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# 100 Valleys

*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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Notice the new format for the UW Summer Newsletter. We have been thinking that it is time to start walking the talk of saving trees. One small step is to limit the amount of paper that we send out, so starting with this Summer we are experimenting with a shortened newsletter. An expanded newsletter will soon be available on our website [www.umpqua-watersheds.org](http://www.umpqua-watersheds.org)

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## *A Victory For Susan Creek*

Thanks to Francis Eatherington, concerned citizens turned out in mass to last months Douglas County Commissioners meeting and stopped the sale and development of the property where Susan Creek comes into the North Umpqua River. This land is owned by Douglas County. Last year the county asked the state to remove the clause that held the property for a park so that they could sell the land to the BLM for public management. After the clause was removed the commissioners considered selling for development, and not to the BLM. We were appalled. This is one of the most pristine reaches of the North Umpqua, it is in the wild and scenic river designation. It was heartening to see and hear so many people stand up and speak to the commissioners about the beauty and importance of protecting this land. Finally the commissioners voted 2 to 1 to accept the offer of the BLM. We all stood up and cheered. Another victory for the Umpqua!

## *Welcome New Umpqua Watersheds Board Members*

The Umpqua Watersheds Board was fortunate to be able to bring on seven new board members in April. Cindy Barkhurst, the Board Secretary, brings her experience as a wildlife biologist to the board and is currently teaching science locally. Karen Beesley brings a peaceful energy to the board, she is a midwife and is midwifing the changes taking place at UW. Ken Carloni, PhD, is a returning board member, and the current Vice-President. Ken has a doctorate degree in Forest Ecology from Oregon State University. He is currently an Associate Professor of Biology at Umpqua Community College, and the chair of the UW Education Committee. He is also a member of the Douglas County Forest Council. We are really glad to have Ken back on the board. Jenny Council is the Southern Oregon Program Manager for NetCorps. NetCorps offers a variety of technology planning, assistance and support services to nonprofits. She brings knowledge of technology to the board that we need. Jemma Crae is an artist and concert producer and she has a masters degree in Zoology. Geoff Niles is a Mycologist and small woodlot owner, he is a returning board member and a great addition to the board. Leslee Sherman is also a returning board member. She is our Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee. I don't know what we would do without her perfect financial reports. We are very grateful for all our board members.

## *Board/Staff Retreat "It's For the Trees" June 2008*

Last month the board and staff of Umpqua Watersheds came together at the historic Applegate Ranch for a retreat. With generous grant funding from the Brainerd Foundation and the Mackenzie River Gathering, we were able to hire Marc Smiley, a professional Organizational Consultant from Portland to facilitate the 2 day retreat. The Applegate Ranch is a very special place, we are so grateful to Shannon Applegate for letting us be there. The weather was delightful and the food wonderful. Working as a team, there was agreement and motivation in moving forward and conflicts were resolved. The mission of UW has not changed; but we are committed to learning the organizational techniques that will make us more effective and unified in what we do. We will keep you informed as we develop our strategic plan. Please continue to share your thoughts with us, as supporters you are an important part of the Umpqua Watersheds family. The trees thank-you too.

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# 22nd Annual River Appreciation Day

July 19th 1pm-8pm, Whistler's Bend Park



A free community event  
for all lovers of the  
Umpqua River

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**A Strange Attractor**

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**Janet Burke**

**Mark Baratta**

**FAMILY ACTIVITIES:**

**ANIMALS FROM  
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**RIVER FLOATING ALL DAY**

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**SALMON TENT**

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Umpqua Watersheds Summer Events 2008

**July 19th - 22nd Annual Umpqua  
River Appreciation Day**

**July 25-27th - Youth Wilderness Campout**  
Umpqua Watersheds is pleased to offer youth (ages 12-20) a fun and educational outdoor adventure to wildlands for our Annual Wilderness Youth Camp Out. On Friday, parents and youth will depart for Twin Lakes, in the Umpqua National Forest. We'll hike in and camp for two nights near a picturesque lake. Our goals are to respect and explore the wildlands, to learn about wilderness, to revere its tremendous beauty, and to leave no trace behind.

**July 30th, August 27th, September 24th -  
Wild On Wilderness (WOW) Meeting**  
7pm at McMenamins (700 SE Sheridan St.)

**August 16th - Hike Lemolo Falls**

**September 6th - Hike Mt. Bailey**  
Meet at 8:00 behind the DC Courthouse or 8:30 at the Glide Ranger Station.

**September 27th - Hike Mt. Thielsen**  
Meet at 8:00 behind the DC Courthouse or 8:30 at the Glide Ranger Station.

All hikes meet behind the Douglas County (DC) Courthouse off Fowler Street at 9:00 unless otherwise noted. Bring lunch, water, proper clothing for the weather, and expect to carpool and share fuel expenses.

For more information call Umpqua Watersheds at  
541-957-2752 or email [uw@umpqua-watersheds.org](mailto:uw@umpqua-watersheds.org)