# 100 Valleys A Quarterly Publication for the Supporters of Umpqua Watersheds # 35

# Where do we get our wilderness? Our backyard...

# Unfortunately not all WILD areas in the Umpqua are protected.

It's "a crazy idea" said Congressman Wayne Aspinall (R-CO) in 1956 when Howard Zahniser, executive director of The Wilderness Society, drafted the first bill to protect some of America's wildest country.

Even half a century ago, citizens recognized that our 'wild lands' were disappearing and needed special attention. Fifty years later with millions more citizens that "crazy idea" is a blessing for those original protected sanctuaries and a lifeline for our dwindling wild lands across the nation.

President Lyndon B. Johnson signed The Wilderness Act on September 3, 1964. That created The National Wilderness Preservation System. The original bill established 9.1 million acres of federally protected wilderness in national forests. None of those designated wild lands were in

the Umpqua. Citizens of Douglas County changed that in 1984.

Thanks to the Umpqua Wilderness Defenders and Oregon Wild Coalition supporters, the Umpqua has over 72,000 acres of designated Wilderness — only 2% of our watershed. Umpqua citizens were able to secure Bolder Creek, Rogue/Umpqua Divide, Mt. Thielsen and the Wild and Scenic North Umpqua River section for wildlife habitat, water quality sustainability and diverse enjoyment for people. Congressman Jim Weaver (D-OR) championed this victory in Washington DC along with other Oregon leaders.

The Wilderness Act was a vital tool that helped secure, for generations to come, the Umpqua treasures. Roads, structures, vehicles and mechanical equipment were not to be used in these



Trestle Falls, Bryce Creek Roadless Proposal

wild places. They remain today as "an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammeled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain." The results have been wondrous treasures where wildlife and its habitat would be kept in as natural a condition as possible.

Over the past 50 years, process and additions have been made to The National Wilderness Preservation System that also includes Bureau of Land Management lands. The U.S. Congress, along with the signature of the sitting President provides the pathway to decisions that designate Wilderness status.

A path to more Oregon wilderness is taking place in Congress today. Senators Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Gordon Smith (R-OR) are following the lead of our conservation-conscience public to secure

areas of Mt. Hood, Soda Mountain and hopefully Copper Salmon - closer to our neighborhood.

Twenty-two years later, the Umpqua still has 150,000 acres of WILD areas that need wilderness protection status. Special places like, Bulldog Rock, Last Creek, Lemolo, and Cougar Bluffs in the Umpqua, and Wassen Creek in the Siuslau are WILD by nature and deserve the endearment of wilderness.

In 2007, Umpqua Watersheds will put our Wilderness hats on for the Umpqua. Please join us to learn more at our monthly Wild on Wilderness (WOW) meetings at McMenemin's on October 25th at 7:00 p.m. or call Bob Hoehne at 541-679-7077 or the Umpqua Watersheds office at 541-672-7065.

by Penny Lind

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# 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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# From the Executive Director

# 'Culture of Change' ... secure conservation results for our watershed.

Dear Supporter,

A 'culture of change' is what conservation work is all about.

Reaching for the best, exposing the worst and understanding what's possible while taking risks to make a difference. As a creator of change in our SW Oregon, rural communities, Umpqua Watersheds is secure in our vision for the future to 'protect the best and restore the rest.' Seem simple? Not everyone is on the same page, unfortunately. The timber industry, energy producers, road builders, elected officials and pressures from outside our watershed push and pull our work into diverse arenas.

'Culture of Change' conservation challenges in the Umpqua need action:

- •Old Growth Timber Sales on Bureau of Land Management lands; (see page 3). Our monitor program will halt or modify damages to our forests and rivers.
- •Environmental Laws undermined by the Bush administration; (see page 4). With our partners, we will push back to maintain environmental policy in Oregon and America.
- Political Climate Erosion across the nation leaves the public with the short stick; (see your local press). We continue to support and demand reason and saner leadership.
- •Gas Terminal and Pipeline in the Umpqua. We remain a clearinghouse for landowners while we monitor our public forests and rivers affected by this Bush administration 2005 energy policy outcome; (see page 6).
- Everyday Public Concerns about industrial spills in rivers and wetlands, road
  project problems and disregard and disrespect for the environment from individuals
  and groups.

Why does all this happen in a place like the Umpqua where clean water, diverse wildlife, beautiful forests and rivers and recreational opportunities still remain? Because you and Umpqua Watersheds chooses a 'culture of change' that rewards action to protect and restore our forests and rivers and that reports problems and asks for solutions to keep our watershed healthy.

Be a part of this 'culture of change' that can bring neighbors together to make a difference for our watershed. It's not too late. The treasures we still have are worth the efforts.

In appreciation, Penny Lind, Executive Director

#### The 20th Annual River Appreciation Day Committee...

would like to thank the many volunteers who helped make this river celebration a success. Committee members, business sponsors, the Douglas County Parks Department staff, performers, partner organizations, booth participants, US Forest Service, and all the guests produced a fun-filled weekend for our community. We look forward to working with all or you in 2007.



# Conservation UPDATE:

The BLM (Bureau of Land Management) is very busy this year pushing through many new clearcut timber sales. The BLM does not call their logging "clearcutting" because they leave six trees per acre standing. Important wildlife areas occasionally receive 12 trees per acre standing. In contrast, private industrial lands are really clearcut with 0 trees per acre standing. Because the BLM leaves a few trees, they claim what they do is "regeneration harvests", not clearcutting.

Whatever the BLM type, clearcuts are prolific this fall. Umpqua Watersheds has been working long hours trying to keep up with the public input we are allowed on these damaging timber sales. Win or loose, we cannot let the senseless logging of our public old growth forests go unchallenged. The BLM is converting these beautiful, native forests to intensively managed tree plantations. They will be clearcut, slash burned, and replanted thick with genetically superior Douglas fir trees. Later the BLM will spray nitrogen fertilizer over the landscape with helicopters. The tree farm will be pruned, thinned several times, and then re-clearcut every 60 to 80 years. The forest will never be allowed to return to old-growth again. It will have been tamed and enslaved for the benefit of the timber industry.

Yes, we all use wood products, but we should be able to live on the 95% of America's forests that have already been converted to tree plantations. Also, in Oregon the BLM manages millions of acres of forests already converted to managed tree plantations, and many are in urgent need of thinning. These younger, smaller trees can go a long way toward meeting the needs of mills and jobs. We don't need to cut the last of our wild, native forests.



Whatagas Timber Sale



A spotted owl on Roseburg BLM Land

# Whatagas Timber Sale

In late August the BLM made the decision to clearcut this old growth forest east of Sutherlin, in spite of hundreds of letters from you. You may recall, the Field and Norris Creek owls live close to the Whatagas units. Since these owls were known before 1994 (the advent of the Northwest Forest Plan), their nest tree is protected, but their home range is so cut-over, they depend on the Whatagas forests for foraging. After Whatagas is clearcut, the Field and Norris owls could perish.

The BLM's Whatagas decision had some new surprises.

There were two new spotted owls discovered in the logging units. New spotted owls found after 1994 in the matrix receive no protections because the BLM claims owl reserves elsewhere in the watershed are sufficient. If these new spotted owls are nesting next spring, the BLM will only wait until after their young have fledged before allowing their nest tree to be cut down, even though spotted owls usually use the same nest tree every year.

But that's not all the BLM found in the Whatagas units. They also found a nesting pair of Barred owls, a non-native, invasive species that eats spotted owls. Since the BLM is required to protect all raptors (except newly discovered spotted owls). The nest tree the Barred owls use next year will receive a 5 acre no-logging buffer.

There's more. The BLM also found a great horned owl nest within the timber sale, another predator of the spotted owl. The great horned owl will receive a 7-acre no-logging buffer.

Whatagas has more wildlife crammed into the sale boundaries than usual. It is hard to believe that the BLM will protect all of the wildlife except for the species that is threatened with extinction, the Northern spotted owl. In early September we filed a request for the BLM to reconsider their final decision to clearcut this mature and old growth forest east of Sutherlin.

# Unwarranted Pressure for Marbled Murrelet

... a seabird at risk. By: Francis Eatherington

This incredible sea bird depends on coastal old growth forests for nesting. Though it is supposed to be protected by the Endangered Species Act (ESA), those protections are being attacked by industry and the Bush administration.

On September 12, 2006, the Bush administration announced it wants to eliminate nearly 95% of the "critical habitat" reserved to protect the marbled murrelet. Lands designated "critical habitat" is the minimum an endangered species needs to survive. The ESA does not allow adverse modification of critical habitat. For example, logging of old growth forests in murrelet critical habitat is not allowed.

Currently, all coastal Late Successional Reserves (LSRs), also set aside for the Northern spotted owl, are protected as critical habitat for the marbled murrelet. Much of the murrelet critical habitat is on Roseburg and Coos Bay BLM public lands. But under the new rules proposed, the marbled murrelet would lose those protections.

Removing critical habitat is part of a court settlement agreement with the American Forest Resource Council (AFRC), a timber industry group. The AFRC claims there are plenty of murrelets in Canada and Alaska and thus there is no point in protecting them in California, Oregon and Washington.

The marbled murrelet critical habitat proposal is described on the government website at: http://www.fws.gov/pacific/marbledmurrelet.

The public can submit comments to protect this sea birds critical habitat by November 13, 2006, to Ken Berg, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 510 Desmond Drive, Suite 101, Lacey, Washington 98503-1273. Comments also may be submitted by email to MurreletCH@fws.gov.

#### In Memoriam

#### Tim McKay

Conservation Activist for Pacific Northwest Forests

and

#### **Charles Gray**

Cofounder of McKenzie River Gathering Foundation Social Activist and Philanthropist The Audubon Society of Portland, which worked to get the bird listed, said it fears for the marbled murrelet's future. The proposal opens the possibility of "rangewide extinction of this species within our lifetimes," said regional conservation director Susan Ash. Since the murrelet is such an integral part of the Umpqua, Coos and Coquille watersheds, we all need to make sure this does not happen on our watch. Umpqua Watersheds will send you emails with more information for comments later in October, or you can stop by the office to learn more.

For more information on Marbled Murrelets see 100 Valleys Spring and Summer 2006.

# Volunteer and Donor Support A Primary Foundation of Umpqua Watersheds

By: Penny Lind

... a recycle center, printers, graphic design, office support, products and services, newsletter party, activity support, field study, photography and guidance.

Volunteers come with all kinds of skill-sets to help Umpqua Watersheds reach our mission of protection and restoration.

If you are interested in making a difference in your watershed don't be shy. Our Conservation, Outreach and Special Campaigns need your help whenever you are available.

- Banquet 2007 planning has just begun. You can help shape our 11th annual banquet by joining veteran and new volunteers who value this important conservation event in Douglas County.
- Be an extra set of eyes on our forests and rivers in the field at logging and restoration projects or leading a hike to a favorite place.
- Our 100 Valleys newsletter distribution needs someone who
  gets around the county to businesses and public places to
  make sure new comers and residents can read about conservation in their neighborhoods.
- If the phone is your friend, consider answering ours for a
  few hours a week. There's always a person on the other end
  and we can't always get to them as quickly as we would like.

Please call or stop by our office if you are interested. Your support will really make a difference.

For those of you who do volunteer a big **THANK YOU** on behalf of the Umpqua.

Call: 541-672-7065 - Email: seth@umpqua-watersheds.org Stop In: 539 SE Main St. Downtown Roseburg, Upstairs

# Fall 2006 Events and Hikes

# October

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| 8   | 9   | 10  | 11                             | 12  | 13  | 14<br>Pipeline<br>Action<br>Day |
| 15  | 16  | 17  | 18<br>Dana<br>Lyons<br>Concert | 19  | 20  | 21                              |
| 22  | 23  | 24  | 25<br>WOW<br>Meeting           | 26  | 27  | 28<br>Hike<br>Quartz<br>Creek   |
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#### October 14th - Pipeline Action Day

Join Communities from Washington state to Mexico and share a vision for a clean energy future. Coos Bay/North Bend: Celebrate Energy Independence Day. 10am, Simpson Park (or Egyptian Theater if rain). Music, speakers, and clean energy parade across McCullogh Bridge. Contact Jody McCaffree at 541-756-0750 with questions

#### October 19th - An Evening with Dana Lyons

Nationally acclaimed singer/songwriter Dana Lyons is coming to Roseburg with the World Temperate Rainforest Network (WTRN). Known worldwide for bringing together a mix of comedy, ballads and love songs, Dana brings his environmentally conscious music to the First Presbyterian Church (823 SE Lane) on October 19th at 7:00pm \$10. WTRN will be presenting an informative sideshow. Desserts will be available. See back page for more information.

# October 25 and November 29th - Wild On Wilderness (WOW) Meetings

Join local wilderness expert Bob Hoehne Leads an ongoing community discussion about protecting the last remaining roadless areas in the Umpqua. Discussions include expanding roadless areas and statewide outreach. Meet at <a href="McMenemin's Roseburg">McMenemin's Roseburg</a> Station (700 SE Sheridan St) at 7pm.

#### October 28th - Quartz Creek Hike

Join Umpqua Watersheds as we visit this hidden gem off the South Umpqua. Meet behind the <u>Douglas County Courthouse at 9am or a Promise Foods in Canyonville at 9:30</u>. Bring appropriate attire, lunch, water, and expect to share fuel expenses. This is a moderate hike.

#### November 11th - Mushroom March

Umpqua Watersheds 6th Annual Fall mushroom hike. Local mushroom expert Geoff Niles will guide us as we explore the world of fungus. An ID and gathering session will also take place. Come prepared with appropriate clothing, water, lunch, and money for a carpool. Meet behind the Douglas County Courthouse at November 11th at 9 am. Location depends on conditions, call the day before for info. This is an easy hike.

#### **December 2nd - Doener Fir Hike**

Enjoy a moderate hike down a beautiful trail to the world famous Doener Fir. Learn some lore about this majestic tree. Meet behind the Douglas County Courthouse on December 2nd at 9am or at the Lookingglass stare at 9:30 am.

#### **Date TBA - Fall Cooking Class with Simon Boswell**

Chef Simon Boswell, formerly with the Country Club and now working as a consultant for Sysco Food Services, has offered to teach a cooking class to benefit Umpqua Watersheds. He entertained many at the Umpqua Valley Wine Festival this summer with his demonstrations. The audience was enthralled with his knowledgeable and entertaining presentation. Check with the office in October for a date. Sign up early. This class will be held at Jasmine's Restaurant, so we can sip on a glass of wine while we enjoy the evening. Sampling of the food will be included in the fee.

If you have an idea for a hike call the Umpqua Watershed office at 672-7065.

For more information, call 672-7065 or email outreach@umpquawatersheds.org. Hikes are weather dependent, please contact the UW office on the Friday before a hike between 10a-5p to confirm.



Thank you Umpqua Watersheds' Business Members! If you are a local business member interested in advertising in 100 Valleys please contact Umpqua Watersheds for details.

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#### ODE TO THE ROSEBURG TRANSPORTATION PLAN

(To the tune of the old rock/novelty song "Beep Beep")

When I went down to the mailbox, I couldn't believe my eyes
The Roseburg Transportation Plan had finally arrived
A quarter of a billion bucks by taxpayers is borne
And cutting down on CO2 is something they do scorn
Steep, Steep! Steep! The cost is in concrete

A flyover from Harvard goes down to Diamond Lake It bypasses our dear downtown and businesses foresake It is the place we love to walk. It is the city's core. But cutting down on CO2 is something they do scorn Steep, Steep! Steep! The cost is in concrete

There is not one more penny to buy another bus. With gas prices rising, they leave the driving to us. I guess they haven't noticed the planet's getting warm. Yet, cutting down on CO2 is something they do scorn Steep, Steep! Steep! The cost is in concrete





No mention made of carpools, there is no park and ride To stagger working hours, they never would abide Each family pays twenty five thou, perhaps a little more And cutting down on CO2 is something they do scorn Steep, Steep! Steep, Steep! The cost is in concrete

They do put in some sidewalks and bicycle paths, it's true But when you put in needless roads, guess what people use. They never asked the question, Will we drive less or more? 'Cause cutting down on CO2 is something they do scorn Steep, Steep! Steep! The cost is in concrete

So when the city council meets to try and pass the plan Come out and make your feelings known. It's time to take a stand Just walk right up to the microphone so everyone can hear We all deserve a better plan than this for 20 years.

Stuart Liebowitz Douglas County Global Warming Coalition 143 SE Lane, Roseburg, Or. 97470 Ph-672-9819



# Future Conservationists Enjoy Summer Activities

By: Dr. Leonard Schussel

Umpqua Watersheds Inc. and Redile, Inc. teamed up to bring naturals resources science education to the streams and lakes of Douglas County this summer. Two major events—the Umpqua Watersheds 6th Annual Wilderness Youth Campout in July and Fun in the Creek Week in August brought youth of various ages in touch with the outdoors.

Redile, Inc (www.redile.org) is a local non-profit that coordinates science education by making equipment and expertise available to community groups through a Rural Schools RAC grant. Redile sponsors Dr. Lenny, a research chemist who has been doing natural resources science education locally since 1990.

Wilderness camping took five adults and eleven youth to Twin Lakes on the North Umpqua for three days of no trace camping and nature frolicking. The youth ranged from 5-18 years old. Each kid kept a nature journal with information, maps and scavenger hunt information.

Dr. Ken and Jenny Carloni led a nature hike on Saturday. Dr. Ken talked about the site history in terms of Native American use and fire; while Jenny, an elementary school teacher at Melrose, worked with the younger campers.



Youth enjoying some hot chocolate on a chilly evening. photo by Leonard Schussel

Fun in the Creek is an annual local event for 5-12 year olds in Myrtle Creek. Each day a guest speaker makes an outdoor presentation on the theme for the day and then has smaller breakout sessions in nature, arts and games, in addition to the feature.

Dr. Lenny was responsible for the 'nature science' area this year. During the week the kids collected bugs from the creek, learned about maps and compasses and drew maps of Evergreen Park. Seth and Dr. Lenny trained some junior scientists to titrate dissolved oxygen and to use d-tapes to measure tree diameter. A good time was had by all.

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# Hear from Landowners

Richard Chasm Landowner

# Your Neighbors from the Coast to California Borders are in Jeopardy

The elections are taking center stage right now and the important task of those in opposition to the gas terminal and pipeline is to bring it up as often as possible to any and all candidates running for office. Please write letters of opposition to the editors, elected officials and the FERC (Federal Regulatory Energy Commission).

The LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas) terminal in Coos Bay is a public safety issue of many dimensions. It is also a long range commitment of the North Spit to heavy industry as well as an usurpation of this entire bay to the needs of LNG tankers. Even if there is a conservative leak it will blow into the airport and other emergency service areas. Pony Village, the 101 bridge and surrounding forests would also be affected. This is simply the wrong place to site a LNG Terminal.

In answer to the old question: Whatcha gonna do 'bout it? There are several things on the event horizon. During September Rory Cox, of the group Pacific Environment (www. pacificenvironment.org), will be visiting for a presentation on gas terminals and pipelines. Pacific Environment has been instrumental in raising awareness and is actively researching the facts of the matter.

On Oct 14th there will be rallies up and down the pacific coast. The Coos Bay Southern Oregon Clean Energy Coalition is planning a big march and rally against the terminal and pipeline. Please make every effort to be there. A big loud crowd is news and that is what we want. Call Deborah at Umpqua Watersheds (541-672-7065) to set up car pools. There will be numerous campaign events and call in shows prior to the elections; demand answers from the candidates about the gas terminals and pipelines.

The use of eminent domain to force their way through private lands where they are unwelcome for the benefit of PG&E

sales of gas to California is a difficult position for any political leader. Peter DeFazio has stated he is opposed to the use of eminent domain in this matter. President Bush has said his administration is against it and there is a ballot measure to make it illegal in Oregon for any government except the federal; yet here we are.

There is no need for this gas. We have plenty and this is a disincentive to develop alternative sources of energy, such as biodesiel, solar, wave action, hydrogen, bio-mass, steam and conservation. We also would like to learn more about the sources of this LNG. Our investigations show this is an unstable source of energy, not in the long range national security of the USA and if it is from Indonesia the LNG is from a terribly repressive regime. Why then is this being done? Mega-national corporations can manipulate the California energy market into trillions of dollars if they can get a LNG terminal anywhere on the west coast of North America. The need for jobs in Coos Bay and the lack of political clout in rural Oregon makes this look like easy pickings. Oregon landowners know better.

#### Write:

Governor Kulongoski 160 State Capitol 900 Court Street, Salem, Oregon 97301-4047

Or Comment to FERC through Umpqua Watersheds at: gas\_comments@ftml.net

Terminal-Pipeline email and discussion group: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LNG-Terminal-Pipeline-southernOregon/

For more information about the terminal and pipeline see Umpqua Watersheds website and click on "What's New".

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# Umpqua Watersheds just keeps growin and glowing...

Isn't that great

by Penny Lind

I am pleased to welcome the newest members to Umpqua Watersheds dedicated staff.

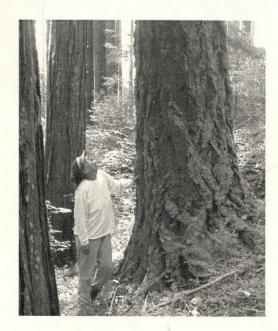
SETH KIRBY — Umpqua Watersheds Outreach Campaign Coordinator joined us in August 2006. He's been to the top of the world on the Mt. Bailey hike with some of you, to Reedsport for the Tsaila celebration with others and worked with staff and volunteers to publish the "100 Valleys." He also recruits volunteers to help out in the field or office and sends you the "Umpqua Update" listserve messages keeping you informed about conservation news and events around the Umpqua.

Seth has worked in the Roseburg area for the past three years with local organizations through the AmericCorps VISTA program. He grew up in a small northern Texas town where he spent time outdoors hiking, camping, and backpacking with his family or the local Boy Scouts. He took this passion with him to Austin where he graduated from the University of Texas spending much of his free time exploring the Texas hill country and the southwestern United States. Soon after graduating Seth and his family moved to the "golden land" of Oregon and the Umpqua. Seth's enthusiasm for the natural areas of the northwest and the Umpqua in particular are a perfect fit for Umpqua Watersheds Outreach Program.

Don't be shy if you want to volunteer or get plugged into conservation news. Send Seth your email and mailing addresses if you want to be added to the listserve and "100 Valleys" list or if you have any changes to your contact information — send to:

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DEBORAH MICHEL – Umpqua Watersheds Conservation Associate began her watershed protection work in the Umpqua in July 2006. Deborah travels from the crest to the coast of our watershed investigating forest and river challenges, writes comments of opposition or support to make sure our environmental laws are upheld and assists our Conservation Director's protection work for fish, wildlife and communities.

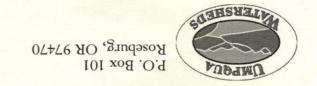
Deborah's work in watershed protection began in the Olympia Peninsula where she helped build Wild Olympic Salmon; a community based non-profit "dedicated to wild salmon and their chum." The organization managed Jobs for the Environment, which trained displaced timber workers in salmon habitat restoration. After salmon were listed endangered in the northwest, Deborah started a business called Biological Assessments (BA's) with certification from the Federal Army Corps of Engineers. She has a biology and English degree from Western Michigan University and has taught environmental education in the public school system. Deborah has lived in the Umpqua for the past three years.

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Join me in giving a hearty THANK YOU to former staff members, Nelli Williams and Summer Stephanos who did a great job for Umpqua Watersheds over the past year. They have each moved on to further their passions for environmental protection of our natural treasures in the northwest.

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