherwise known as Late Successional Reserves or LSRs) and the Roadless Areas that were off-limits to logging, even salvage logging. The mosaic burn pattern was natural and beneficial for these fire-dependent forests; then something unnatural happened.

A human drove up Panther Creek Road above the Apple Creek campground, and started a fire. They started this fire in the best weather conditions, the best place, the best time, to cause the most damage to old-growth forests that were not protected from logging, especially salvage logging. We heard it described as "probable arson", but after 16 months, an investigation (closed to the public) is still "in progress" with no end in site and no information released.

What has progressed instead is the proposal to salvage log the defoliated old-growth trees, leaving as little as two snags per acre standing in the logged areas for wildlife habitat and future soil capital.

In this sale, Forest Service calls "Baked Apple", they analyzed six alternatives based on dozens of public meetings with hundreds of scoping comments. The vast majority of comments received by the Forest Service asked for safe and moderate salvage logging, protecting our future resources by leaving 50% of the burned trees, and selling 50%. Known as the "Beschta" Alternative (Alternative 5), it has received the most scientific credibility.

But in spite of the public's wishes, the Umpqua National Forest designated a "preferred alternative" that best reflects the timber industry's wishes. Alternative 4 logs the most and the biggest of the defoliated trees. It logs the most live (green) old-growth along side roads and in new road right-of-ways. It logs on soils so shallow and rocky that the 1989 Umpqua National Forest Plan designated them "unsuitable" for conversion to tree farms. It even **logs in Riparian Reserves for economic reasons**. In a dramatic turn-about from more rational past practices, the Umpqua National Forest has actually designated the worst of all the alternatives as their "preference."

Salvage logging does NOT leave enough for soils or wildlife!



However, a final decision has not yet been made. The Forest Service still has the opportunity to do the right thing by choosing Alternative 5 (Beschta) or at the least Alternative 3 (which leaves 13 of the biggest trees in the units standing; 11 trees more than Alternative 6 and 9 trees more than Alternatives 2 & 4).

Alternatives 3 and 5 do not log in riparian reserves and do not log on "unsuitable" soils. Alternative 5 is the only alternative that does not log in the two uninventoried roadless areas, Horse-shoe Bend and Limpy Creek.

Though the "official" public comment period ended in December, you can still write a letter anytime before the final decision (likely in February 2004).

Write to: Jim Caplan, Umpqua National Forest Supervisor,
2900 NW Stewart Parkway, Roseburg, OR 97470

Or email: jcaplan@fs.fed.us

Ask the Supervisor to rein in the North Umpqua Ranger District to choose a safer level of salvage. Tell him that Alternatives 2, 4, and 6 are unacceptable because they do NOT leave enough trees and clearcut in places that should be left for nature to heal.

For more detailed information visit UW's website:
http://www.umpqua-watersheds.org/unf/fire_salvage.html

Francis Eatherington, UW's full-time Conservation Director

Biscuit Report

Extreme Logging for Siskiyou Wild Rivers Area

The Forest Service has unleashed plans for massive logging of sensitive Biscuit fire affected forests in the proposed **Siskiyou Wild Rivers Area**. If carried out, this would be the largest, most extreme logging operation in the modern history of our National Forests.

The "preferred alternative" in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) proposes 518 million board feet of logging across 29,090 acres - including 12,179 acres of logging in Inventoried Roadless Areas. In total, the plans would **degrade 57,000 acres of Inventoried Roadless Areas**: possibly barring them from future protection as Wilderness.

How extreme is this logging scheme? The preferred alternative is about **twice the combined logging** on all National Forests in **Oregon and Washington** last year. The most extreme proposal in the DEIS includes 1.02 billion board feet of logging - enough to create a chain of logging trucks reaching from Portland, Oregon to the East Coast (2,700 miles long).

Your help is needed to keep the Bush Forest Service from driving chainsaws into the heart of our Siskiyou Wild Rivers Area. To learn more and to submit official comments before the **January 20th deadline**, go to www.siskiyou.org. You can also send comments directly to the Forest Service.

Scott Conroy, Forest Supervisor c/o ACT2
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Rolf Skar, Siskiyou Project's Campaign Coordinator.

IN MEMORY

Ben Elkus

Former fire lookout and
Friend of the Umpqua

Craig Beneville

Red Tee Vole surveyor
and forest activist

*Both perished this summer working
and living in the nature they loved.*

President's Message



Umpqua Watersheds, being a grassroots conservation organization, (out-financed and out-numbered in our community), guarantees that we receive ample critical oversight from our opponents. Our minority has a hand in stimulating the debate about what happens to our public lands. As opposed to 'love it or leave it' fascism, it is right to feel ok about expressing a dissenting opinion. It remains appropriate to question the agencies' plans and operations that damage old growth, get into riparian reserves, or don't follow the Northwest Forest Plan. If we were in a love it or leave it fascist country, would we be able to raise these kinds of questions?

On the industry side there is a small extreme segment who clearly would cut anything that produced a profit margin for them and their stockholders. Umpqua Watersheds needs to question favoritism, cronyism, and the handing out of public resources. With clean water and beautiful forests, our community in time will become more of a cross-sections for people who are attracted to these values. Truly, very few come here to see clearcut hills and mountains. Recreation is set to become more and more significant to the area's economic well-being.

When the public across Oregon and the rest of the country was polled about the value of the remaining old growth forests, the majority was in support of letting the trees stand as parks and sanctuaries - as exhibits people can come see.

Please consider making a generous donation, volunteering on our committees, or renewing your membership to support our valuable work. Remember, we as staff, Board, and supporters do this because we love our wilderness, roadless areas, favorite fishing, hunting, and hiking sanctuaries. Our reward is knowing these places are there, and that we can return there, hopefully to find the water as clean as the last time we visited.

Sincerely,

Gerald Wisdom

President of Umpqua Watersheds

Last Chance for Lemolo!

On November 4, 2003 a Guest Editorial by John Quimet, District Ranger for the Diamond Lake District of the Umpqua National Forest (UNF), left out many details and misled the public about the dangers of the Lemolo timber sale.

It's the worst timber sale proposed by the Umpqua National Forest (or anywhere in the Umpqua). The Lemolo Project would sell about **5,600 log truck loads** (28 mmbf) from forests around Lemolo Lake, right in the middle of the proposed Medicine Mountain National Monument.



The Lemolo Project is the home of some of the largest old growth in the Umpqua.

The project will **clearcut 596 acres** leaving only 4 to 10 trees per acre. **Over 300 of those acres are old-growth forests** over 200 years old. More than 900 acres of native forests will be thinned, for a total of 1,579 acres of logging. Some of the oldest trees from any national forest timber sale could be cut in the Lemolo sale. There are three other alternatives proposed that log less, but not less enough.

The Forest Service's recent Guest Editorial told some big whoppers about this sale, like "To reverse the trend of in-

creasing fuel loads within the forest, alternative two provides the most extensive fire management prescriptions." No, it doesn't. Alternative 2 provides the MOST logging. The other three alternatives all propose more natural fuels burning rather than commercial logging.

Ranger Ouimet writes: "Reducing the probability of a catastrophic forest fire at Lemolo is a key aspect of the project." No, it isn't. The number one purpose for the Lemolo Project is to sell logs to the timber industry. Though there are some good restoration projects attached to the logging, they are not the reason for the logging.

The truth about the Lemolo project is that hazardous fuels will be treated on 1,861 acres, but 1,590 of those acres are logging slash left over after cutting the forests. Alternative 2 reduces natural fuels on only 282 acres. Umpqua Watersheds supports prescribed burning of natural fuels because they are a result of fire-suppression over the last 50 years. But of the five alternatives in the Lemolo project, Alternative 2 burns the least acres of natural fuels while producing the most acres of logging slash. It also converts the most acres of mature forests into plantations, which are a much greater fire hazard.

Not only will the Lemolo sale log some of the biggest and oldest trees on the district, it will also log smaller trees in the highest elevation forests. These Mountain hemlock and Lodgepole pine forests are prime wildlife habitat adjoining the wilderness areas. These forest are far more valuable to the Wolverine and Pine Martin than they are to the timber industry. These wildlife values are irreplaceable.

The Umpqua National Forest Plan estimated that every acre of Mt. Hemlock forest that is cut would **lose up to \$815 of your tax money**. The Lemolo sale will log 75 acres of Mountain Hemlock forests, **losing \$61,125 in a give-away** to the timber industry (in 1989 dollars). The Lodgepole pine units are such a money-loser that the Forest Plan even removed them from the timber base because of low "productive potential."

Incredibly, the Umpqua National Forest says Lodgepole pine forests have to be clearcut for forest health, or otherwise bark beetles will attack them. Right next door, the Crater Lake National Park says Lodgepole pine forests are fire resistant and a natural fire break to help control wildfire. In fact, the National Park thinks natural, cyclical bark beetle outbreaks in Lodgepole pine are good for wildlife because it creates age di-

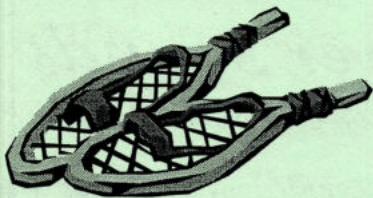
See **Save Lemolo Old Growth** (Continued on page 9)



UW's Winter 2004 Hikes & Events!



January 18 - Snowshoe near Mount Bailey



Explore the beauty and wonders of the proposed Medicine Mountain National Monument around Diamond Lake home of the Umpqua's largest Roadless Area: Mount Bailey. Snow shoes will be available to rent for \$10.

Call UW to reserve: **672-7065**. Beginners encouraged!

Carpool will meet behind Courthouse at **8am**
or at the Diamond Lake Lodge at 10am.

JAN 24 - Cross Country Skiing near Diamond Lake

Once again explore UW's proposed National Monument with a Cross Country ski trip into the Diamond Lake and Mount Bailey Area. Skiers will be responsible for their own skis. Call for ski equipment locations: 672-7065.

Carpool will meet behind Courthouse at **8am** or at the Diamond Lake Lodge at 10am. Beginners encouraged!



Feb. 15 - Wisdom Waterfall Walk off North Umpqua Trail

Sunday, join UW Staff Member Robin Wisdom who leads a mellow exploration along the first segment of the North Umpqua Trail and discover Deadline Falls near Rock Creek. USFS hydrologist Mikel Jones will discuss how many different waterfalls form. Meet behind the Courthouse at **10am** or across the bridge at Swiftwater Trailhead at 10:30am.

Feb 28 - Eighth Annual Banquet & Benefit Auction

Saturday at **5pm**, join hundreds of like-minded friends and neighbors for UW's annual gathering. Nature Philosopher at OSU and author, **Kathleen Dean Moore** will be our keynote speaker. Ticket scholarships are available by calling the UW office at 672-7065. See back cover of newsletter and insert for more details.

February 29 - Leap Year HIKE with Francis

Sunday, Umpqua Watersheds joins Cascadia Wildlands Project to learn about threats to local old growth. UW's Francis Eatherington leads folks to the East Fork Timber Sale near the Coos Bay Wagon Road in the headwaters of the Coquille watershed. Learn what you can do to help! Carpool will meet in Roseburg behind the Douglas County Courthouse off Fowler Street at **9am** and meet at the Lookingglass Store at 9:30am. Eugene folks call CWP at: **(541)434-1463**

March 13 - Cow Catcher & Cotton Snake along Cow Creek

Umpqua Watersheds joins the Klamath Siskiyou Wildlands Center to learn about the old growth clearcutting along Cow Creek. See beautiful huge old growth forest and learn more about what you can do to save these sacred forests. Carpool will meet in Roseburg behind the Douglas County Courthouse off Fowler Street at **9am**. South county folks can meet the carpool at the Promise Foods in Canyonville at **10am**. For Ashland carpool contact KS Wild at **(541)488-5789**.

March 21 - "The Rock" in Lookingglass A Saint Pat's Tradition

Sunday, climb the amazing geological wonder with great views of Tenmile and Lookingglass Valleys. Hikers will learn how the 1700 feet elevation "conglomerate" rock raised from its ancient gravel river bed. Hopefully the Spring flowers will offer colorful compliments to the spring vistas. Carpool will meet in Roseburg behind the Douglas County Courthouse off Fowler Street at **9am** and meet at the Lookingglass Store at 9:30am.

For more info: **672-7065** or email: uw@umpqua-watersheds.org

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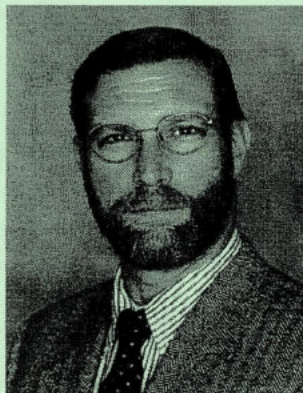
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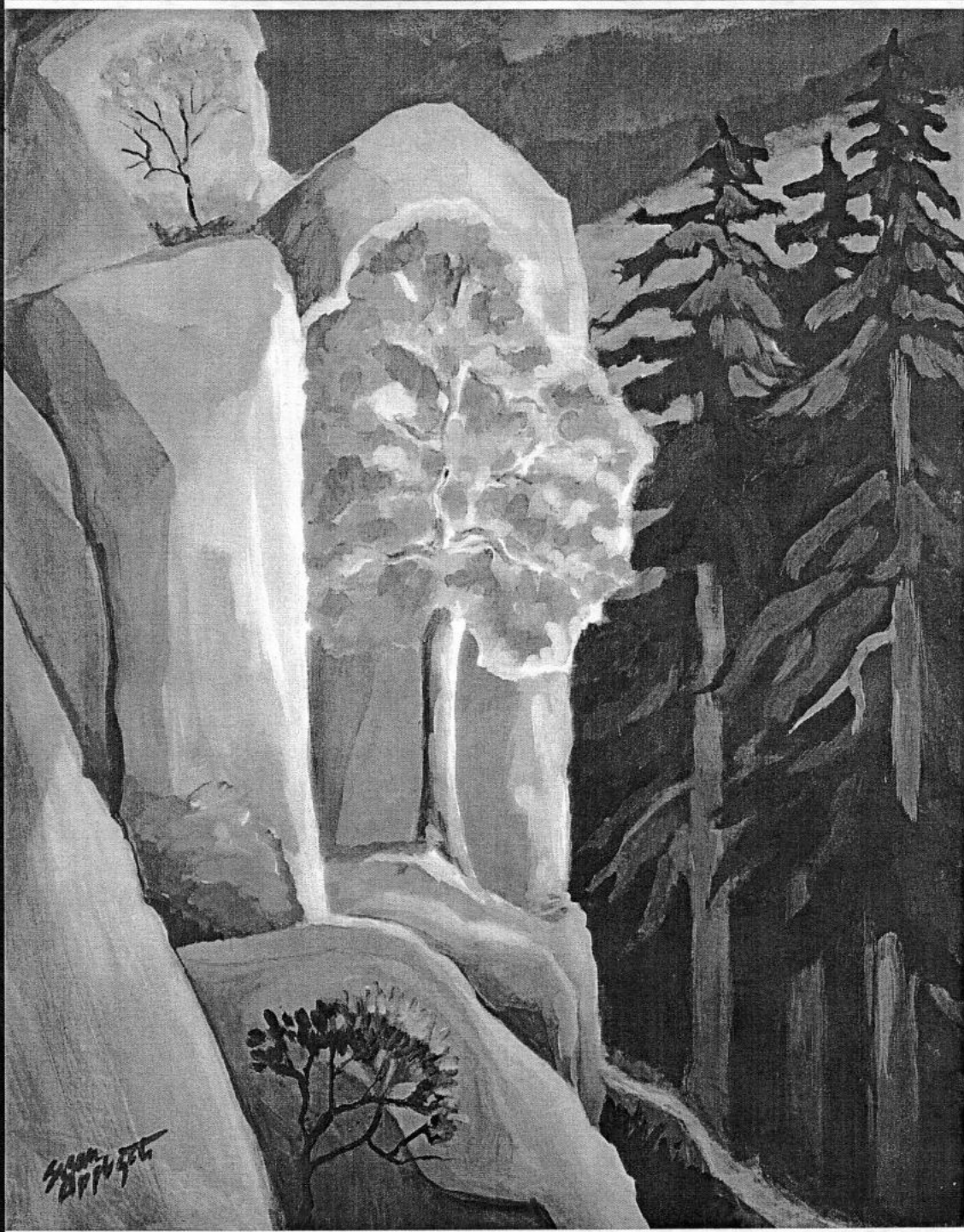
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UW's 2004 Guest - Kathleen Dean Moore



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Kathleen Dean Moore is professor of philosophy and the founding director of the Spring Creek Project for ideas, nature, and the written word. Her current work is in the area of philosophy and nature, where she has published two books of essays: *Holdfast: At Home in the*

Natural World (Lyons Press, 1999), winner of the 2000 Sigurd Olson Nature Writing Award; and *Riverwalking: Reflections on Moving Water* (Lyons and Burford, 1996; Harcourt Brace, 1996), recipient of a 1996 Northwest Booksellers' Award. By combining personal narrative with natural history and philosophical inquiry, she seeks to "bring philosophy to life" in essays published in journals that range from *Field and Stream*, *Audubon* (forthcoming), and *Wild Earth* to the *North American Review* and the *New York Times Magazine*, among others. She is currently developing a new field course, the Philosophy of Nature.

Kathy's Ph.D., from the University of Colorado, is in the philosophy of law, where her particular interest is in the nature of forgiveness and reconciliation. Her book, *Pardons: Justice, Mercy, and the Public Interest* (Oxford UP, 1989, 1997) outlines a neo-retributivist argument for pardons.

Long interested in innovative teaching, Kathy was named a Master Teacher in the College of Liberal Arts in 1995. She is the author of two textbooks that connect the skills of critical thinking and effective writing, *Reasoning and Writing* (Macmillan, 1993) and *Inductive Arguments: The Critical Thinking Skills*.

Kathy and her husband Frank, an OSU biologist, have two grown children, Erin and Jonathan. They are all wild for anything wet--big rivers, small boats, desert canyons, and the edges of the sea.

"Moore's intense love for and close observation of nature combine with a keenly philosophical mind, reminiscent of the work of other fine philosopher-naturalists such as Thoreau, Dillard, and Muir." -- Library Journal —

A Hawk in the Sun



Leon Powers writes passionately in *A Hawk in the Sun* about the ferruginous hawk, North America's largest raptor. But it took this Northwest Nazarene University zoologist at Nampa, Idaho nearly thirty years to write it.

The book (DIMI Press, Salem, 2003) is available at While Away Books. The 190-page paperback is "a complete metamorphosis" of his much earlier 312-page dissertation. "This writing," he says, "comes from the warmth of the heart, and shares with you the deeply personal labor of love that was long disguised as research. My daily adventures with Ferruginous Hawks changed my life as a naturalist. . . ." *A Hawk in the Sun* is a love story that cherishes relationships among the lands of Southern Idaho, the sage brush and other native plants, the rabbits and the families of this shy, rare raptor.

Author Leon Powers will speak about his love affair at the Douglas County Library, Roseburg, the evening of April 21, 2004. The program is co-sponsored by Umpqua Valley Audubon Society, Umpqua Chapter of the Native Plant Society, Douglas County Library and Umpqua Watersheds. For info: **673-3713**.



BOOK REVIEW by Jim Long, PhD



Solar Electric in River City

Local homeowner tells how he did it

One of our board members, Bob Allen, bit the bullet and installed a 3 Kilowatt photovoltaic system on his roof. The installation was done by a UW member and should provide about all the electricity Bob uses. What isn't used flows back into the system to provide "green power" for his neighbors for which he receives a credit from, you guessed it, Scottish Power. It cost Bob about \$4,500 dollars and the subsidy was about \$12,000. Yes, that's three zeros, thanks to the Oregon Energy Trust.

For info call contractor **Al Walker** (the solar guy) at **496-3987**

Umpqua Hydro Update

This newsletter has been following **Scottish Power's** attempt to get its license renewed for their hydro-electric project on the North Umpqua River. On November 2003, they were issued the license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) despite the Forest Service's initial objections and the findings of their own Watershed Analysis that the Soda Springs Dam (1 of 8 dams) should be removed. The dam is an obstacle to fish passage and blocks 30 plus miles of habitat.

In tireless negotiations the Forest Service caved under political pressure and went along with this unfortunate result.

The coalition of environmental groups which have followed and worked on this issue for a decade have no intention of rolling over and will watch carefully to see if conditions, for change spelled out by the settlement agreement, such as fish passage and other improvements, are followed. "Trust but verify," as Ronald Reagan used to say.

UW Board Member, Bob Allen

Energy Conservation at Roseburg Chamber



Douglas County Businesses address Global Warming

The Douglas County Global Warming Coalition began meeting last summer and has been looking for practical ways that folks here can do their part to address climate change. Coalition member Jim Long suggested conducting a survey of businesses to determine what they have done to conserve resources and what they are planning to do.

Results from the dozen businesses surveyed have been very encouraging. Coalition members wanted to spread the word about the good work being done, and have businesses learn from each other. Arrangements were made to have two representatives from the surveyed businesses address the November 10 Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce Noon Forum.

The two, Jim Stelson, General Services Director of Mercy Medical Center and Brent Lofstedt, owner of Quality Auto, represent very different business types and sizes. Jim Stelson looks at energy efficiency and reduced maintenance when upgrading and improving their facilities. The improvements undertaken by Mercy are extensive. They have also benefited from the Energy Trust and the energy credits.

Brent Lofstedt of Quality Auto elaborated on their numerous recycling efforts. They rebuild parts rather than discard them, and totally eliminated chemical tanks, such as the tank formerly used for radiator repair. They test for heavy metals to make sure they could dispose and reduce their solid waste. They now do not generate any hazardous waste, and are the county leaders in recycling many auto wastes.

For more information about the **Douglas County Global Warming Coalition**, contact Stuart Liebowitz at **672-9819**.

Bad Corporate Neighbors?

Clearcutting near homes? What you CAN do!

Umpqua Watersheds gets many calls from citizens who have been personally harmed by **Bad Neighbor**, logging practices next to their homes and drinking water.

Unfortunately, Oregon's weak Forest Practices Act gives you very little protection against these **Bad Neighbor** practices.

Only through constant reporting of these **Bad** practices can citizens get support to strengthen the law, or at the very least, better enforce the rules and punish wrongdoers.

STEPS to take to change Bad Corporate Neighbor practices

1. Make a photo and written record of all activities & correspondence
2. Call and Write the Oregon Dept. of Forestry—cc the Governor & UW
3. Call and Write the Oregon Board of Forestry—cc the Governor & UW
4. Appeal directly to the Bad Neighbor company
5. Contact other Good Neighbors who are affected
6. Contact the media . . . hire a lawyer

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Council Hires NEW Staffperson

Organizes Volunteers for Monitoring

With support from a Title II RAC grant, Umpqua Basin Watershed Council recently employed Sandy Lyon, part-time, to coordinate volunteer monitoring. Sandy came to Douglas County a decade ago from a medical laboratory research position with University of California, San Diego. She and her husband run a ranch near Days Creek where the family is active with 4-H.

Sandy works out of the Council office. In response to requests from public and private land managers, she coordinates training and placement of adults to monitor the quality of water for fish in Umpqua streams. Welcome to your new role, Sandy.

Next meeting: JAN 13 at 3pm in the Douglas Forest Protection Association in Roseburg on the corner of Airport Road and Channon Street.

Learn more about Umpqua Basin Watershed Council call: **672-5756**

Please visit: www.ubwc.org

Jim Long, PhD

Lamprey Need Protection

For those anadromous fish fanciers who miss the lamprey in the Umpqua, and many other western rivers, we are still waiting for a response from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service on a petition we sent just a year ago. We asked the agency to intervene on behalf of four species which are in serious decline in the Umpqua and on the west coast. Given the lack of response we are considering our options; they are: hope, prayer, and lawsuit. Care to guess?

There has been some response from the private and agency sectors since we petitioned; they have formed a working group (we found out about it by accident) and they have met several times to get a handle on the problem.

They are sponsoring a workshop on the lamprey issue in March; more on that in the next newsletter.

UW Board Member, Bob Allen

Goats

and



Geese?



Goats and cheese made sense.
But goats and geese?

I was curious as he spoke at a recent conference in Washington State about an upcoming project along the Yakima River. Marty Hudson, the Klickitat County Weed Board Coordinator will be testing the idea of using goats to browse invasive Russian olive in a wetlands for migratory waterfowl.

The three-year trial follows a couple years of experimenting with goats and sheep--and fewer herbicides--to better manage noxious weeds on *range* lands. Will these smaller browsers also help control other invasive plants like Russian olive in wetlands?

Stay tuned!

This newer project was initiated by Washington State University and a rancher whose land includes a wetlands in an important flyway. The experiment is supported by U.S. Department of Agriculture's wetland reserve program and a companion program for researchers and ranchers to experiment with multi-species grazing to improve vegetation on ranches, farms, wetlands, forests, and riparian areas.

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Volunteer Opportunity

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Kulongoski Please Speak Up

Immediately upon taking office, the Bush Administration suspended the Roadless rule, and it appeared that they might try to do away with it entirely. However, under pressure from Congress and the public, in May 2001 the Bush Administration promised to uphold the Roadless Rule with only minor changes. Despite this promise, the administration announced sweeping changes to the rule in June 2003, and failed to defend the rule against an adverse court ruling in Wyoming. Additionally, the administration has implemented a number of regulatory changes that undermine roadless area protections throughout our national forests.

Once again, the Roadless Rule is under attack by the Bush administration as they prepare to exclude some of our lower 48 forests along with our Alaskan roadless areas in the Tongas and the Chugach National Forests.

Please join citizens from across America to protest more delays and exclusions to this popular forest protection rule.

For more information on what you can do to help, go to:

http://www.ourforests.org/risk/bush_undermine.html

Most important, for Oregonians, PLEASE ask the Governor to tell the Bush administration to support and implement the Roadless Rule on all the forests of America. The people have spoken over and over again with a million comments more than once and still the threats to our wild forests remain in place.

Recently, in Roseburg, Oregon, Governor Kulongoski natural resource advisor, Jim Myron, announced that the Governor did not want federal agency projects invading roadless areas.

Let the Governor know that you agree.
CALL: **503-378-3111**
or **WRITE:**

Governor Kulongoski at:
254 State Capital
Salem, OR 97310

Or email: <http://www.governor.state.or.us/contact.htm>

Hausotter Memorial Hike



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for Taxol. Even though Taxol is now synthesized in laboratories, apparently there is still a black-market for the "real thing."

We then continued further West to our next destination, near Coos Bay Wagon Road and Weaver Road. Upon arriving, we discovered some of the area had been recently thinned pretty heavily, which re-

duced both the quantity and variety of mushrooms available. However, some of the adjoining area was untouched so everyone broke into smaller groups and headed out for two more hours of gathering.

Afterwards, we came back together for an I.D. session. I'm glad to say that this part of the outing lasted for quite a while, as we had collected over 50 different types of mushrooms (not all edible, of course!), and everyone's interest was high to identify and discuss them. Once again, while I couldn't fill Jack's size 15s, I did my best to lead the I.D. session, discussing the various finds and answering many questions the group had. Other attendees had fungal knowledge, and I wish to say "thank you" to them for their help during the I.D. session.

We heard many positive comments afterwards, and everyone who wanted to, went home with a basketful of delicious edibles for dinner. Thanks to everyone who attended: an educational and fun time was had by all!

Geoff Niles a regular outreach volunteer.

Save Lemolo Old Growth

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versity, snag habitat and insects for birds. If it wasn't so sad, it would be laughable that the Umpqua National Forest claims that clearcutting pine forests is good for pine health.

The Mountain hemlock and the Lodgepole pine forests are also hard to reforest because of the harsh climate and poor soils. In fact, the Diamond Lake Ranger District has the highest failure rate for getting clearcuts to grow forests again. The Forest Service claims they can "fix" these past mistakes, so a restoration part of the Lemolo project will till up the ground. But new clearcuts are proposed right next to these past failures, before the Forest Service knows if the "fix" will work.

The official public comment period for Lemolo is over, but you can still share your values, especially before the final decision (expected in January 2004). Write to Jim Caplan, Umpqua National Forest Supervisor, 2900 NW Stewart Parkway, Roseburg, OR 97470 (jcaplan @fs.fed.us). Ask him to go back to the drawing board: none of the Lemolo alternatives help these high elevation forests. The Forest Service should proceed with prescribed fires to more than just the miserly 282 acres proposed.

Francis Eatherington, UW's Conservation Director

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"Woe unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field, there be no place, that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth!"

- Deuteronomy 8:7

Top Secret Sale BLM Logs Old Growth

The Roseburg Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is selling old-growth trees to a secret buyer. Even on our public lands, the BLM refuses to tell us what they are up to. For all we know, someone's brother is getting a really good deal. The information we do have on this old growth logging was painfully extracted piece by piece from the BLM.

Last May, the BLM made a decision, with NO public notice or input, to salvage log mature and old-growth windthrown and "danger" trees within 400 feet of roads in Spotted Owl Reserves (otherwise known as LSRs or Late Successional Reserves) and non-reserves. Why trees 400 feet away from roads are "danger trees" (even along old roads that the public does not use) are questions not being answered.

Eight locations are chosen for this type of logging in the South Umpqua watershed (Slide, Berry, Lee and Beals Creek; Chimney Rock and Larson Road; Cow/Cattle and South Myrtle Creek). When we requested information through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), we received pages with many big black marks. Any information on who purchased the mature and old-growth trees was censored because, according to BLM, the buyer is not a company and so is protected as an individual under the federal privacy act.

Umpqua Watersheds looked at the salvage at Slide Creek and saw stumps of old-growth trees, hundreds of years old, about five feet across. The trees had been sawed into truck lengths, yarded up hill, picked up and put on a commercial log truck, and likely hauled off to a timber mill capable of handling old-growth: a secret destination.

The BLM claims this is just like any other "special forest product" permit, like huckleberries. UW insists there is a big difference. While people go to BLM to buy a permit when they want to collect other forest products, no one approached the BLM and said, "I want to buy old-growth trees" for my individual use. Instead, the BLM chose someone to approach, and arrange a deal to salvage "danger trees". The BLM and the secret person they chose, came to a "negotiated price." There was no public advertisement like most old-growth timber sales. The BLM says the entire deal was verbal. There are no written records, not even of contract inspections.

The BLM chose someone with equipment capable of yarding and hauling old-growth trees to a mill. Someone got a windfall. Whom did the BLM choose for this job and why are they being kept secret? The BLM needs to be fair and open when selling our public resources.

Francis Eatherington, UW's Conservation Director

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Banquet Keynote Speaker: **Kathleen Dean Moore**

Kathleen Dean Moore is professor of philosophy and the founding director of the Spring Creek Project for ideas, nature, and the written word. Her current work is in the area of philosophy and nature, where she has published two books of essays: *Hold-fast: At Home in the Natural World* (Lyons Press, 1999), winner of the 2000 Sigurd Olson Nature Writing Award; and *Riverwalking: Reflections on Moving Water* (Lyons and Burford, 1996; Harcourt Brace, 1996), recipient of a 1996 Northwest Booksellers' Award.

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