

100 Valleys

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SAVE THE DATE!

Umpqua Watersheds' 10th Annual Banquet

FEB. 11th, 2006

Join us for a celebration of the decade's successes!

Keynote Speaker

Winona LaDuke

Author, activist, & mother...

The leadership at the Umpqua National Forest has made a choice to give our Old Growth forests some of the attention they deserve and Umpqua Watersheds supports - this *protection through better choices*. Years of scientific, public and common sense input have contributed to these improved choices.

To protect, restore, honor and connect to the Umpqua's Old Growth forest is a primary focus of Umpqua Watersheds. These old giants have needed protective attention, especially from the agencies responsible to care for them.

Whether 'old, ancient or native' you and I know these old trees are the foundation of our watersheds. They complete a full circle for wildlife, fish, water quality and the history of the Northwest. For decades logging practices have eliminated them watershed after watershed.

After meeting with Jim Caplan, the forest supervisor about the Forest's future plans, I am pleased to report to you the foundation of their '*five-year action plan*' that is the first step to this protection.

Plantation thinning of the 60,000 acres of past clearcut forests is a major part of this plan. The results could be fuel reduction, old growth development, commercial products for local mills and restoration contractors, all the while staying out of our Old Growth forests. Umpqua Watersheds applauds this important shift for the Umpqua.

More worrisome is the '*blended management*' that would affect mature

Important shift for Old-growth in the Umpqua

This old-growth in the Fish Creek watershed of the Umpqua National Forest still stands today.

by: Gerald Wisdom
Umpqua Watersheds' board member

and older forests with '*thinning from below*.' Umpqua Watersheds' monitor team will watch these projects very carefully to make sure our Old Growth forests are not harmed. It is presumptuous to think that Old Growth needs improvement over nature.

Your letters, phone calls, public appearances, days on the trail and support of Umpqua Watersheds have helped make these improvements happen on the Umpqua. Thank you for all your help . . . and let Jim Caplan, Forest Supervisor for the Umpqua National Forest, know how you feel about these choices.

The Bureau of Land Management, on the other hand, has been forced into other old fashioned harmful choices by the timber industry and the Bush administration. Those results are reported on in the pages of "100 Valleys."



Our Mission...

Umpqua Watersheds is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and restoration of the watersheds in the Umpqua River Basin and beyond.

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Recipe for the Future

Dear Supporter,

The future . . . a hope for the Umpqua and beyond.

To fulfill that hope, you and I need to lead with vision and gratitude, action and cooperation, in today's world. Good ingredients in a recipe for the future . . .

To do that we can not leave history behind but need to use it as a guide for success and review of tough times to make our future hopeful. Unfortunately, history has not been kind to our Northwest forest environment.

The loss to wild rivers, wild animals, clean air and all conservation rewards have been especially challenged the last decade. Extreme political agendas have lead the way to these losses and cost America dearly.

During that time - a tough time to be sure - accomplishments were made. Here are a few important ones to be proud of as the future - a hope for the Umpqua and beyond - unfolds.

- Old Growth protection gets attention from the Umpqua National Forest
- Lemolo old growth and recreation sites survive
- Celebrations on the River and in the Community
- Landowners submit Area of Critical Environmental Concern proposals to the BLM.
- Umpqua Watersheds connects people to place on the Umpqua
- Pacific Lamprey get attention
- Fire cautions in the Wildland Interface
- Cow Catcher, old growth clearcut timber sale in the Cow Creek watershed halted
- Fish passage and improved river flows required on the North Umpqua River
- Roadless Conservation Rule support from Oregon's Governor, and all of you
- Umpqua Watersheds' Conservation and Outreach development and support expanded
- Developed Medicine Mountain National Monument proposal
- Two court victories halt thousands of acres of timber sales to protect owls and fish
- Hardesty Roadless Area protected
- Umpqua Watersheds became a non-profit organization in 1995

While we can be proud of these accomplishments many of them are at risk today due to the fervor of leaders in industry and political arenas across America to have their way with the environment.

You and I must stop that damage at every opportunity to accomplish hope for the future. Our quality of life does depend upon it, whether it is forests, air, water, wildlife or communities.

With your voice of support, and hope for the future, Umpqua Watersheds will stay committed to its conservation mission in the Umpqua and Beyond for the next 10 years and beyond.

Sincerely,

Penny Lind, Executive Director

Creating Connections

Please join Umpqua Watersheds for lunch at **noon** on the **2nd Tuesday of every month**. This is your opportunity to stay updated on current issues, get to know other supporters, talk with the staff and make new connections within our conservation community.

We hope you will join us!

~Penny, Francis, Nelli & Summer~

Email Nelli at:
nelly@umpqua-watersheds.org for more information

Oregon Heritage Forests...their future depends on you!



The BLM's Western Oregon Plan Revisions (WOPR) are proceeding. We should see a more detailed plan in the spring of 2006. Thanks to all of you who told the BLM you do not support removing (or seriously reducing) all wildlife reserves on BLM lands. If you haven't written your comments yet, it's not too late. Go to www.oregonheritageforests.org to learn more and to see a sample letter.

Western Oregon BLM lands lay in a one-mile square checkerboard pattern. These lands are called Oregon and California lands, or O&C lands. The name was derived from the railroad company that the federal government gave these lands to over a century ago. Later, the federal

by: Francis Eatherington
Conservation Director

government took back the lands due to a breach of contract by the railroad companies. More recently, the timber industry sued the BLM, claiming all of BLM lands are for their own profit and use.

The lands on opposite peices of the checkerboard are in the private hands of either timber companies or rural residents. If you live within the checkerboard, most likely your drinking water comes from a watershed owned by the BLM. The BLM forests also raise the value of your land. In addition, the public forests provide a home to countless species of wildlife who find the industrial forest lands inhospitable. The timber industry doesn't agree that these values are worthwhile.

The Bush Administration agreed with industry that the BLM must change their forest plans and consider removing all wildlife and streamside reserves. The Administration told the BLM their final decision in 2008 must comply with an old court ruling that found wildlife conservation is not a goal of O&C lands.

Things are not looking good for some of our most accessible and loved public federal forest lands. Someone should speak up for the trees and wildlife, because they can't speak for themselves. If you want to help, go to www.oregonheritageforests.org.

A look into the New Year...

by: Nelli Williams
Outreach Coordinator

What do vacations and a successful outreach program have in common? They all take a little planning. Umpqua Watershed's Outreach program is taking a fresh look at 2006 with a new strategic plan in place.

What does the coming year have to offer? Development of an education program, efforts to increase active membership (a.k.a. Volunteers, we need you!), to build and maintain quality community relationships, and to help Umpqua Watersheds build a sustainable organization that will succeed in whatever the future holds.

Our current, past, and future efforts depend heavily on our dedicated, energetic volunteers. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all of you who have helped make our many events, newsletters, calls for conservation action, hikes and banquets a success. We couldn't have pulled any of them off without you! In the coming year there will be many more ways for you to get involved, so I hope you do!

What are your interests? What do you enjoy doing? We can help you find a match. Here are some of the many volunteer opportunities available with us: writing a story for 100 Valleys, taking pictures at events, distributing posters, helping to develop education activities, leading a hike to one of your favorite places in the Umpqua, planning events, office support and others!

If you are interested in being involved in any of the above mentioned activities please contact Nelli at the Umpqua Watersheds office or by email at nelli@umpqua-watersheds.org.

Volunteers,

KUDOS!

Thank you for your time, energy and all you do for us! We appreciate every minute of your efforts!

With respect and thanks,

Penny, Francis, Nelli, Summer and the UW Board

From the President

As we enter a new year, my hope is for a positive change. We have had a year of war and natural disaster, and we have experienced an administration that has placed the health of the planet in jeopardy. Americans are beginning to question current policy and demand answers.

In difficult times such as these, a common sense approach and a voice that speaks with clarity are more important than ever. Umpqua Watersheds has retained and put forward a consistent, clear message. It is time to come together to support a rational approach to the stewardship of our public lands.

There are rays of sunshine among the clouds. Governor Kulongoski has asked that the state of Oregon take part in the Bureau of Land Management revision plans for our Federal lands. This is an exciting and new prospect. The Forest Service is fostering communication and involvement by the public (you and I).

We can all help through dialogue, communication, and education. Umpqua Watersheds and its partners are not against logging and jobs; we support sustainable forest management. A healthy forest provides wildlife, recreation and, most importantly, clean water. To maintain a healthy forest, it is crucial that Federal and State agencies adhere to the rules, that they themselves have set forth.

A goal of Umpqua Watersheds is to protect the few remaining ancient forests. These stands are critical to the health of a watershed. By working together, by making our message loud and clear, through education and cooperation, positive change will be a reality.

We wish you all a happy and healthy New Year. See you at the annual banquet!

Thank you,
Sally Browne

President, Umpqua Watersheds Board of Directors

Dear Gov. Kulongoski... Thanks!

You have done your part. Oregon's Governor Kulongoski has stated boldly, he will keep doing his.

Meanwhile, the administration and industry keep Roadless Areas across America under pressure from logging, road building, mining and development.

The Umpqua Roadless Areas like Cougar Bluff, Last, Dread and Terror Ridge and many more continue to need your strong voices of support.

Things you can do to protect Oregon's Roadless Areas:

- Write letters to the editor in your local newspaper.
- Visit and enjoy Roadless Areas in your backyard.
- Sign-On to the Citizens Roadless Petition today at:

<http://www.umpqua-watersheds.org/RestoreRoadlessRule.html>

- Thank Governor Kulongoski and keep the pressure on:
160 State Capitol, 900 Court Street
Salem, Oregon 97301

Go Fish...

A Game for the Children of Global Warming

I decided to teach my child an updated version of the old card game "Go Fish."

"Why don't I go first," I said. "Do you have any salmon?"

"Go fish!" he demanded with a triumphant air. "I'm afraid I can't. You see, global warming is heating up the oceans and rivers. This means less oxygen can dissolve in the water. And without oxygen, the fish can't breathe and their numbers will drop. But let me try again. Do you have any catfish?"

"Go fish," he said, though a little more cautiously.

"Well, I'd like to, son, but global warming will be causing their food supplies to go down. As a result, they won't be able to grow or reproduce as much." I could see he was discouraged.

"I'll try one more time. Do you have any sturgeon?"

He hesitated. "Go fish?" he asked dubiously.

I shook my head.

"Global warming again, huh?"

"I'm afraid so. When the water gets too warm in the winter, some fish are just not able to reproduce."

"I don't like this game very much." He thought for a moment. "Can I ask a question? Will our country be doing anything about global warming?"

I looked at him and shrugged.

"Go fish."

by Stuart Liebowitz

Douglas County GlobalWarming Coalition

The Coalition meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Call 672-9819



CALLING ALL WILDERNESS ADVOCATES!

Umpqua Watersheds' members and wilderness adopters will be meeting once a month to brainstorm, organize and promote wilderness in the Umpqua National Forest. The environmental damage that could result from the Bush administration's repeal of the roadless rule is immense.

MEETINGS: Last Wednesday of every month 7pm @ Mcmenamins in Roseburg.
Next MEETING: Wed., Jan 25th 7PM

QUESTIONS?

Call Robert Hoehne @ 679-7077 or
Umpqua Watersheds @ 672-7065

Steamboat Creek decision... "not good enough" says Umpqua Watersheds.

by: Penny Lind
Executive Director

On December 5, 2005, Umpqua Watersheds and conservation partners filed an appeal of the Umpqua National Forest's Steamboat Creek Watershed Restoration Project decision to implement alternative #6. This late-entry alternative was forced upon the Forest Service's staff by the local commissioners and members of the public whose threatening behavior influenced an outcome that does not have the best interest of Steamboat Creek or the public in mind.

Umpqua Watersheds has told the Umpqua National Forest that this decision to select the least productive restoration option "is not good enough for this important resource." Our community should not have to give up the opportunity to make significant repair to this valuable watershed to satisfy local political leaders.

Steamboat Creek, a major tributary to the Wild and Scenic North Umpqua River has been identified as a critical watershed for salmon habitat and water quality. Over 80% of the entire Umpqua River system's summer steelhead use the Steamboat Creek or its tributaries for spawning. This key watershed has also served as the prime nursery for Umpqua cutthroat trout for centuries. In 1988, Steamboat Creek was identified as a study river for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic River System and proved to be a candidate on its own merit. The wild summer steelhead population in this world-renowned fishery is one of only three in Oregon and nine in the entire Western United States.

In 2000, The Umpqua National Forest's "Watershed Restoration Business Plan" identified Steamboat Creek as the number one priority for restoration in the Umpqua National Forest. In 2003, this Plan was updated to include terrestrial species and fire regime as well as aquatics.

The Plan's Forest Restoration Project selection criteria included the importance of environmental assessments, the need to have planning concluded when funding became available, follow priorities, include a monitoring plan, leverage funding from multiple partners, and share personnel and expertise.

The Plan's Forest Restoration goals are : 1. **Quality of Life** – Restoration will sustain the quality of life for present and future generations, including recreational opportunities, economic activities and sustainable uses of our natural resources; 2. **A Resilient Forest** – A desired pattern of vegetation structure, both live and dead, is restored over the landscape, making the forest resilient to disturbances such as fire, flood, insects, and disease; 3. **Clean Water and Healthy Streams** –

Restoration of stream habitats and natural processes will provide clean water and healthy populations of fish and riparian species.

In September of 2004, the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Steamboat Creek Watershed Restoration Project was given to the public for comment. The fundamental purpose of the Project was to "balance human access needs while restoring the ecosystem." Specific activities and objectives to meet the Project's purpose were to: provide and maintain fish passage, decrease erosion risk by fixing 121 very high-risk crossings and repair roads with high landslide risks.

The Forest Service's choice of alternative #6 slips well below the purpose and need, restoration goals and selection criteria. Alternative #6 repairs only 2 culverts, none of the highest risk stream crossings, and less than half of the needed landslide repairs with nearly all of the project's activities in Lane County and little to improve the Douglas County resource. The commissioner prompted alternative also does not provide improved access for fire suppression by leaving the Douglas County portion of the watershed with no road improvements or removals.

Unless the Forest Service modifies their decision, over half of the project plan area will be left to decline further. Places like Reynolds Creek and Big Bend Creek in the Douglas County portion of the watershed will not receive important restoration treatment.

Our appeal asks the Forest Service to reconsider their decision. This Wild and Scenic candidate is too important to be abandoned. If the agency does not put to use their expensive analysis results to repair this damaged watershed it is unlikely to happen anytime soon.

This appeal does not ask for a delay of the decision including the 14.3 miles of stream restoration projects laid out in all alternatives. Appellants are: Umpqua Watersheds, The North Umpqua Foundation, Cascadia Wildlands Project and Oregon Natural Resources Council.

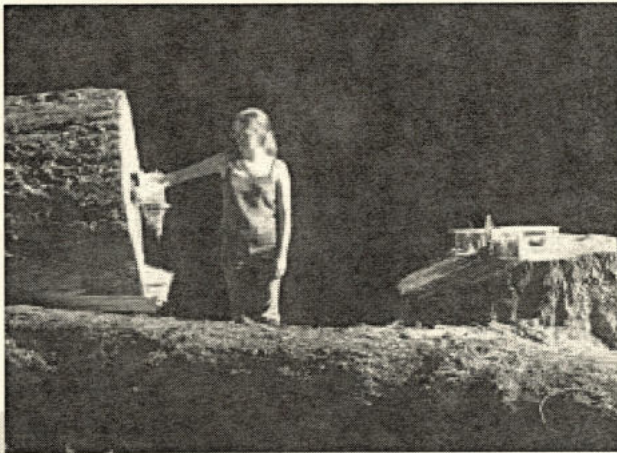
Although the Umpqua National Forest has considered an improved plan for their timber program, they didn't get it right for the Steamboat during their 'Century of Restoration' campaign.

On behalf of the Umpqua, I want to thank all of you who commented in support of a quality restoration project in the Steamboat. Your comments were by far in the majority. Umpqua Watersheds will keep you informed as the results of this project unfold.

A Story of Old-Growth near Diamond Lake

by: Francis Eatherington
Conservation Director

Roseburg Forest Products is still logging three old-growth timber sales near Lemolo Lake in the Diamond Lake Ranger District. Unit 44 of the Pigout timber sale fell this summer, some of the best and oldest of any forests in that district (see picture below). Plenty of old growth remains to be cut in Pigout, Jigsaw and Whitebird timber sales. When Roseburg Forest Products is done (perhaps by the end of 2006), they will have converted 453 acres of beautiful, mature and old-growth forests to managed tree plantations. Whitebird is especially hard to see fall. These unique high elevation ecosystems in the Umpqua used to be home to high numbers of rare species, such as Lynx and Wolverine.



This summer Tom Clynes, a writer with the Backpacker Magazine, visited the **Jigsaw timber sale** and spent the night under a very ancient, very large, Douglas fir tree. In the October 2005 issue, he wrote:

"The specimen under which I pitched my tent... was probably a seedling when Vasco da Gama sailed around Africa to reach India... The sunset brought darkness quickly to the forest, but I stayed outside the tent, reluctant to go inside as one might be reluctant to leave the side of a friend on the verge of his last breath. Standing in the small clearing, I turned around slowly, surveying the stalactites of dim light that hung down between the tree trunks, detaching myself from the forest's fate. I stood there silently to take in the moment, a moment in which this forest, my forest, was not doomed, but intact and timeless. This, I told myself, is how I will remember it. Finally, I went inside the tent. As I zipped into my sleeping bag, I was jolted nearly out of my skin by the metal-on-metal screech of a cougar, somewhere on the mountain above me. The cougar snarled twice more as it moved through the forest, traversing the slope from west to east. Its voice was the last thing I remembered hearing until morning, when I was awakened by another sound, fainter but no less jarring. It was the sound, distant but wholly unmistakable, of a chin saw."

Beverly Brown was a long-time activist for the environment as well as a champion of forestry workers. She is the author of *In Timber Country: Working People's Stories of Environmental Conflict and Urban Flight* and co-edited *Voices From the Woods: Lives and Experiences of Non-Timber Forest Workers*. In 1994, she founded the Jefferson Center, supporting non-timber forest workers in influencing public policy and speaking out for workers' rights. Her work was the catalyst for numerous groundbreaking initiatives led by forest workers and harvesters. This picture was taken on June 19, 2004, in the Medford Bureau of Land Management proposed Kelsey Whiskey timber sale. Beverly Brown died on October 27, 2005.



"The scarcest resource is not oil, metals, clean air, capital, labor, or technology. It is our willingness to listen to each other and learn from each other and to seek the truth rather than seek to be right"

Donella Meadows
environmental scientist, teacher, and writer
(1941-2001)

The Future of Wild Pacific Salmon Conference

January 25th 2006
Double Tree Hotel Lloyd Center, Portland OR

The Salmon 2100 Project was founded on the premise that wild salmon in California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and British Columbia are struggling to hang on as remnants of once flourishing species in small portions of their original range.

Learn more about this critical issue!

For more info: <http://outreach.forestry.oregonstate.edu/salmon2100/>

Winter 2006 Events and Hikes

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Jan. 10th, Feb. 14th, March 14th -

Community Connection Campaign Luncheons

Join Umpqua Watersheds staff and supporters for a tasty casual lunch at Chi's Garden Restaurant in Roseburg. Get questions answered, learn about upcoming issues, events and opportunities, and have great conversations with your fellow Umpqua Watersheds' members! **Noon at Chi's Garden.**

January 21st - Hikin' in a Winter Wonderland!

Strap on a pair of snowshoes and join Nelli Williams and volunteer Tim Ballard as they explore the snowy world of the North Umpqua watershed. We will be hiking on the North Crater Trail which has opportunities for any skill level. The trail winds through beautiful forests, snow filled meadows and has stunning scenery! Please call Umpqua Watersheds by January 12th to reserve a pair of snowshoes (cost \$5). Bring weather appropriate clothing, a lunch, a small backpack, and plenty of water along on the hike. A Northwest Forest Pass and a winter weather equipped vehicle is required. *Meet 9am behind Douglas Cty Courthouse or 9:30am - Glide Ranger Station.* **NOTE:** Due to changing winter weather, a go/no-go decision will be made 24 hours prior at 9:00 am Friday. Please call 672-7065 between 10:00am and 5:00 pm to confirm.

February

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February 11th - CELEBRATE! UW's 10th Annual Banquet

An evening of celebration, good food and excellent company is in store for our 10th annual banquet. We hope that you can attend this special event - we've been protecting and restoring the Umpqua for over a decade! A silent auction, wine-tasting, appetizers and a wonderful dinner are on the agenda. And **Winona LaDuke** - Author, First Nation activist, and mother will be our keynote speaker! It will be a great way to celebrate our conservation successes and collaborate on upcoming challenges.

February 18th - A Nearby Treasure Awaits...

Wildlife, Beauty and Trails, oh my! Turkeys, a purple martin colony and Columbian white-tailed deer (recently removed from the endangered species list) are just a few of the critters we may see in the North Bank Habitat Area. We will spend the morning and early afternoon exploring the 6,500 acre diverse parcel of land between Glide and Wilbur. Please bring weather appropriate clothing, sturdy hiking boots, a small backpack, lunch and water. Meet in the parking lot behind the Douglas Cty. Courthouse at 9:00am and in the parking lot in front of Whipple Fine Arts Center - UCC at 9:30am.

March

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March 5th - CONCERT: Tingstad & Rumble

They're back! Tingstad and Rumble are bringing their passion and talent to the Umpqua once again. Join us for an unforgettable evening of music, festivities and gourmet desserts. The concert will be held at the 1st Presbyterian Church at 7pm. Buy your tickets early - this concert sells out!

March 18th - "The Rock" Wildflower Hike

Climb this amazing geological wonder with us for great views of Tenmile and Lookingglass Valleys. Learn how this unique land feature was formed and, if the timing is right the spring wildflowers will paint us a lovely backdrop of color! Please bring weather appropriate clothing, sturdy hiking boots, a small backpack, water and lunch. Meet - 9am Douglas Cty Courthouse. 9:30am - Lookingglass Store.

For more information, call 672-7065 or contact Nelli Williams at nelly@umpqua-watersheds.org. Hikes are weather dependent, please contact the UW office on the Friday before a hike between 10a-5p to confirm.



Celebrate!



UMPQUA WATERSHEDS 10TH ANNUAL BANQUET *Feb. 11th, 2006*

Festivities begin at 5pm featuring...

Silent Benefit Auction
Wine, Beer & Appetizers
Gourmet Dinner
Speakers

Silent Auction Donations Needed!

Each year, our silent auction is a banquet highlight...and a big thanks goes out to our past donors for that success! The auction offers a unique way for donors to show their support and an opportunity for many guests to take treasured items home!

We need folks like you to continue its success.

Auction Item Ideas

- *Themed Packages (relaxation, romance, travel, crafts, outdoors)*
- *Services (raft trip, guided hike, river-side dinner, etc...)*
- *Original artwork (anything from paintings to quilting to basketry and more!)*
- *Gourmet food items (wine, chocolates, jams, etc...)*
- *Gift certificates (dining, hotels, classes, massages, etc...)*
- *Books, magazine subscriptions, and many others!*

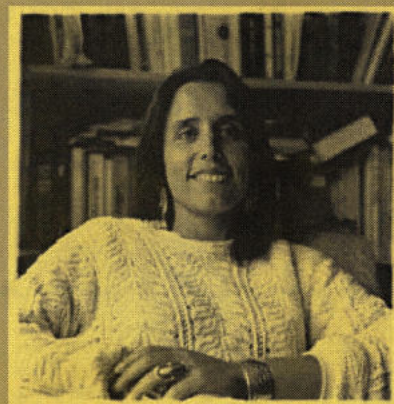
*INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING OR
DONATING AN AUCTION ITEM?*

Contact: Nelli at (541)672-7065 or
nelli@umpqua-watersheds.org or
Gerald Wisdom at (541)672-6982.

FEATURING KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Winona LaDuke

Winona LaDuke, is an Anishinaabekwe (Ojibwe) enrolled member of the Mississippi Band of Anishinaabeg and is the mother of three children. Winona is the Program Director of Honor the Earth and Founding Director of White Earth Land Recovery Project. In addition, she has worked for two decades on the land issues of the White Earth Reservation, including litigation, over land rights in the 1980's. In 1989, she received the Reebok Human Rights Award, with which in part she began the White Earth Land Recovery Project. In 1994, Winona was nominated by Time Magazine as one of America's fifty most promising leaders under forty years of age, and has also been awarded the Thomas Merton Award in 1996, the Ann Bancroft Award, MS Woman of the Year Award (with the Indigo Girls in 1997), the Global Green Award, and numerous other honors. A graduate of Harvard and Antioch Universities, she has written extensively on Native American and environmental issues. Her books include: Last Standing Woman (fiction), All Our Relations (non-fiction), In the Sugarbush (Children's), and just out, the Winona LaDuke Reader.



*Author, First Nation
Activist, and mother...*

10 years on the Umpqua!

Giving a bad name to sound science...

by: Francis Eatherington
Conservation Director

Representative Greg Walden recently introduced a bill, called the "Forest Emergency Recovery and Research Act" (FERRA) that severely reduces environmental protections for forests and wildlife. This bill makes it easier to log after normal, natural events that damage or kill trees in national forests.

Damaged or dead trees provide the material needed for wildlife homes, soils humus and healthy forests. This bill damages this resource and cannot be defended as scientifically credible. For instance, FERRA:

- o Allows consultation required by the National Historic Preservation Act, Clean Water Act, the Endangered Species Act and other laws to occur during, not before logging, making the consultation process meaningless.
- o Allows exemptions from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to be used when logging live trees that the agency has determined will die soon.
- o Reduces the public's ability to get courts to stop harmful, and mischaracterized logging projects. Many projects will be required to go from rough proposal to final decision in no more than 30 days, and could do so much faster than that. The public will not be able to provide critical information and the agency

cannot incorporate public input, let alone foster an atmosphere of actual collaboration, in that time frame.

- o Authorizes the agencies to take money appropriated for wildland fire management and spend it on salvage logging and other projects. This could reduce funding for fuels reduction and community fire planning, effectively trading off the safety of families, their homes, and communities in order to produce more salvage timber sales to benefit the timber industry.

Representative Tom Udall (D-NM) has introduced an alternative bill called the "National Forests Rehabilitation and Recovery Act" (H.R. 3973) that is a cautious, common sense approach to studying the best responses to natural disturbances on forest ecosystems based on sound science and community collaboration.

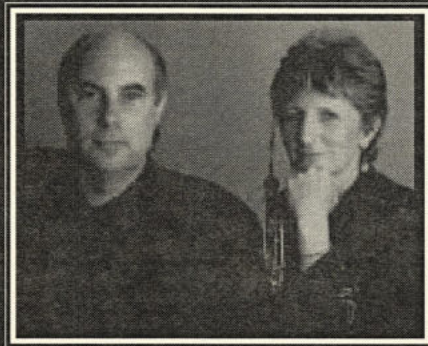
Please contact Oregon Representative, Peter DeFazio, today. Thank him for opposing the Walden logging bill and ask him to cosponsor the Udall collaboration bill. For more information, see www.kswild.org/KSNews/waldensmithbill

Defazio's contact info:

151 West 7th, Suite 400
Eugene, OR 97401
Phone: (541) 465-6732

THEY ARE BACK!

Tingstad and Rumbel



in concert

March 5th, 7pm

*1st Presbyterian Church
in Roseburg*

*For more information:
541-672-7065*

A Good Winter Read...

Of Wolves and Men by Barry Lopez

Reviewing a book written 27 years ago may seem a bit late, but read on. I had only read excerpts from "Of Wolves and Men" until this summer when I saw the volume in a friend's library. Its prose is so rich that I stopped every few pages, feeling the need to ruminate on the material.

Today we are trying to reintroduce wild wolves into many of the western states, and the insight provided by Lopez is important to reconsider. He ties together the strings of myth, science, experience, fear, and fable to leave you with a four dimensional view of the wolf in the wild world.

While the book was written well before the current attempt to settle wolf packs in Montana, Idaho, Oregon and other states, its message is central to that movement. When one finishes this seminal work on the history and culture of the wolf, one can no longer see him as a devilish killer. One begins to believe that there is an important place for the wolf in our wilderness.

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Connecting People to Places...



by: Maxmilliam Smoot
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Worth Hiking to...

Going out into the wilderness and talking to people about it is a poppin' fresh way to start off a Saturday morning. Even if you must hike through the city before getting to the carpool spot (this is an interesting contrast), hiking in the forest is well worth the time and effort to just get out there and forget about the 'burg for a while. It induced a positive and surprisingly efficient spin on the rest of my day.

We walked along a ridgeline in unit 119 of the East Fork Coquille timber sale area, about 28 miles from the coast. It was like an art gallery of intelligent design. No artist but god could possibly have conceived such a variety of characteristics and perspectives using only the minimal theme of "trees." Such great places to learn about nature are found not in the city or schools, but only a short drive from them in these great areas of public land.

It's amazing to think about what it would be like to live out there among the decaying plant matter complimented with the life of mirthful mushrooms, all the way up to the soaring aeronauts above, perching and making some tweets here and there. The thing I like so much about it is that all of these little things make up the gestalt of the forest. Even if you don't see something, you know it's there, and you start to notice the things you are not aware of or oblivious to.

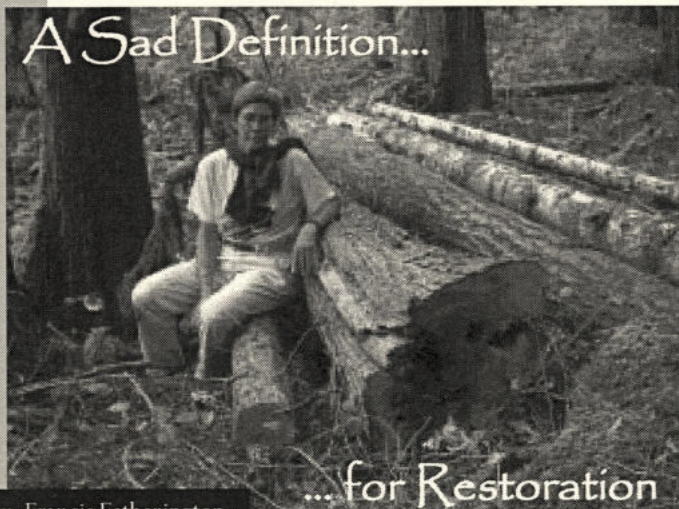
Observing, and being aware of things like this while making unique ways through the forest, can be time well spent for everyone.

The sun was warm and nice, since we found ourselves above the fog that is sometimes discouraging when looked at from below. We bushwhacked along and talked about the history of northwestern land as well as the future of the land. Some ideas about endangered species such as the marbled murrelet came up, and we also talked about "regeneration" and what the effects of a "regeneration harvest" might have on the natural regeneration of a healthy forest like this one.

One man was particularly annoyed with the lack of appreciation for wildlife and hereditary forests in Oregon, but made it clear that he wanted not in the least to begrudge people. This was a great element to have in the group because talking about the "regeneration harvest" sometimes influences the pessimism in people. We take into consideration that a bourgeois atmosphere corrupts people at times, but aren't against anybody in particular since we know that people are people, and that punishment and hate only make things worse for ourselves and others.

Hopefully, the majority of people who enjoy these public forests go there to respect and appreciate the wilderness, instead of just cutting down trees or "managing" the environment. I'm sure that everyone who wants to visit the wilderness does not get to. We should work together to make it apparent, available and irresistible to everyone who is (and isn't) interested in experiencing the nature we depend on.

A Sad Definition...



...for Restoration

by: Francis Eatherington
Conservation Director

This year the Roseburg BLM implemented the very worst restoration project we have ever seen: unit 5 of the Diet Coq timber sale in a "riparian reserve". Under the 1995 Northwest Forest Plan, streamside reserves can only be thinned if they are young forests, like in old clearcuts. Thinning can only be done to help restore older forest characteristics and forest health.

However, in unit 5 of Diet Coq, the BLM was logging in a forest that already had old growth left when it was partially logged in the 1940's. It is next to a fish bearing stream, Lake Creek, just upstream from where it meets the Middle Fork of the Coquille River, north of Camas Valley on Highway 42.

Instead of "restoring" this forest, the BLM made things worse. For pictures of the damage, see:
<http://www.umpqua-watersheds.org/blm/dietcoq.html>

The BLM cut down at least a dozen old-growth red cedar trees that were around 200 years old. Many of these old-growth trees had cavity nests used by wildlife. It will be hundreds of years before this kind of habitat will return.

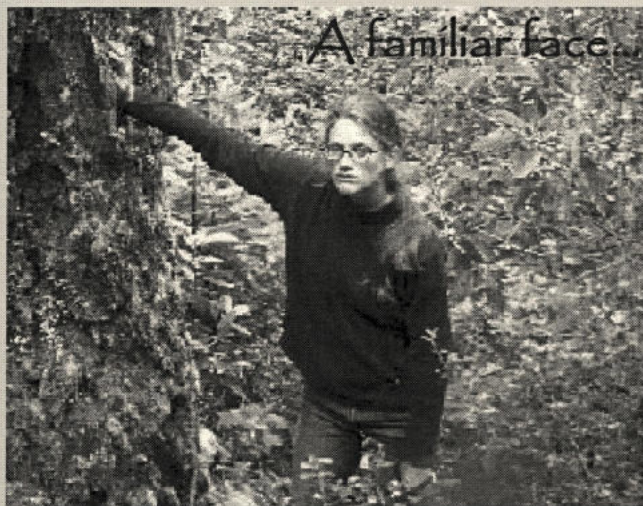
The BLM also allowed many old yew trees, a very slow-growing and valuable wildlife tree, to be cut down in the stream-side reserves. We warned BLM at least three times that the yew trees were not marked for retention, and begged for their lives. But the BLM told the judges in our appeal that "all yew trees are reserved from cutting". When we complained later that yew trees were being cut anyway, the BLM responded that *only* one-third of all the yews in the streamside reserves of unit 5 were cut (12 of them), plus more across the road in unit 4.

BLM claims the yews had to be cut "to avoid soil impacts." This is a poor excuse. Just look at the pictures on the web. The mud pouring into Lake Creek is because the BLM was not able to "winterize" the logging road in the two weeks between the end of logging and the start of heavy rain. Instead, heavy equipment was used after some of the heaviest rain of the season. The BLM says this timing "was dictated by the availability of staff and equipment." No apologies were made.

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A familiar face...



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Summer Stephanos is our new Conservation Program Assistant, and feels very pleased to have a title and desk. As she is a college student at UCC, she was looking for inspiration in her work and fortunately, this opportunity presented itself. "This opportunity" includes managing Umpqua Watersheds' web site: "I don't know how many people actually go to it, but if they do, it will be in tip top shape," says Summer.

Summer has been a long time volunteer at Umpqua Watersheds, and dedicated long hours to filing papers and making the staff tea. As of late, she dedicates long hours to reading up on "the issues" and frequently getting upset about them...that usually inspires action. In terms of the web site, she would like to put a more positive spin on issues like responsible logging, since it actually exists. "If someone who has no opinions about these issues comes to the web site, I hope to help educate them in a fair way."

Bob Hoehne: Conservation Pioneer

Learning from the Land he Loves

by: Jim Long

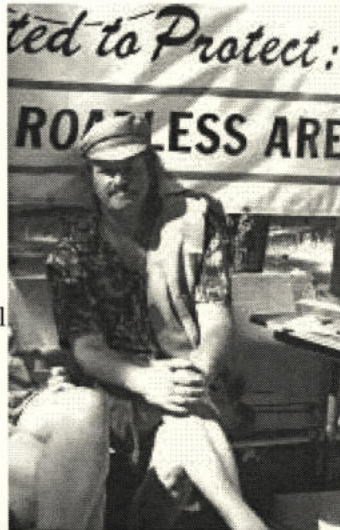
He grew up on a farm in Pennsylvania—swimming, fishing, roaming the woods, hunting squirrels, running hounds. Then as a young adult in 1980, Bob Hoehne zigzagged across the country and settled in Douglas County, Oregon. For in the Umpqua he could still relish clean waters, hike the back woods, fish the streams and enjoy the forest wildlife.

For a few years, Bob salvaged “YUM”- Yarder Unusable Material - from Forest Service lands. He split and sold fence posts and shakes as a livelihood. For nine years, he sheared sheep for a living for ranchers all over the west coast. And he crafted his own log cabin.

In 1982, he joined an established local conservation group - the Umpqua Wilderness Defenders, the grassroots group that in 1984 helped establish three wilderness areas in Douglas County: Boulder Creek, Rogue-Umpqua Divide and Mt. Thielsen. About that same time he connected with Oregon Natural Resources Council, an organization active in Douglas County conservation issues. Bob said he tips his hat to the Defenders and to ONRC for all he learned about effective activism for conservation.

In the mid '80s, concern grew about sewers spilling into the South Umpqua River near Roseburg. While shearing sheep in the Tyee area, Bob and his friend, Don McClean, decided that very evening to do something about it. They phoned their acquaintances and organized a protest at the Douglas County courthouse. Don suggested next year a festival to celebrate the beautiful Umpqua River and all it does for us. That was the beginning of River Appreciation Day, an annual campaign Bob led for years to remind residents that all our homes are on “river front” property. The annual event continues locally through the leadership of Umpqua Watersheds and still includes good fun, fishing, rafting, camping, music and dancing, fiddling, singing, and story telling. In partnership with several other groups, Bob also helped with an annual river cleanup drive for 22 years and led the effort for 15 years.

At one of the early River Appreciation Days, Bob persuaded then Oregon Senate president, John Kitzhaber of Roseburg, to introduce a legislative resolution to dedicate the third Saturday of July as River Appreciation Day throughout Oregon. The Governor signed a



supportive proclamation in June 1989. Thanks to Bob's compatriot Bob Allen, a framed copy of the Senate resolution and the Governor's proclamation hangs on a wall at Umpqua Watershed's new office.

Bob's hikes in the mid '80s with Umpqua Valley Audubon Society's Conservation Committee helped him see firsthand how streams are influenced by forest management. He observed clear cuts in the middle of wild roadless areas. He compared his personal observations with research that as early as the mid-1930s documented relationships between logging and the quality of habitats for wildlife and fish.

In 1996, Bob and other protesters took a stand to protect the Last Creek Roadless Area from logging, where there stood an 850 year-old Douglas fir. He said, “Twenty of us were arrested for *that*.” His eyes said: If I get arrested, at least let it be for something important.

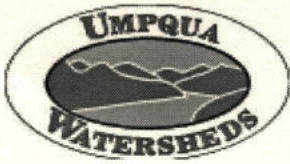
Meanwhile, Bob continued his vocation in music: He teaches fiddle at Hi 5 Music store and plays fiddle with the popular HotQua String Band.

Bob's love of this land and love of music began to merge. He found himself again and again returning to South Umpqua Falls area where poems emerged and the stanzas took to music. Bob now presents beautiful, sound-filled slide shows about our communities' dependence on forested roadless areas - “unbroken” forests, he calls them - and what each of us can do to “adopt” a wilderness. Many of the photographs were taken from the air - thanks to Chuck Schnautz who piloted Bob and photographer Dave Stone from Eugene up the North Umpqua River and down the South Umpqua River.

Bob's participation in ONRC's Adopt-a-Wilderness campaign persists, he said, because “I believe we should protect the forested roadless areas and all forests as homes for wildlife and fish. We should not rest until all species are off the Endangered Species list.”

Bob said he's humble and proud of his personal commitments and service through conservation organizations. He's fond of friendships developed since the 1980s and during his 10 years on the board of Umpqua Watersheds and its presidency his tenth year.

All this, he concludes, to help another generation of youth enjoy stream swimming, fishing, camping, rafting, singing, and story telling. To help other generations discover ancient forests as repositories of plants and habitats for wildlife. To help all generations find out for themselves that ancient—unbroken—forests and their streams “do something for our souls.”



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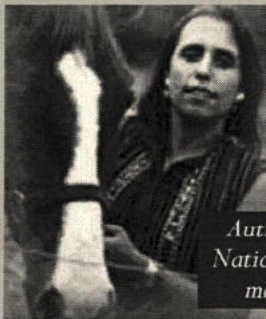
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