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Here Comes 2009

Cindy Haws, UW Board President

"Do or do not. There is no try" (from one my favorite advisors, Yoda). Think big Umpqua Watersheds, think very big! With your help, we are going to make history. Permanent ecological protection and restoration of our public lands is not only possible, it is an ecological and economical necessity.

As your president over the past 6 months it is time I introduce myself. You may already know me as Cindy Barkhurst. I have recently married so my name has changed. My career includes 26 years as a wildlife biologist and 5 years recently as a science teacher. I worked for the U.S. Forest Service from 1980 to 2003. My last position was Forest Wildlife Biologist on our local Umpqua National Forest.

As a science teacher, I have enjoyed unforgettable outdoor environmental science experiences with my students. While teaching, I have been surprised to learn from parents, grandparents, and others that concerns for the environment in our community are common & deep. Consider this, the new slogan for the City of Myrtle Creek is "where nature is your neighbor". As a Federal employee, I did not hear these concerns. This unexpected experience has been valuable in gaining true perspective on the importance of our mission.

After too many years of defensive campaigns, we are READY. With your help we will, our partners as a coalition force that CAN and WILL put in place sound and permanent legal protections and restoration for forest ecosystems, wildlife, and fish. Our new president has stated:

"We need a new vision for conservation that both protects our existing publicly-owned lands while dramatically expanding investments in protecting and restoring forests, grasslands, and wetlands across America for generations to come."

Even with a shift in the political climate "real" change of the long-term kind, like the laws enacted in the 1970's, doesn't just happen. It takes vision. It takes our vision. It takes effort, lots of effort. It takes resources.

The window of opportunity is open for a brief four years. Even with our new administration and congress, our ship may not come in. No problem. With your support, we are willing and able to swim out to it. We must stop the pendulum by decisive, protective action.

To take early advantage of these changes, we have joined 98 other forest conservation organizations in submitting to the Obama Administration, a list of *Forest Conservation Priorities for the First 100-Days*. You can read this document on our web site.

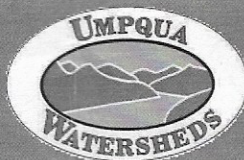
Your board and staff hit the ground running in 2008 and developed a new strategic plan. Most important in regard to the plan, could you do the board a favor? 1) Take some time in a quiet spot. 2) Envision the results you would like to see from our efforts. 3) Then email or send us your vision. We want to hear from you.

I look forward to celebrating with you at the February 7th annual banquet.

Cindy Haws

Our Mission

Dedicated to the protection and restoration of the ecosystems in the Umpqua Watershed and beyond.



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Winter 2009 Events and Hikes

January 17th: Snowshoe Hike. Reserve shows by January 9th.

January 21st: Wild On Wilderness (WOW) Meeting. 7:00 PM at McMenamins Roseburg Station.

January 28th: Wilderness Slideshow

February 7th: 13th Annual Banquet and Silent Auction. See insert.

February 14th: Hike

February 25th: Wild On Wilderness (WOW) Meeting. 7:00 PM at McMenamins Roseburg Station.

March 1st: Kim Angelis Concert. First Presbyterian Church of Roseburg. See article for more info.

March 15th: Hike the Lookingglass Rock. Meet at 9:00 behind the Douglas County Courthouse or at 9:30 at the Lookingglass Store.

March 25th: Wild On Wilderness (WOW) Meeting. 7:00 PM at McMenamins Roseburg Station.

All hikes meet in the parking lot behind the Douglas County Courthouse off of Fowler Street at 8am. Please bring water, a lunch, proper clothing and footwear, and expect to contribute some money for fuel. Call 541-672-7065 for more information

Kim Angelis, in Concert March 1st 1st Presbyterian Church, Roseburg

Umpqua Watersheds is pleased to welcome back to the Umpqua, violinist Kim Angelis. Kim is an internationally acclaimed violin virtuoso and composer who has successfully transcended artistic boundaries. She transports the audience through classical, world, and multi-cultural music.

It has been several years since Kim has brought her music to the Umpqua. She last performed for 20th Annual Umpqua River Appreciation Day. This March she will be entertaining audiences at the First Presbyterian Church in downtown Roseburg.

Kim Angelis majored in music at the University of California, Irvine where she studied with the best violinist in the Los Angeles Philharmonic. After graduating Magna Cum Laude, the violinist met and later married guitarist Josef Gault who introduced her to world music. Kim says "One hundred years ago music was confined to the areas in which it developed. But today, with modern recording and the internet, we are able to listen to music from every different culture. I like to collect sonic images evoked, and write new 'Gypsy chamber music'."



Kim has traveled throughout the world to share her music with people from many cultures. Some of the violinists' most memorable experiences have taken place on foreign soil, including two tours of Taiwan and a tour of Chile. Her music was even used in the 2000 Sydney Olympics by Kui Yuanyuan of China.

Please join Umpqua Watershed on Sunday March 1st and welcome Kim back to the Umpqua for an evening of spectacular music.

Wild On Wilderness (WOW)

Welcome to a new era! It finally feels like the twenty-first century has arrived. An opportunistic window is coming into view, a growing window that will arrive fast and also disappear as quickly. The time for more wilderness protection is here. Get ready for wilderness bills to be introduced into Congress in 2009-2010. And we intend to be ready on the Umpqua, but we need your assistance. Be sure you're a part of this historical moment. Sign up for increased wilderness protection on the Umpqua! There are areas out there unadopted and unprotected. If you love the outdoors and special areas of the Umpqua, you have the opportunity to be part of protecting our last and most valued backcountry areas.

Volunteers are needed for citizen research on several of the backcountry areas on the Umpqua National Forest. This research is necessary to ensure that we have a strong knowledge of the area and why it should be permanently protected as Wilderness. Work on the ground is an easy way to get involved and also collect necessary information for Wilderness designation.



This winter we will also be organizing a Wilderness Conference to help promote the importance of wilderness and encourage widespread support for more Wilderness in the Umpqua.

This winter join us at a wilderness slideshow and learn a little bit about the backcountry of the Umpqua, or join us for a snowshoe outing and see Diamond Lake under a blanket of snow.

"Take A Stand"

Umpqua Watersheds
13th Annual Banquet and Silent Auction
Saturday February 7th, 5:00 pm at the
Douglas County Fairgrounds

Speakers:

Secretary of State Bill Bradbury
State Senator Floyd Prozanski
Advance Tickets \$40 for one, \$70 for two;
At the Door \$45 each

LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER

Come and share in the festivities as we celebrate our
13th Anniversary of Working Together. Let's take pride
in the great achievements we have made.
Let's TAKE A STAND for the future of our watersheds.

The festivities begin at 5:00 pm with wine tasting and an no-host bar
featuring beverages from Brandborg Winery and Ninkasi Brewery.
The sounds of local performer Greenwing will entertain during the
unique silent auction. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm featuring
Jasmine's Catering. The evening culminates with speakers
Sec. of State Bill Bradbury and State Sen. Floyd Prozanski.
Please join Umpqua Watersheds on this wonderful evening.



We are very sad to hear of former Roseburg resident, Linda Carter's passing in December. She was a founder and President of Umpqua Wilderness Defenders during the 1970s. Umpqua Wilderness Defenders was the key organization responsible for the establishment of the Boulder Creek, Rogue-Umpqua Divide and Mt. Thielsen Wilderness Areas on the Umpqua National Forest.

It was not easy being a Douglas County environmentalist in the 1970s. She endured financial threats when she did not back down as her husband's business, Carter Tire Company, was boycotted by the timber industry. Linda's dedication, hard work and leadership during the early years inspired those who followed. We will miss you.

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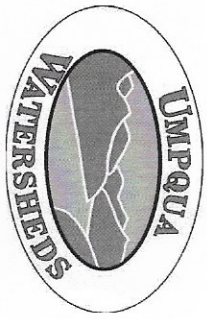
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