



# 100 Valleys

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## Governor: Wilderness is where God resides By PAUL FATTIG

If you told Ted Kulongoski to take a hike, he'd consider it a compliment.

But only if it led to a trip into the wilderness.

Oregon's governor is an avid backcountry hiker, driven by a passion to explore and experience the state's wilderness areas.

"After about a day out there I forget about everything else," he says.

Kulongoski, 63, has hiked into most of Oregon's wildernesses, from the Kalmiopsis in the state's southwest corner to the Eagle Cap in the northeast. He has walked in the shadow of Mount Jefferson and cast flies into the Sky Lakes in quest of an eastern brook trout.

"You can get out there and not see a soul, even if you are out there eight to 10 days," he says.

"When I come back, I can live off it (spiritual renewal) for a month."

In terms of sustenance, what he lives off of during his wilderness treks is not something often served in the governor's mansion: freeze-dried meals, powdered orange juice and food tubes filled with peanut butter and honey.

"It's a great weight-loss program," he quips.

However, the state's chief executive supplements what he packs in with what he catches in lakes and streams.

"I love to fly-fish — I fish a great deal," he says.

To describe his feelings when on a wilderness trail, he refers to a question about his religious views he once received on the campaign trail.

"It's a very spiritual feeling — I find it more there than any place," he says.

As an example, he recalls hiking into a remote lake created by a glacier in the Eagle Cap Wilderness to make a base camp, then climbing up to the 8,000-foot peak above the lake that evening.

"I took my sleeping bag and stayed up there," he says. "You have a tremendous view with no artificial lighting. You are looking up at the universe.

"It's very impressive to see nature the way God intended nature to be," he adds. "... If God exists in any place, he lives in nature and resides in a wilderness area."

Observing that much of America is now obsessed with "reality" themes on television, Kulongoski figures a wilderness area offers a slice of the real world.

"It's not just for those of us who like to see nature in its natural state, but for competing values of economic interest as well," he says, citing tourism along with livability for future residents.

"But when you look at the percentage of forested areas in Oregon protected by wilderness, it's only 3.6 percent."

By comparison, Washington state's wilderness area totals 10 percent while California has preserved about 14 percent, he says. "Oregon

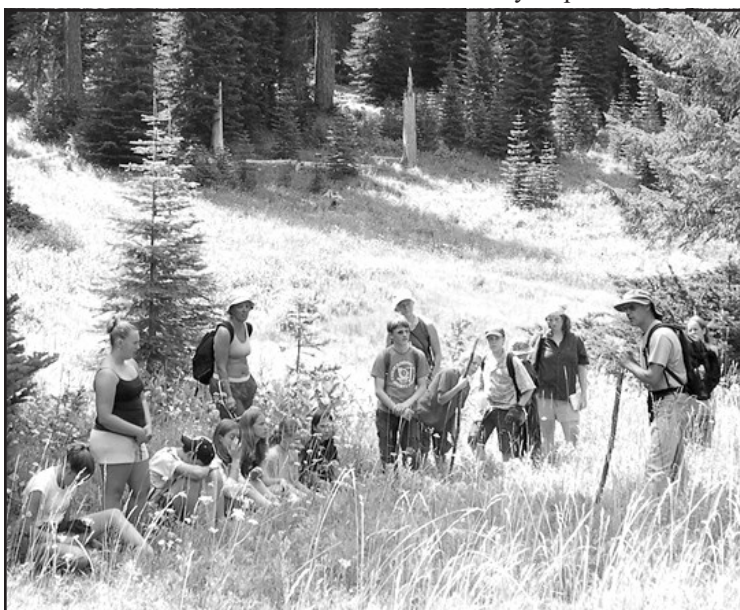
can do more."

For instance, he supports expanding the Kalmiopsis Wilderness by 100,000 to 300,000 acres by adding adjacent parcels of roadless national forestland.

Earlier this summer, the U.S. Forest Service proposed adding some 60,000 acres of roadless areas to the Kalmiopsis as part of a Biscuit fire salvage project.

But any expansion, which must go through Congress, would have to be an agreement reached by the result of diverse interests working together, Kulongoski stresses.

*See Governor & Wilderness (Continued on page 9)*



**Youth Wilderness CampOut 2004 at Twin Lakes with the volunteer hike guide and instructor Ken Carloni.**



## Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Wilderness!



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## ***It's your Right to Speak Up***



*Dear Supporter,*

*There are many ways to Speak Up, Make Choices and Lend a Hand to protect and restore our watersheds.*

*Yes—The need to speak up is now! In fact, it's increased as more and more threats present themselves for our wild forests and mighty rivers we enjoy today and count on for tomorrow.*

*Yes—Americans are fortunate to have rules and laws in place that include the people of our land - you, me and our families.*

*I want to remind you and myself that those rules and laws did not come about easily or quickly and that they have been put at risk, of late.*

*The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) protecting our right to participate in how our environment is treated, Endangered Species Act (ESA) standing up for the rights of the critters that can not speak, The Wilderness Act, celebrating 40 years of protecting wild treasures this September, the Northwest Forest Plan's 10 year foundation, (and needing another 20 to make a difference) and more policies and laws designed and fought for to contribute to America's natural world and wonders.*

*Yes—Americans, you and I, have built these rights through our democracy. WE MUST: Keep them, teach them, use them and celebrate these rights. Over the past few years we have seen how easily our important environmental rules and laws can be undermined.*

*I have also seen how they can be supported by my fellow Americans, such as, taking a stand by speaking up for Roadless Areas, dam removal, fish and wildlife ESA listing, protection of the oldest trees in our forests.*

*Yes—I am heartened by all your support of our rights, and Yes—I am always asking for more. Right now, the Umpqua and our neighbor watersheds continue to be threatened by wrong thinking around salvage of our burned and unburned forests, fish stocking, logging of our old growth forests and more costly road building that produces even more costly maintenance. The Umpqua already has 8,000 miles of roads on our public forest land.*

*Don't be discouraged, stay the course by asking for more from our leaders. Protection of our communities, restoration plans, strong environmental rules and laws, and long term outcomes built with new ideas, (not old habits) can produce brighter options for our natural world and our RIGHTS to stand up for those treasures. See Sonoran Institute report below.*

*In appreciation*

*Penny Lind, Executive Director*



## ***Sonoran Institute***

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# Clearcuts by your Creek?

Coming Soon: Old Growth Logging Near You

The Roseburg Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has geared up to do some serious clearcutting around Douglas County (called "regeneration harvest"). The latest BLM "Planning Update" includes invading numerous mature and old-growth forests around the county. You've heard about the **Can-Can sale** near Canyonville and Azalea, and you've heard about the **Cow Catcher sale** near Riddle. Now there are more proposals, lots more.

The latest threat is called the **"Green Thunder"** timber sale. It will terrorize the forests, fish and wildlife near the communities of Little River around Ace Williams Mountain. The proposal is to log 140 acres of Northern Spotted Owl habitat and build 1.7 miles of new roads. The BLM is asking YOU for your opinion on this **before October 8**. Give your thoughts to the BLM:

**Bill O'Sullivan**, BLM,  
777 NW Garden Valley Blvd,  
Roseburg, Oregon 97470

Fax: (541) 440-4948 or email to:

**or100MB@or.blm.gov**.

"EA No. OR-104-99-04".

Reference:

**COMMENT**  
before  
**OCT. 8**

Tell them how you feel about converting more publicly owned mature and old-growth forests to tree plantations for the benefit of the timber industry.

Many of these are old 1990's sales that were stopped by the courts, which the Bush administration has recently made moot. Last year it was illegal for a federal agency to further degrade wa-

Sale Name	Where	Clearcuts/ReGen
Cow Catcher	Cow Creek	146 acres
Can Can	Cow Creek	520 acres
S. River '01 ReGen.	South Umpqua	640 acres
Green Thunder	Little River	140 acres
Dickerson Heights	Lookingglass	180 acres
N. Olalla/Lookingglass	Olalla Creek	412 acres
Mid. S. Ump/Olalla	many watersheds	530 acres
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Ragu	Camas Valley	150 acres
Loose Laces	Russell Creek	200 acres
Pipeline	Yoncalla	225 acres
Bear Hill	Drain	50 acres
Broken Buck	Elk Creek	121 acres
Powell Creek	Powell Creek	52 acres
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3366 acres</b>

tersheds. They could only propose timber sales that would maintain or enhance watershed functions. This was the "Aquatic Conservation Strategy" (ACS) of the Northwest Forest Plan. But when we enforced this (stopping clearcuts in watersheds that supported endangered salmon) the Bush administration removed the ACS as an enforceable standard. They also removed the "Survey and Manage" strategy so clearcuts now are even worse than the 1990's. The BLM used to survey for rare old-growth dependent plants and animals, and when found, put small buffers around them. But now even those small buffers have been eliminated so the clearcuts simply leave from 6 to 18 trees per acre.

Is your watershed listed above? If so, contact us for more information on how you can help prevent the public agencies near you from terrorizing fish, wildlife and forests.

Francis Eatherington

# Lets CAN the Can-Can!

BLM proposes 520 acre Old Growth Clearcuts

The Roseburg Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has proposed a huge new timber sale of 520 acres, the largest in a decade. Located in the Canyonville area, this sale has forests ranging in age from 110 to 240 years.

This sale is designed to be a "regeneration harvest", aka clearcuts, and build nearly 3 miles of new, permanent roads and renovate another 12 miles.

The forests are very diverse, containing Firs up to 4 feet across, Hemlocks, Pines, Cedars, Maples, Oaks, Chinquapin and Madrones. The first forest unit is located in a Connectivity/Diversity Block, which is important habitat for wildlife, including threatened and endangered species.

Recent information on new threats to the Spotted Owl make it clear that its habitat should be more protected than ever. This clearcutting will impact the home range of seven owl pairs, and BLM's own analysis states that 520 acres of suitable habitat will be removed.

You can still help by letting the BLM know you object to this sale of publicly owned forest. There are many nearby plantations in desperate need of thinning. Instead of logging old growth, why not thin tree plantations? Thinning would supply the volume BLM wants to meet their harvest goals and create jobs while protecting our old forests. Write to:

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Written by UW's NEW Conservation Associate, Tim Ballard.

# The End of Ramp Canyon

Ramp Creek (in east Roseburg) begins as several trickles of water, coming off the ridges that surround the canyon on three sides. White Tail deer take refuge along this creek, which acts as the only water source until August when it dries up completely and the deer are forced to migrate the mile long gauntlet of houses to reach the permanent water of Deer Creek. There are a lot of deer around the vicinity of Ramp Canyon, but most are Black Tail, and they are perfectly at ease on the oak covered hills surrounding the pastures of Ramp Canyon. They go into people's yards up on Summit Drive to be fed like pets and take safety. However, the White tail deer don't mingle with the Black tail, and prefer the lower grassy areas down below. In the wintertime when the weather turns cold and the rains come, the White tail deer seek refuge under the trees along Ramp Creek, far up the canyon.

In Ramp Canyon, I've seen many White Tail Deer over the last thirty years, running fast with their tails waving like white flags. I've witnessed some dying; some from starvation, some from disease and a few from having their legs twisted in one of the wire fences. Normally White Tail can easily jump a fence, but sometimes they mistakenly place their rear foot between the top two wires as they jump over. When they come down the other side, their own body weight wrenches the wires around their ankle, twisting tight like a vice, holding them for days, sometimes weeks until they die from exhaustion.

I released one from this kind of death trap just last winter. It took me an hour to get him back over the fence so the wire

See **End of Ramp Canyon** (Continued on page 11)



## NW DOUG Travels across America

Americans across the country have been able to touch what was once living history when THE DOUG visited their communities this summer.

The **Ancient Forest Roadshow** has crossed the US with an impressive symbol of our national heritage, a 420-year-old Douglas fir. THE DOUG displays to America the impacts of the Bush Administration's timber policies on our Wild Forests and Mighty Rivers.

The Umpqua, and our neighbors in the northwest have



**Oregon's Congressman Peter DeFazio, (D) gets to "Hug The Doug" at a townhall meeting in Eugene, Oregon, August 2004.**

*Photo by Ancient Forest Roadshow*

seen increases in old growth, clearcut-logging projects under this administration. Americans do not broadly support those actions. Citizens want old growth like THE DOUG preserved for the future of our wild heritage.

Jasmine Minbashian, Roadshow Roadie said *"There's a lot of public support for protecting areas that have never been logged. Second-growth timber is generally seen as more appropriate for logging efforts, and more in need of thinning to reduce wildfire risks,"* she said. *"Oregonians know their forests and they understand that,"* she added.

For updates on **THE DOUG's** adventures visit the website:

**[www.forestroadshow.org](http://www.forestroadshow.org)**

## In Memoriam

*Audubon friend*

**James Claiborne**

*and*

**Bob Heaton**

*teacher and peace advocate*

## Roadless Areas Our Future Wilderness

The **Roadless Area Conservation Rule** was signed into law in January of 2001. The Bush administration is now proposing a new rule that would establish a State petition and rulemaking process. This new rule would eliminate the current protections and open our last roadless areas to logging, mining, energy development and all of the associated roadbuilding.

Here at home on the nearly one million-acre Umpqua National Forest (UNF), we have **less than 110,000 roadless acres left**. This includes some of the most beautiful areas in our forest, important watersheds that provide us with clean water, wildlife habitat and endless recreational opportunities. These areas include:

**Calf-Copeland**

**Limpy Rock**

**Last Creek**

**Bulldog Rock**

**Donegan Prairie**

**Canton Creek\***

**Fish Creek (appendage)\***

**Lonesome Meadow (appendage)\***

**Thirsty Creek (appendage)\***

**Mt. Bailey\***

**Hardesty Mountain\***

**Fairview\***

**Cougar Bluffs\***

**Williams Creek\***

**Sherwood\***

*\*Roadless Areas at more immediate risk*

If Bush's new regulation prevails, **over 20% of areas will be at risk again** (22,000 acres). These wild areas are in the *matrix* land allocation (intensive management area) of the Umpqua National Forest and could be logged within the next few decades.

The Umpqua National Forest already has **approximately 5,000 miles of roads**. National Forests in Oregon continue to have a huge maintenance backlog on existing roads, at a time of budget cutbacks.

The original Roadless Rule is a balanced policy:

- over three years in the making;
- 600 public hearings were held
- American people responded with a record 1.6 million comments.
- 95% of those were in favor of the protection provided by the Rule.

**Your National Forests do NOT need more roads.** New roads fragment vital areas of prime wildlife habitat, increase danger of wildfires, provide avenues for introduction of invasive species, cause sedimentation to streams, increase the risk of landslides, and are extremely expensive to build and maintain.

After valiant efforts by groups like Umpqua Watersheds and people like you, the public comment period was extended **45 days!** The deadline is now **November 15, 2004**; all comments must be **received** by then to be counted.

Tell them you are opposed to any changes in the Roadless Rule, and that 600 new public hearings should be held (*the same number held originally*).

More info: **<http://www.umpqua-watersheds.org/roadless.html>**

**You may send written comments to:**

Content Analysis Team

Attention: Roadless State Petitions

USDA Forest Service

PO Box 221090

Salt Lake City UT 84122

Or email to: **[statepetitionroadless@fs.fed.us](mailto:statepetitionroadless@fs.fed.us)**

Or visit: **<http://www.regulations.gov>**

To all who have sent comments already,

**THANK YOU**

and keep up the good work!

*Tim Ballard, UW's NEW Conservation Associate*

**COMMENT  
before  
NOV. 15**



# Autumn 2004 Hikes & Events!



## October 10 - Wisdom Waterfall Walk Susan Creek Waterfall

Sunday, join UW's staff, Robin Wisdom on the wild and scenic North Umpqua and the famous North Umpqua Trail. 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 RATED - Easy.**

## October 23 - Fungus Among Us The Hausotter Memorial HIKE

Saturday, join Umpqua Watersheds on our 4th 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, whistle and compass. Carpool will meet behind County Courthouse at **9am**. **HIKE - Easy.**



## November 7 - Tiller Roadless Areas and Salmon Restoration

Sunday, learn about salmon habitat and aquatic restoration from Forest Service fish biologist, Bob Nichols, when we explore the forests and streams that make up the large Roadless Areas of the Tiller Ranger District of the Umpqua National Forest. Carpool will meet in Roseburg behind the Douglas County Courthouse at **9am** with a stop at Promise Foods in Canyonville at 9:30am and at the Tiller Ranger Station at 10am. Bring small backpack with lunch, water, sunscreen and raingear. **HIKE RATED - Easy to Moderate**

## November 14 - Tingstad & Rumbel Benefit Concert

Sunday, **7pm**, join friends to begin your holiday season at the First Presbyterian Church in downtown Roseburg. Help with Dessert-a-thon - to volunteer call Robin at **672-7065** Tickets in advance \$15 and available at: While Away Books, New Day, Harvest, Hi 5 Music & UW Office. Tickets sold at the door: \$18.00. *See blue insert.*

## November 18 - Wild Umpqua Slideshow at U of O

A free slideshow exploring the natural beauty of the Umpqua River Basin, the threats it faces, and how concerned citizens can help protect the region as a legacy for future generations. From 7:00 pm to 8:30pm University of Oregon Law School, Room 175, 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Agate in Eugene Umpqua Watersheds, Oregon Natural Resources Council, and Land Air Water are hosting the event. For more information call presenter, Bob Hoehne: 679-7077.

## December 5 - Umpqua Coast with wildlife biologist

Sunday, join wildlife biologist and learn about snowy plover habitat, its risks, good and bad beach grasses, dunes, fore-dunes. Discuss dune policy questions--public access, European beach grass management. 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 RATED - EASY to Moderate**

## DEC 12 - Can Can Timber Sale near Canyonville

Sunday, learn how the BLM plans to clearcut more than 500 acres of mature and old growth public forests near the tourist town of Canyonville. Carpool will meet in Roseburg behind the Douglas County Courthouse at **9am** with a stop at Promise Foods in Canyonville at 9:30am. Bring small backpack with lunch, water, sunscreen and raingear.

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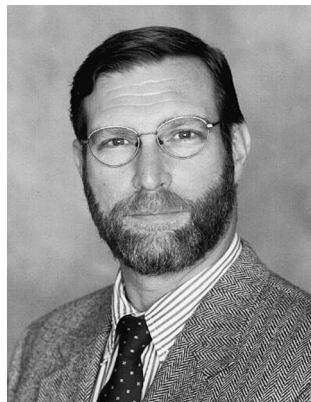
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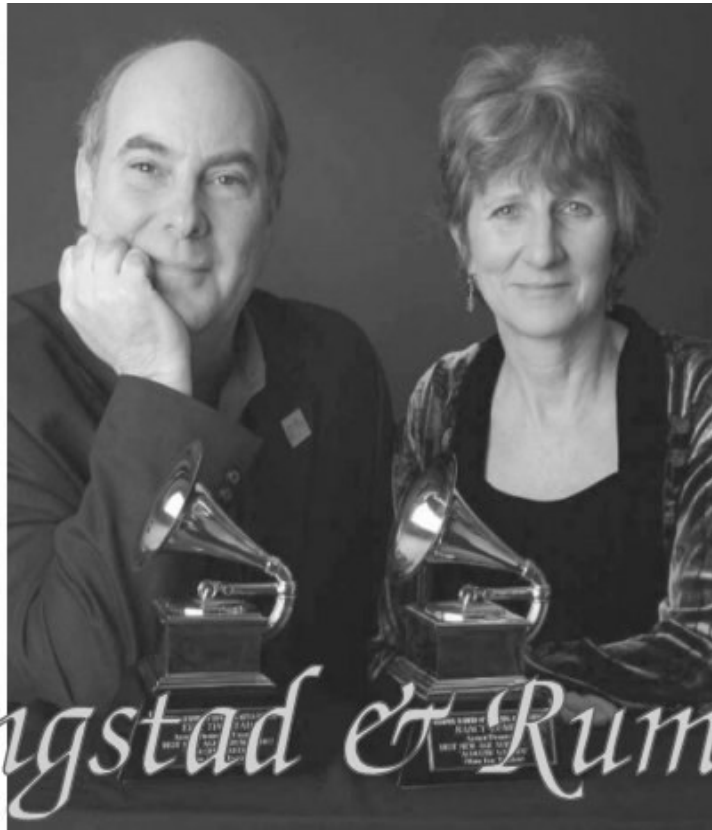
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**7pm at First Presbyterian Church in  
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**Tickets available at: While Away Books, New Day,  
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**For info call: 541-672-7065**



## Phil Mote or Stuart Liebowitz You decide!

As you can see by the flyer insert, the Douglas county Global Warming Coalition is sponsoring a presentation by Phillip Mote, Washington State Climatologist, "*Global Warming and its impact n the Pacific Northwest*", on Thursday **October 21<sup>st</sup>** at the Douglas County **Library** at **7pm**.

The question is: Why didn't the Coalition choose me instead? It turns out Phil Mote has a resume that my Jewish mother, if she were alive today, would die for: Let's compare.

- To begin with, Phil Mote has a doctorate and he graduated from Harvard, no less.
- I have a BA in Sociology and graduated from Valley State College, no less.
- Dr. Mote has published 40 papers on climatology.
- I wrote a college term paper on the rise of the middle class.
- Dr. Mote received a NASA global change fellowship.
- I received 2 gold stars in sixth grade at public school 206 in Brooklyn.

Dr. Mote was co-director of NATO's Institute on Numerical Modeling of the Global Atmosphere.

I coached my daughter's Little League team who won their championship.

So for those who are upset at not seeing me, please don't boycott Dr. Mote on **October 21**. Learn how global warming will affect us in the Pacific Northwest.

*Long time UW Member, Stuart Liebowitz has organized his environmental focus by forming the local group: Douglas County Coalition on Global Warming 672-9819*

**EVENT**  
on  
**OCT. 21**

## President's Message

*Hello Lovers of the Umpqua,*



This has been a busy and fun summer on the rivers of the Umpqua. Groups of friends gathered to float, fish, and recreate for days and nights of adventure, pleasure and spiritual renewal.

This seemed like a relatively good year for water flow, thanks to the rains in May and early June. It's good to see rivers with a sustained flow year round. July, this year on the main Umpqua, as in recent years, saw the water temperature rise higher than can be considered healthy for steelhead and salmon. With a growing population and so much new development, how are we going to have enough water to sustain this so-called progress?

For the 18<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, in July we came together for a community-wide celebration known as River Appreciation Day. Our thanks to Bob Hoehne, Bob Allen and others who were inspired with farsighted vision and founded River Appreciation Day eighteen years ago. This year Elkton Community Education Center or the "Butterfly Farm" was the site of the river festival. A rafting party floated the river for a 4 mile stretch near Elkton in the morning and many local musicians performed on into the evening. Thank you to the people who were instrumental in the production of this great celebration, free and open to the people of Oregon.

Umpqua Watersheds would like to thank all our partners for their constant support and quality work they do to make our community a great place to live.

Please consider donating financially by renewing your annual membership or writing that extra check you've been meaning to send.

*Thank you,*

Gerald Wisdom,

President of Umpqua Watersheds' Board of Directors

## Announcing the 6th Annual "3 R's At Work" Awards Competition and Employee "Waste Reduction Champion" Award

Is your workplace making a successful effort at reducing its waste? Does your business have an employee "*recycling champion*" that is instrumental in your business's waste reduction program and worthy of recognition? That's what Douglas County wants to find out in announcing the Sixth Annual "**3R's At Work**" Awards competition.

The awards are given to workplaces with two or more employees for successful, innovative programs that demonstrate a commitment to waste **reduction**, **reuse**, and **recycling**. Commercial, retail, and industrial businesses, as well as large and small offices are encouraged to apply.

The awards will also recognize a "**waste reduction champion**" employee that has demonstrated a commitment to the 3R's in their workplace. The top 3 businesses and the award-winning employee will be recognized with beautifully designed awards at the Nov. 8th Roseburg Chamber of Commerce Noon Forum.

"The 15 award winning businesses from the last five years demonstrate that local firms are making great strides in reducing the amount of waste disposed in our landfill with simple, cost-effective programs incorporated into everyday activities," says Terri Peterson, Douglas County's Waste Reduction Manager.

**Deadline** for returning applications is **October 22**

## Recycling Awareness Week Student Calendar Art Contest

Young artists are invited to participate in Oregon's 19th Annual Recycling Awareness Week celebration, November 13-20, by submitting an original drawing for the 2005 Recycle Power calendar. Calendar entries will be judged by local artists with the top 12 becoming part of the 2005 calendar produced by Douglas County Waste Reduction. In addition, winning artists will receive enough calendars for their classmates and family.

### Important Guidelines

**THEME:** The 3R's - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle  
**SIZE:** Drawing NO larger than 6.5" by 8.5"  
**COLOR:** Black and White (Pencil shading okay)  
**DUE DATE:** November 3, 2004 5:00 p.m.

Include the artist's name, age, school, and phone number on back (in pencil please). All entrants will receive a special gift made of recycled materials. All contest entries must be mailed or delivered to:

Douglas County Public Works  
1036 SE Douglas Room 220  
Roseburg, OR 97470

**by 5pm Wednesday, November 3.**

For questions or further info, contact Terri Peterson at **440-4350**

**DEADLINE**  
by  
**NOV. 3**



# Tired of Too Much Summer Vacation?



Okay! Well then, let's get juices flowing with some of the great ways you can serve your community in a way you can live with!

There will be no evicting, lying, cutting the last of someone else's trees, no killing, no predatory, self-seeking, greedy manipulations, no closed door agreements that benefit just a few, just pure unadulterated fun at the Umpqua Watersheds' office! We have lots of ways to enrich your life and ours!

We have Stacks to Straighten & More! PLEASE HELP

If you know your alphabet, You are the person we're looking for!

**Call Robin** for the pick of the choice jobs - **672-7065**.

## Governor & Wilderness from front page

Before he was elected governor in 2002, Kulongoski and his wife, Mary Oberst, never took a cell phone into a wilderness.

"My wife wouldn't allow me," he says.

That changed with his election. Now they are required to take a satellite phone, he laments.

"But if the satellite phone doesn't ring I never make a call," he says.

Come winter, he has been known to walk into a wilderness on snowshoes, preferring that to the more traveled cross-country ski trails.

Don't ask him to pick a favorite wilderness.

"Each forest is unique in itself," he says.

A difference in climate, vegetation and geology makes each a singular place, he explains.

He talks about the unique beauty of the Sky Lakes Wilderness, particularly in autumn. But he also appreciates the rocky regions of the Kalmiopsis.

Kulongoski first visited the Kalmiopsis two decades ago during a float trip down the lower Illinois River.

Later, as the state attorney general in the early 1990s, a legal case involving the navigability of the Chetco River surfaced, requiring him to once again visit the Kalmiopsis.

Some may look out across the vast Kalmiopsis with its rugged serpentine rock and see nothing but a hard land of rattlesnakes, bear and cougar, where water is too scarce come summer and too plentiful come winter, he acknowledges.

"But there is beauty in that as well," he says. "The beauty is the natural setting — that's what you're trying to preserve."

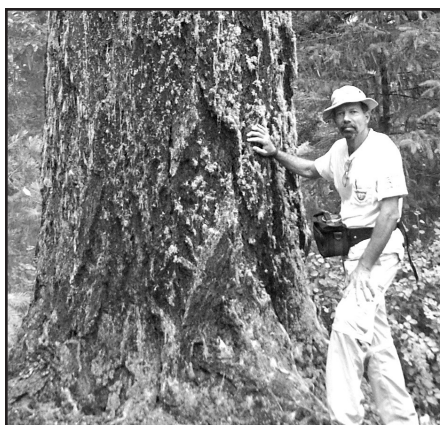
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### Wilderness Designations signed by US Presidents

President '64-2004	Wilderness Acres	#Bills Signed	#States Affected
Lyndon Johnson	9.9 M	6	14
Richard Nixon	1.6M	12	16
Gerald Ford	3.1M	12	32
Jimmy Carter	66.3M	14	24
Ronald Reagan	10.6M	43	31
George HW Bush	4.0M	10	8
Bill Clinton	9.5M	13	10
George W Bush	.5M	4	4

## Staff News - Tim Ballard

Umpqua Watersheds would like to welcome Tim Ballard as our newest staff member at the Umpqua Watersheds office in downtown Roseburg. Tim will be working part time



**Tim Ballard, UW's NEW Conservation Associate**

as a Conservation Associate to help write our timber sale comments and to help you participate in decisions on public land matters. Tim has worked for decades in firefighting and stewards his own land in the Glide area. He has loved the Umpqua watershed for many years and now gets to defend it first hand. He will work, with your

help, to save lots of big trees and old growth forests. Tim can be reached by email at: [tim@umpqua-watersheds.org](mailto:tim@umpqua-watersheds.org).

*UW Staff*

## River Day Kudos

**THANK YOU** to our generous sponsors and many volunteers who made the Umpqua's 18<sup>th</sup> River Appreciation Day celebration a success.

The months of planning with our neighbors in North County at the Elkton Community Education Center (ECEC) brought people together on the main Umpqua River on a warm, yet cloudy July afternoon.

**SEE YOU NEXT JULY!**



**Girls Can Jam** entertained 200 participants at the Umpqua's 18<sup>th</sup> River Appreciation Day. Elkton Elementary School students provided stage artwork & poster art (along bottom of stage).

**NOV 18 - See Roadless Area Slideshow** (see insert)

## Lamprey Update

Umpqua Watersheds is part of a coalition of West Coast environmental and conservation organizations that are challenging the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's illegal foot-dragging by ignoring the groups' January 2003 petition to protect four species of lamprey under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

In May, the coalition sued the Service over the agency's failure to process the groups' petition according to the Act's deadlines. The Service had claimed that agency resources would preclude it from responding to the petition until at least fiscal year 2006.

The coalition provided the Service with scientific evidence that four West Coast lamprey species – including Pacific, River, Kern Brook, and Western Brook lamprey – have declined drastically due to many of the same human-caused factors that have caused many salmon species and populations either to come precariously close to extinction, or to go extinct. As anyone who is passingly familiar with the status of Pacific salmon species knows, these factors include dams and other artificial barriers, as well as irrigation, pollution, dredging, streambed scouring and degradation, and channelization. Like salmon, the decline of lamprey reflects the precarious health of West Coast watersheds.

The case is pending in the U.S. District Court in Eugene. The coalition is being represented by the Western Environmental Law Center (WELC), which is based in Eugene.

*By Amy Atwood, Law Clerk, WELC*

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## Unfencing the Wild

### Steens Mountain Fence Pull in Eastern Oregon

By fall 1999, it became evident that Oregon conservationists would finally have a good chance at gaining permanent protection for Steens Mountain due to Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt's interest in protecting public lands of high ecological value as national monuments. Conservation community leaders gathered at Audubon House at the invitation of Linda Craig and Jill Workman to discuss protective options for Steens and other areas of interest. The Steens-Alvord Coalition was formed from that meeting.

The first version of the legislation was introduced by Congressman Walden with the support of Congressman Blumenauer in June of 2000. The Coalition responded to this draft by attempting to negotiate changes, with the monument as the fall back position.

The Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act passed both the House and the Senate in the fall of 2000 and was signed into law by President Clinton on October 30, 2000. That legislation was far more than we would have ever received with a monument, but the "threat" of a monument was enough to bring the local community to the bargaining table because they would rather have legislation they participated in than a monument that was done to them. In all, the Steens Act protects about 900,000 acres of public land from mineral development, created about 175,000 acres of Wilderness (of which about 100,000 is the only cow-free wilderness ever), added 5 new Wild and Scenic River segments, created the Wildlands Juniper Management Area, established a red-band trout reserve, and closed approximately 100 miles of roads.

I went with the Sierra Club to remove fence from the new Steens Mountain Wilderness over the 4th of July weekend this summer. The Steens Mountain Act was passed by Congress with funding for fence removal. However, the current climate in Washington DC is being rather frugal with wilderness spending. Need I say more?

We hiked in about 8 miles to the Aspen Grove campsite with thunderstorms threatening. As it turned out we had good weather for all five days. Our guide John Neeling had told us about the last fence party he had come with only 2 weeks before us. They had rain and snow the whole trip in mid June. John works for the BLM and has been taking care of wilderness in many parts of the west.

It seems that antelope can't jump over fences. They can jump but have not been able to get the fence thing down, so they just crawl under them. To accommodate the antelope, the BLM have been building fences with a twisted but smooth wire on the bottom and three barbs above.

Our 14 people removed and stockpiled 2-3 tons of materials in just a few days. The BLM is going to count the volunteer time toward paying professional packers to use their pack animals to remove the fence materials. The BLM will reuse the materials at other locations.

On our last morning it stayed cool and was an easy eight mile hike back to the cars. We made it out by 930. Then we had to begin the grueling drive back to civilization. As we traveled west, the tops of the snow-covered Cascade mountains began to appear in the distance.

*Written by Ed Cooley a cattleman and Umpqua Watersheds supporter from North County.*

## Plan B - Rescuing a Planet Under Stress



### BOOK REVIEW

**P**lan B is the title of Lester Brown's 2003 book. He observes "plan A"—business as usual—isn't working; therefore, he asserts, let us create Plan B.

First, Lester Brown of The Earth Policy Institute identifies what's not working. Here are a couple examples: A ton of wheat requires 1000 tons of water. Country by country,

we are depleting underground reserves of water to irrigate crops for growing populations. Since the Green Revolution, this "global bubble economy" has been attractive. But since 2000, we're experiencing "hydrological poverty."

Largely from burning fossil fuels, we emit more carbon dioxide than the earth and its oceans can reabsorb. Concentration of atmospheric carbon dioxide increased from 316 ppm in 1959 to 369 ppm in 2000; this increase is correlated with global warming. Generally, in current cropping systems, each degree Centigrade above optimum growing temperature reduces yield 10%. Inadequate or poorly used water for irrigation plus above optimum growing temperatures means less food for growing populations:

#### Grain consumption

Year	World population (billion)	(million tons)
1950	2.5	640
2000	6.1	1855
2002		1807
2050	est.9.1	

Second, Brown highlights *existing* innovations world around that could contribute to Plan B—a way to balance consumption and available natural resources. Some countries have limited population growth, have increased efficiencies of land and water use, have invested in alternative sources of energy. We could learn from our neighbors.

Throughout his meticulously documented book, Brown appeals for institutional change—an economy, for example, that tells the "ecological truth" in a market that accounts for the true costs of each resource management alternative.

My introduction to Lester Brown's book was interesting. *Plan B, Rescuing a Planet Under Stress and a Civilization in Trouble* caught the eye of Alan Freeman, executive chef at Seven Feathers Hotel and Casino in Canyonville. Alan purchased copies, brought one to a meeting of the Douglas County Global Warming Coalition and offered to circulate it for us to read. Thank you, Alan.

The 285 page paper back was published in 2003 by Norton and Company, New York. The Earth Policy Institute web site is [www.earth-policy.org](http://www.earth-policy.org) Several of its primary publications can be downloaded free.

Jim Long

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## End of Ramp Canyon *(from page 3)*

would unwind. He was a yearling, and so beat up and dehydrated from his desperate struggle on the fence, that he died days later.

There are many other animals in Ramp Canyon as well: skunks, porcupines, foxes, gray squirrels, tree frogs, gopher snakes, garter snakes, king snakes, coyotes occasionally, turkeys, robins, mice, moles and hawks to mention a few. However the White Tail seems to be the most obvious and the biggest, symbolic of this hallow ecosystem on the edge of town.

But change comes so fast these days as the human population swells, seemingly impossible to stop and Ramp Canyon will be gone soon, gobbled up by what some may call progress, with the planned building of two hundred new houses. That is around eight times more houses that existed along Ramp Road when I first began my regular forays into Ramp Canyon woods as a child. It will be the end of a little wilderness that had defied time and industrial age ambitions as construction continued on everywhere. From the Amazon Rainforest to the Alaska Tundra, from New Guinea's highlands to the Gobi Desert, and from the tops of the hills behind Garden Valley Mall to Chinaberry street near Eastwood Elementary school, our notion of progress continues unchecked. In the good old days kids used to walk to Eastwood School along Ramp Road, and if they looked up they could see the forested ridges that rose up out of the Canyon to the South like the remotest jungles of Sarawak. It was so sweet over the years while it lasted. I seemed to have the oak woods to myself many times, many days for many years. Only in my greatest dreams, as a boy and even now did I think the primeval sacredness of the Ramp Canyon Woods would exist inviolable for eternity. Instead, we have chosen to impose on them even more with our materialistic rampage. The only factor that had slowed the demolition of Ramp Canyon in the past was that the road leading into it was too narrow to accommodate all the traffic. The deep Ecology was not even considered. It is unfathomable to some and incomprehensible to many of our political leaders who do not even realize the direct connection to human life and biodiversity. As it goes, so too will we. This there is no doubt. And the White Tail Deer in Ramp Canyon will have no chance. Their heads are the next on the chopping block of an anthropocentric dominated world view. They have been pushed so far and now, as we humans each struggle tenaciously to grab hold of our own piece of land, there is no where else for them to go.

Dave Metz raised in Douglas County is an aspiring writer and he can be reached at: [dcmetz1@yahoo.com](mailto:dcmetz1@yahoo.com)

### UW's Reading List: succinct and compelling

#### "Red Sky at Morning"

AMERICA AND THE CRISIS OF  
THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT

By James Gustave Speth





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