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Connecting People with Places - Banquet a Success!

More than 300 neighbors meet at 8th annual gathering

Emcees Sally Browne and Ken Carloni welcomed over 320 guests to the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Roseburg on February 28 for Umpqua Watersheds' eighth annual banquet and benefit auction.

President Gerald Wisdom introduced special guests from the local and regional conservation community, volunteers, supporters and land management agency leaders. Gerald also received nominations for new Umpqua Watersheds' board members and recognized retiring members, Jenny Young Seidemann, Chuck Schnautz and Mike Piehl.

The evening was filled with awards for volunteers who have dedicated their time and spirit to the future of the Umpqua, over the years. Penny Lind, Executive Director of Umpqua Watersheds, presented the annual "Counting on You" awards to veteran volunteers Chris Bennett and Richard Chasm. In recognition of the 40th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act, Mike Anderson, Research Analyst for The Wilderness Society, presented the "Wilderness Hero's" award to three former Umpqua Wilderness Defenders - Marv Mizell, Leslee Sherman and Roy Keene for their work in preserving the Boulder Creek, Mt. Thielsen and Rogue Umpqua Divide Wildernesses. Roy spoke about his aspirations for the future to tap the public's regard for salmon and water, and when creating public policies to preserve wild places, and to draw upon the public's commitment to "fairness".

Conservation Director, Francis Eather-



Over 300 local citizens attend Umpqua Watersheds 8th Annual Banquet and Benefit Auction

ington, offered a dose of reality on today's environmental picture. She highlighted the elimination of critical environmental protections and public oversight of management on national forests: (A) The Bush Administration in 2003 began to reduce the Aquatic Conservation Strategy to a "simple wish list." (B) In response to a suit supported by Douglas Timber Operators, the White House "settled" out of court by agreeing to lower Survey and Manage standards of the NW Forest Plan. (C) BLM will start procedures in '04 to remove from Oregon and California railroad lands all "reserves" for spotted owls, stream sides, campgrounds and special environmental sites. (D) The proposed 1500 acre Lemolo Timber Sale in the Umpqua's highest recreation use area, entirely within the proposed Medicine Mountain National Monument.

Honored guest and speaker, Kathleen Dean Moore began with a poem, reading from Wendell Barry's *Invocation*—in despair, find peace in wild places. The OSU philosophy professor told us about the results of her recent "research." For their

singles' ads in the *Corvallis Gazette Times*, most writers, overwhelmingly put the "outdoors" at the top of their list of attractions—above watching movies, dining, dancing—even romance!

She asked: How do we infuse that passion into our moral and political agendas? One hint, she suggested, is to start with our perceptions, our beliefs. For example, can we really believe we can sell it all and still preserve the "outdoors"? Can we conclude that "tomorrow is not our problem" and pass on a healthy environment to our children? Can we assert that techno-fixes will salve injuries to the environment with its unfathomable complexities? Another hint: We can "tell" others about our love of wildness most powerfully by what we do because we love it.

Special features of the evening included the charming music of Toby Bates and Bridget Wolf, delicious catering by Kathy Shayler and spirits from Hawk's Brewery and DeNino's wines. The silent auction and the oral auction championed by Jody Ahlstedt earned valuable support dollars for Umpqua Watersheds' protection programs thanks to the generosity of individuals and businesses who donated, and to bidders who purchased the wonderful auction items. Special thanks to the Wolf Creek Job Corps students who spent the evening with us and did a great job of putting the banquet to bed. Until next year!

Jim Long & Penny Lind

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Our Conservation Community – The future for the Umpqua

Dear Supporter,

*Who will speak up for the Umpqua . . . ? You and I will!
What will we say . . . ? Conserve! Restore! Appreciate!
How will we do it . . . ? Monitor! Advocate! Educate!*

The conservation community remains easily motivated to work hard for the Umpqua, after visits to our Wild, Old Forests on hikes, river trips, fishing and hunting, research, sight seeing and personal retreats. So much to see . . . So much for you and me to defend.

Here in the Umpqua, as in so many watersheds across the Northwest, the unique, wild and diverse habitats that wildlife, fish and people depend upon still have a chance to be sustained.

The political winds of the last few years have exposed these wild areas to numerous vulnerabilities. The People of America can shift that wind with our dedication to the value of our forests, rivers and our futures.

Umpqua Watersheds has a list of important campaigns for you to work on in 2004 that are critical to secure an ecological, economic and sustainable future for the Umpqua: ✱ Roadless Area Protection ✱ Wilderness Work ✱ Restoration ✱ Old Growth Protection ✱ Pacific Lamprey ✱ Soda Springs Dam Removal ✱ Black Bear Protection ✱ Diamond Lake Restoration ✱ Preserve Environmental Laws.

Your opinions, and most importantly, building relationships with People in our communities will maintain the Umpqua's legendary treasures and create support of restoration and sustainability.

Please join me with letter writing, watershed visits, support dollars, volunteer hours and your personal enthusiasm. Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,

Penny Lind, Executive Director

NEW - Northwest Environmental Watch

Resource Scorecard for health, economy, population, energy, sprawl, forests and pollution-critical to the Pacific Northwest's future.

Time-lapse maps of clearcutting in five forested areas:

http://www.northwestwatch.org/scorecard/maps_forests.asp

Time-lapse maps of sprawl in seven cities:

http://www.northwestwatch.org/scorecard/maps_sprawl.asp

Regional data sheet comparing how Washington, Oregon, BC, and Idaho: http://www.northwestwatch.org/scorecard/Scorecard_regional.pdf

What are O & C Lands?

Crucial Wildlife Reserves Could Be Lost

O&C lands are most of the public forests managed by BLM in western Oregon. They total 2.2 million acres, largely in a "checkerboard" (every other square mile) land ownership pattern. O&C lands are our closest public forests around Roseburg, Glide, Myrtle Creek, Riddle and many other western Oregon communities. But there is a struggle escalating on the O&C lands. The timber industry claims these lands should be managed solely for their benefit by turning them all into industrial tree farms. People who depend on the benefits of these public lands and wildlife that live there disagree.

In 1869, the Oregon legislature designated the Oregon and California Railroad Company to receive a federal land grant, which consisted of every other section of land for twenty miles on each side of two proposed railroad lines (one near present day Interstate 5, and the other near Coos Bay Wagon Road). To help finance public transportation, the railroad was supposed to sell the land to settlers, but they got caught selling the land illegally to timber companies instead. In 1916, Congress took back all remaining O&C lands and placed them under the management of the Department of the Interior (BLM, not the Forest Service!). Congress eventually passed a timber management and revenue distribution scheme in the 1937 "O&C Act".

Unfortunately, it tied county revenues to timber harvest, which created county budgets dependent on logging. This tie was severed in 2002 with independent federal payments to counties, but the "Association of O&C Counties", including Douglas County Commissioners, who are ALL still a very strong pro-logging voice.

The 1937 O&C Act says O&C lands will be managed:

"for permanent forest production, and the timber thereon shall be sold, cut, and removed in conformity with the principal of sustained yield for the purpose of providing a permanent source of timber supply, protecting watersheds, regulating stream flow, and contributing to the economic stability of local communities and industries, and providing recreational facilities"

In 1990 a court ruled that this meant "timber production" is the "dominant use" of O&C lands, and the timber industry has been claiming the timber as all theirs ever since. In 1994, the timber industry and the "Association of O&C Counties" (i.e., Douglas County) sued over the new Northwest Forest Plan because it established reserves for old-growth dependent species on O&C lands. But here Judge Dwyer ruled these reserves were legal because the O&C Act also required the BLM to protect watersheds and contribute to economic stability. Without old-growth reserves on O&C lands, he said, the Northwest Forest Plan would be insufficient to protect wildlife under the Endangered Species Act. The timber industry's appeal languished until 2003, when the Bush administration settled for a very sweet deal. (See *Settlement Article right*).

Francis Eatherington

For more information and to see all documents referenced in these articles see:

<http://www.earthjustice.org/background/display.html>
<http://www.earthjustice.org/news/display.html>

Sue & Settle Strategy

Bush's New Logging Strategy

On August 1, 2003, the timber industry and the Bush administration signed a "settlement agreement", for lawsuits against environmental protections. The merits of these lawsuits had never been heard in court, but "Sue & Settle" is a clever way for the Bush administration to reward their financial supporters.

Most alarming is: "The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will revise the Resource Management Plans" by December 31, 2008. One alternative to be considered will not create any reserves on O&C Lands except as required to avoid jeopardy under the Endangered Species Act." (See *"What are O&C lands" on left*).

Jeopardy means pushing an endangered species over the edge of no return. The timber industry insists that logging levels hover right at that line. This includes wiping out species locally, if they live elsewhere. For instance, if there are Marbled Murrelets in Canada or Spotted Owls in California, we don't need to protect them in Oregon. If there are Coho salmon in cement-lined hatcheries, we don't need to protect them in the wild.

Removing all reserves on BLM O&C lands, except as required to avoid jeopardy, means *all* reserves will be eliminated, like all Spotted Owl reserves (Late Successional Reserves LSRs) and all streamside reserves. If the industry is benevolent, maybe they won't take all recreation reserves or special BLM parks called "Areas of Critical Environmental Concern" like the North Umpqua's Wild and Scenic River Corridor.

The timber industry interprets the 1937 O&C Act as giving them all the BLM timberlands as their tree farms, and that the Northwest Forest Plan unfairly put some of those lands into wildlife reserves. This is the ultimate land grab!

How industry got such a unique Settlement Agreement

In 2001 and 2002, the timber industry wrote several confidential papers that Earthjustice lawyers finally received in a FOIA appeal (see web address below to download these papers). They were intent on "fixing" the Northwest Forest Plan (NWFP) to get 1.1 billion board feet. Although that figure was only a rough estimate the industry calls it a promise. Not so . . .

Confidential industry papers - a plan to increase logging to:

- * Streamline Endangered Species Act (ESA) consultation
- * Fix the Aquatic Conservation Strategy to support timber sales
- * Do away with Survey and Manage (S&M) protections
- * Make timber production the dominant use on O&C lands.

In August 2002, the government responded with a letter to Mark Rutzick, the timber industry lawyer, offering to fix the ESA, ACS, and S&M, but did not include changes on the O&C lands.

Industry replies: "The proposals to eliminate the Survey and Manage program and fix the "Rothstein" problem are not sufficient to produce 1.1 billion board feet per year of timber sales under the northwest forest plan." The remaining 14 pages argue the only way to get the "promised" volume is by doing away with all reserves on BLM O&C lands. If industry claims the Northwest Forest Plan can produce 1.1 billion board feet, why do they argue it has to be rescinded to produce that volume?

Francis Eatherington, Conservation Director

President's Message



When the Rogue - Umpqua National Scenic Byway is officially declared by Washington, D.C., dignitaries in June, Roseburg is positioned to become a crossroad city for sightseers and tourists. What will the people who travel this scenic corridor see? Will it be clearcuts (regeneration harvests), or natural, uneven aged, multi-species native forests? The Forest Service may best serve the general public by using a largely hands off approach to what Mother Nature has "managed" since time immemorial. Quite likely, the most valuable service the forest agencies can deliver is a continuing sustainable flow of clean, clear, cool water.

This new scenic byway designation will bring commerce, and seekers of recreation and beauty. Hopefully the Diamond Lake District of the Umpqua National Forest will suspend logging in the high elevation headwaters of the most heavily recreated parts of the forest, Rogue River headwaters, Diamond Lake, Lemolo, and Toketee areas. People don't travel a scenic byway to see industrial forests.

The Umpqua Watersheds' 8th Annual Banquet and Benefit Auctions (both silent and oral) proved to be a good meeting for our supporters, partners, friends, and some leaders and staff of our natural resource agencies. Umpqua Watersheds' Board of Directors and staff look forward to working with all these groups in as positive a manner as possible. Thank you to so many people who worked long and hard to make this event what it was, a success. The atmosphere was warm, the food was excellent, and this year the crowd was the largest yet. I hope everyone had fun.

Umpqua Watersheds would like all of you to become paid supporters of our conservation organization. Volunteer to work on one of our committees. Join with us on one of our free hikes to see waterfalls, and beautiful groves of Old Growth forest. Also, we organize a river festival the 3rd Saturday of July in Douglas County, and we sponsor various musical events through the year. We are a growing organization and there is much more that we could work on with more help and support.

Thank you,

Gerald Wisdom,

UW Board President

Lamprey's Future Gets a BOOST . . . from Conservationist

On March 3, 2004, twelve conservation organizations in Oregon, California and Washington filed a 60 day notice of intent to sue the US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS), under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA), due to the agency's failure to take required action to protect four threatened or endangered species of lampreys. Lampreys are ancient jawless fish whose well being in the web of aquatic health of western coastal waters is primary according to recent studies.

Background: On January 27, 2003, Umpqua Watersheds and other west coast conservation organizations concerned about recent, severe declines in population numbers for Pacific lamprey, river lamprey, western brook lamprey, and Kern brook lamprey -- petitioned the Service to list the species as threatened or endangered.

While this lamprey petition action has already increased public and researcher support for protecting the species, to date, the USFWS has failed to make the legally required 90-day and 12-month findings on the petition. The Service recently informed the petitioners that the agency does not "anticipate making a finding in Fiscal Year 2004." Meanwhile, lamprey populations, and their stream and river habitat continue to decline without the benefit of any ESA protection.

Similar to Pacific salmon's decline, lamprey scarcity became a concern of conservationists in the early 1990s. Counts of Pacific lamprey on the Snake River declined from 50,000 in the early 1960s to less than a thousand during the 1990s. Counts in Oregon on the North Umpqua River declined from 46,785 in 1966 to less than 50 annually since 1995. Counts on the Rogue River ranged from 155 to 2,370 since 1993, but abundance is believed to be much below historic numbers.

Action: "The Fish and Wildlife Service has failed to follow straightforward procedural requirements of the Endangered Species Act," said Amy Atwood, of the Western Environmental Law Center, representing the petitioners. "Conservationists are giving the Service one last chance to meet its responsibilities before they will hold it accountable for its failure to act."

All west coast lamprey species' populations have been heavily impacted by water developments, poor agricultural and forestland management practices, and rapid urbanization of many watersheds. Lamprey are vulnerable to habitat losses due to reduced river flows, water diversions, dredging, streambed scouring, channelization, inadequate protection of stream side vegetation, chemical pollution, and impeded passage due to dams and poorly designed road culverts. Introduction of exotic fish predators, such as smallmouth bass, has also been a factor in the decline of lamprey.

Lamprey Behavior: "Not all lamprey species migrate to the ocean, nor do all species even prey on other fish, as is commonly believed," said Wendell Wood, Southern Oregon Field Representative for the Oregon Natural Resources Council.

Pacific and river lamprey are primarily concentrated in medium and large sized, slower flowing Pacific streams. Western brook lampreys, from the Sacramento River basin northward into British Columbia, prefer the small tributaries. These fish spend most (or all) of their life in a broad distribution of Pacific coast rivers and streams, except for Kern brook lamprey which are limited to a small portion of the San Joaquin River Basin of California.

Conservation Coalition: The twelve organizations which have given notice of intent to sue are: Umpqua Watersheds, Center for Biological Diversity, Environmental Protection Information Center, Friends of the Eel River, Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center, Native Fish Society, Northcoast Environmental Center, Oregon Natural Resources Council, Siskiyou Regional Education Project, Steamboaters, Umpqua Valley Audubon Society, and Washington Trout.

Penny Lind, UW's Executive Director



UW's Spring 2004 Hikes & Events!



APRIL 14 - Carloni FireTalk Native American Fire Ecology

Take a trip through time when Native Americans would burn the rolling oak savannahs and high mountain meadows of the Umpqua with OSU Forestry PhD candidate Ken Carloni. Ken will present his unique idea of how pre-European humans exercised a regular tradition of prescribed burning on the Umpqua. The event is FREE & open to the public at the Douglas County Library at 6pm.

APRIL 21 - Ferruginous Hawk Talk at Library at 7pm (see page 7)

Wednesday night at 7pm, biologist Leon Powers speaks at the Douglas County Library in Roseburg about his decades-long research on the threatened ferruginous hawk. The professor will focus on the interdependencies between North America's largest raptor and its habitat, including rodents and rabbits and their dependence, in turn, on native plants. The event is FREE and open to the public.

APRIL 25 - Wildflower and Wildfire Walk with Carloni

Sunday, join botanist and fire ecologist Ken Carloni in an exploration of the **Limp Rock Roadless Area** which has been designated a special **Natural Resource Area** because it is the home to the rare **Kalmiopsis wildflower**. Carloni can talk about the natural underburn in the Roadless Area as well as the **Apple Arson** across the river. Hikers can meet behind the Courthouse at 9am or meet at the North Umpqua Ranger Station at 9:30am. The hike is rated moderate as some off trail hiking will be required.

MAY 2 - Christopher Folly Timber on Canton Creek

Canton Creek is a recognized as a "key watershed" and is a crucial part of the salmon and steelhead fisheries of the famous Steamboat flyfishing area. Hike this threatened old growth forest and help protect this important watershed. Carpool will leave Roseburg from behind the Courthouse at 9am or meet at the North Umpqua Ranger Station at 9:30am. The hike is rated moderate as some off trail hiking will be required.

MAY 16 - Barbara Healy Concert at 7pm

Enjoy an evening of soulful vocals and guitar by **Tim Danforth** and **Barbara Healy**. Barbara Healy returns home to the Umpqua where she had raised her three children. Listen to their wide range of music Sunday night at the **First Presbyterian Church** on the corner of Jackson & Lane, in downtown Roseburg. TICKETS will be \$10 in advance at the following locations: Bayberry Music in Sutherlin, Hi Five Music on Garden Valley, While Away Books on Harvard, UW downtown office and many local Churches. Tickets at the door will be \$12.

MAY 23 - Mariposa Lily HIKE up Little River

Sunday, join neighbors, Vance Faber and Geoff Niles of Little River when they host a hike to the top of Ace Williams 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. RATED: moderate to difficult. The first part is steep but the top is rolling mountain meadows.

June 5 - 2nd Wisdom Waterfall Walk up North Umpqua Trail

Saturday, celebrate National Trails Day and the Rogue Umpqua Scenic Byway by joining UW's Staff Robin Wisdom who leads the second in a series of waterfall explorations to discover **Fall Creek Falls**. Hydrologist/ Geologist will discuss how many different waterfalls form. Hikers can meet behind the Courthouse at 9am or meet at the North Umpqua Ranger Station at 9:30am. The hike is rated easy to moderate and is ideal for young children and seniors.

JUNE 13 - Spotted Owl HIKE with local wildlife biologist

Learn how Spotted Owl populations have been doing over the past decade with a guided tour led by a wildlife biologist who monitors local owls. Hikers can meet in Roseburg behind the Douglas County Courthouse at 9am. Bring small backpack with lunch, water, sunscreen and binoculars. Off trail hiking required. Earlier in June biologist will give a presentation on owl: time & place TBA.

JUNE 27 - Lemolo Section of North Umpqua Trail near Bunker Hill

Learn about Forest Service's plans to log over and near hiking trails in a unprotected Roadless Area near the important fishing and recreation area below Bunker Hill called Lemolo Reservoir. Hikers can meet in Roseburg behind the Douglas County Courthouse at 9am or at the North Umpqua Ranger Station at 9:30am. Bring small backpack with lunch, water, sunscreen and binoculars.

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

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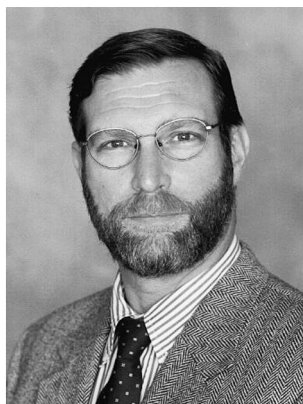
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My Story As Told By Water

Confessions, Druidic Rants, Reflections, Bird-Watchings, Fish-Stalkings, Visions, Songs and Prayers Refracting Light, From Living Rivers, In the Age of the Industrial Dark by David James Duncan



BOOK REVIEW by Sally Brown

Written for anyone who has found solitude by a free flowing river, seen a watershed devastated by the chain saw, lamented a dam, cursed 'corporate welfare', or cast a fly, this book is a must. David James Duncan speaks to the plight of his beloved salmon through poetry, spirituality, anger and frustration. Growing up in Portland, Oregon, he watched as the corporations and industry destroyed his beloved Pacific Northwest. Moving to Montana to flee the devastation, he encountered cyanide leach mining that threatened Norman Maclean's famed Blackfoot River. Rather than acquiesce, Mr. Duncan put pen to paper. The result will bring laughter and tears, and an urge to stand up and BE HEARD. His underlying tenet that all life is sacred challenges the Administration's environmental policies. The story of the ancient and sacred salmon and its fate at the whimsical hand of man is eloquently told. This powerful narrative exudes joy and wonder in the natural world, and casts doubt on the path which modern society has chosen to tread.

This book is available at the Douglas County Library. Other books by David James Duncan include - The River Why - The Brothers K - River Teeth

MORE Bush Rule Changes KEEP our River Hostage

North Umpqua Hydro Project Ignores Wild River

Another environmental rule change could give Scottish-Power/PacifiCorps more influence over the Umpqua River. In 2003 an administrative directive-memo gave the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the US Forest Service (USFS) more reckless freedoms to ignore the needs of the North Umpqua River, fish and water quality.

Here's how it works . . . or doesn't work.

Previous to this 2003 directive, the USFS had an important, primary responsibility to the resource (the river, land and wildlife) in the power relicensing process by submitting an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the resource's future. On the other hand, FERC was required to consider the economic and conservation outcomes for the resource and for the corporation. Over the past year, FERC produced its EIS which the USFS has chosen to adopt as their review. This and other faulty processes have undercut the conservation outcome for the Umpqua and for many other rivers scheduled for relicensing in the nation.

When the USFS and FERC decided to issue a new license without considering their separate responsibilities, conservationists were driven to take action. We claim that the USFS must not give up its responsibilities to the resource for the benefit of the energy industry.

The USFS's decision to ignore independent and agency science that recommended the removal of Soda Springs Dam (1 of 8 dams in the project), canal covering (3+ miles of canals), and improved river flows remain the goals of conservationists for our Mighty River.

In December 2003, Umpqua Watersheds, American Rivers, Umpqua Valley Audubon Society, WaterWatch, Pacific Rivers Council, The North Umpqua Foundation, Steamboaters, Oregon Trout and Oregon Natural Resources Council, represented by EarthJustice, filed for a "rehearing" of the license on the North Umpqua Hydroelectric Project. Conservationists will remain committed and keep you informed of our steps to keep our environmental safeguards in place for our rivers, land and wildlife.

Penny Lind, Executive Director

Habitat for Threatened Raptor

Biologist Leon Powers speaks at a free public meeting at 7pm on April 21 at the Douglas County Library in Roseburg about his decades-long research on the threatened ferruginous hawk. The professor from Northwest Nazarene University at Nampa, Idaho will focus on the interdependencies between North America's largest raptor and its habitat, including rodents and rabbits and their dependence, in turn, on native plants.

The way Dr. Powers studies these intricate relationships apply



A Hawk in the Sun

Evening with Biologist
Leon Powers

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to most any inquiry about connections within complex habitats. His new paperback book, *A Hawk in the Sun*, illustrates this scientist's passion for research and popular writing. Copies are available at While Away Books.

On April 22, Dr. Powers visits students at Wildlife Safari and students and faculty at UCC. His presentations in the Roseburg area are co-sponsored by Umpqua Watersheds, Douglas County Library, Umpqua Valley Audubon Society, Umpqua Valley Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Oregon and Oregon Natural Resources Research Institute at

Wildlife Safari.

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Call for Stream Volunteers

Umpqua Basin Watershed Council (UBWC) invites adults to volunteer for training to monitor streams of the 100 Valleys. The Council's NEW volunteer monitoring coordinator, Sandy Lyon, brings experience both in a medical research lab and stream restoration projects in Douglas County. She and her husband, Russ, run a cattle ranch near Days Creek.

Sandy and Dr. Lenny Schussel at Wildlife Safari trained a core group of volunteers in February to use equipment that measures several qualities of water. Now UBWC wants to expand the cadre of volunteers to help assess streams throughout the Umpqua Basin.

The **next training** is scheduled in the Myrtle Creek watershed **9am to 1pm** both **April 10** and **May 1**. The April 10 session includes training to measure temperature, turbidity, pH and conductivity. The May 1 training looks at bacteria and dissolved oxygen and use of photo-points and stream channel surveys.

Please register by April 5 with Sandy for training and lunch either or both of these days. To assure a hands-on experience, the number of participants is limited. Also, Sandy wants to negotiate an exchange between free training and volunteers' use of equipment for monitoring.

This data will be used to report UBWC project implementation and effectiveness and to help set priorities for future projects with willing landowners. UBWC Monitoring Club data will complement other information from the County, state and federal resource management agencies and science students.

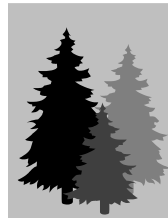
To explore your interest in volunteering for training, certification and monitoring in the Umpqua contact Sandy Lyon at the Umpqua Basin Watershed Council office: **673-5756** Or email at: **sandy@ubwc.org**

Jim Long PhD, retired agriculture professor



Valuable Forestry Course Available

As a small woodland owner, I was pleased to learn about a Basic Forestry Short Course offered by the Douglas County Extension Service during the summer months. The course was very helpful, and UW's Outreach Coordinator suggested I write an article about it. Six 2 ½ hour evening classes are held at UCC, with 2 Sunday field trips. Classes are only \$5 each, and include a wealth of handouts; field trips are free. Classes can be taken separately, but it is better to attend all, as each builds upon the previous.



The sessions are: Forest Ecology & Silviculture; Reforestation & Vegetation Management; Forest Health; Ecology & Silviculture Forest Tour; Forest Measurements & Inventory; Forest Business Considerations; Forest Watersheds & Wildlife; and Forest Harvesting & Marketing Tour. Descriptions of each are in the spring flyer.

The course I attended was taught by John Punches, an excellent instructor currently on sabbatical to earn his PhD. The forester replacing him can be reached at 672-4461. Another one-day opportunity is Tree School South, featuring a wide variety of experts in their disciplines, and corresponding field trips.

I have heard the Extension Service criticized as presenting only the "industrial/commercial forestry" philosophy. However, the science that is the foundation of the course remains valid. Methods for growing healthy stands of trees are the same regardless of one's motives. Woodland owners can use the information to gain the most profit from a future timber harvest, to establish a healthy forest and leave an environmentally sound legacy for their children (as in my case), or something in-between, like a truly sustainable small harvest. I was also able to reduce my tax burden by over one third from information gathered in this course.

Contact John's replacement at Oregon State Extension Service Office in Roseburg:

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Tim Ballard, UW Supporter in Glide

**April
3rd**



Computer Recycling

A computer recycling event will be held Saturday, **April 3** to collect and recycle unwanted computer equipment from businesses and residents. This year the event will take place at **"Monitors and More"**, a computer recycling center that opened in the Fall of 2003 and is located at 1900 SE Main in **Roseburg's Southgate Shopping Center**. The event, scheduled from **9am to 3pm**, will accept all unwanted computers, working or not, keyboards, mice, monitors, printers, fax machines, home electronics, copiers and peripherals. (TVs and home appliances will not be accepted). Because of the difficulty and costs of getting monitors to a qualified recycler, a fee of \$10 per monitor will be charged at the event.

Reusable computer components will be refurbished by center staff and volunteers and made available to the public at Monitors and More at greatly reduced prices. All non-reusable components will be recycled.

Businesses and residents unable to make this event but interested in recycling their obsolete computer equipment, should call **Monitors and More** at **673-3347** for regular operating hours.

This event is sponsored by local business **Monitors and More** and **Douglas County Public Works**. Similar collections in the last three years have collected over 42 tons of obsolete computer equipment. With the number of obsolete computers increasing each year, the hazardous materials contained in the equipment can pose significant disposal concerns. For example, **each monitor** contains **3 to 8 pounds of lead**. Keeping this equipment out of the landfill, and put back into use or recycled, yields many long-range benefits.

DATE: Saturday April 3, 2004

TIME: 9am to 3pm

PLACE: **Monitors and More**
computer center
1900 SE Main, Roseburg

For more info call: **673-3347**

Terri Petersen

Wildflower Hikes and More . . .

The 38th annual Glide Wildflower Show will be held April 24th and 25th at the Glide Community Center building. Hours for the general public are from 9am to 5pm both Saturday and Sunday, with 8am to 9am both days reserved for photographers only. On Monday, the show will be open to school groups by advance reservation only. A floral book and an identification guide, as well as delicious homemade pies and sweets will be available to help offset the costs of this non-profit event.

The Glide Wildflower show is nationally recognized as the largest exhibit of wildflowers in the Pacific Northwest. It all grew from one woman's knowledge of Douglas County's native plants. Her enthusiasm for wildflowers was contagious, and soon the whole community of Glide was involved in the annual exhibit dedicated to public enjoyment and education. Regina (or Reggie, as she preferred) thought ahead of her time when she said "Wildflowers are often abundant, but they are not indestructible; many of our loveliest ones are in danger of extinction by our carelessness. By knowing our wildflowers, we can better preserve them for ourselves and for the future."

In 1945, at age 22, Reggie and her family moved to a 180 acre farm on Buckhorn Road. She was a florist and soon joined the North Umpqua Garden Club. She taught 4-H clubs and other youth groups to gather plants that produce dyes, to color their wool, yarn or cloth, to weave and do macramé and other crafts. She organized the original plantings at the Colliding Rivers Viewpoint in Glide, and was widely recognized as an authority on indigenous flora.

In the late 1950's, the old Glide High School gymnasium was moved to its present location. A group of optimistic, hard-working local citizens began the Glide Community Club in this building. By 1965, the group was looking for a project to raise money for building maintenance, and decided upon a wildflower presentation by Reggie. Thus began the Glide Wildflower Show as we know it today.

In three days, she collected 71 speci-

mens from her home on Buckhorn Road, arranged them in vases, and labeled them with both botanical and common names. This first event was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. James Hanson at their newly opened Idlelyd

Lodge. Three dozen people came to the show, enjoyed it and raved to their friends! The next year, in 1966, the event was moved to the Glide Community Club building, and scheduled for the last weekend in April, when the most blossoms are available.

By 1986, Reggie and friends had enlarged their collecting range to include the Siskiyou, Curry, Coos, Jackson and Josephine Counties. That year they gathered 245 specimens from different elevations and micro-climates. Special exhibits included native woods, lichens, mosses, edible plants and a fern grotto. A Sunset Magazine article helped draw 1,300 visitors from as far away as London and Amsterdam!

The Glide Wildflower Show Council sponsored the show with help from volunteers throughout the County and State for many years. In 1993, they felt the need to pass the responsibilities to others. No one stepped forward to do so, and the Council was reluctantly disbanded after 28 years.

In 1995, a young aquatic botanist heard of the show, got interested, and rallied enough support and enthusiasm to re-start it. She relied on the expertise of the older women, as well as the energy of younger volunteers, to take over the myriad tasks of organizing collectors, vasers, botanists, set-up and clean-up crews, greeters, speakers, book sales, and all the other details.

When asked about the purpose and value of the show, Reggie once said "To open the eyes of youngsters, to show them some of the small wonders they may find in their own backyards, to learn how to play a part in this environment, to help nurture appreciation, to give promise to our future."

Geoff Niles of Little River

APRIL 25

Join botanist and fire ecologist Ken Carloni on HIKE into Limpy Rock Roadless Area to find the Kalmiopsis flower.

Sunday - 9am

MAY 23

Join Little River neighbors on a hike to find the Mariposa Lily.

Sunday - 9am



Running on (24%) Empty
Stuart's Sarcastic Satire to Survive Global Warming

Well, looks like the global warming dooms-dayers are at it again. They just insist on seeing the downside of everything. Listen to this: A 19 member international team of scientists surveyed 20% of the Earth's surface and concluded that 24% of all plant and animal species will be committed to extinction in 45 years. That amounts to 1.25 million species. All because of global warming! Not only that, but the number could be as high as 37% of all species.

Call me an incurable optimist but I see the silver lining in all this. They see the cup as 24% empty. I see it as 76% full. By my calculations, we will still have 3.75 million species left after all this extinction. That ought to be enough to satisfy any eco-group. Not only that, we have 45 years before this extinction begins. Surely that's enough time to visit these species before they disappear. (that works out to 27,777 species per year-enough to keep the most ardent environmentalist busy).

And here's the best news of all. The report did not state that the human species would be going extinct. Because, after all, in the great debate on global warming, if we are not affected directly and immediately, then it doesn't really matter.

Does it?

For those who wish to listen in on what the local global warming dooms-dayers are up to (including planned Earth Day activities) the Douglas County Global Warming Coalition meets the third Thursday of each month.

For more information, call Stuart Liebowitz at 672-9819.

APRIL 24

See insert for Earth Day Fair and Alternative Energy Fair



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Barbara Healy

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An Evening with Barbara Healy

Barbara Healy's soulful vocals have been gracing the airwaves and live venues for many years. She has sang with musical Dignitaries such as Robert Cray, James Cotton and Joan Baez. She fronted bands such as *Hot Sauce* and *The Allnighterz*, and released her own CD with the Barbara Healy Band titled *"Mama Told Me Not To Look"*. Barbara raised her kids here on the Umpqua.

Tim Danforth and Barbara Healy have released **"Lullabies for a Troubled Planet"**, a collection of original music.

Tim Danforth brought his rich warm guitar sound to the popular *"Christmas Unplugged"* CD, which he co-produced with Richard Crandell. Before settling in Eugene, he was a regular performer at venues such The Folkway in New Hampshire, the Banjo Café in Santa Monica, and the famous McCabes in Los Angeles.

Healy and Danforth have been friends and musical colleagues for over ten years, performing together at events such as First Night, McKenzie Arts Festival, and Eugene Celebration. Their first collaborative effort in the studio has harnessed their versatile writing and arranging talents. The music reflects their love for a wide range of musical genres, and their desire to speak straight from the heart.

The recent CD was recorded live with a definite acoustic feel. Listen to *"Come to Me"* and you will hear their desire to soothe the troubled heart. *"Zero to Sixty"* has a great bluesy feel. If you like a simple country blues, you'll want to hear *"Melancholy"*. And for a powerful gospel feel, check out *"Rapture"*. Listen to music on:

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