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Wilderness: Our Community, Our Future

The Wild on Wilderness Committee (WOW) is currently in the process of organizing a Wilderness Conference to promote the need to establish permanent wilderness protection for the remaining 200,000 acres of roadless areas here in the Umpqua Basin.

The conference, titled "Wilderness: Our Community, Our Future," is scheduled for Saturday, November 7th, 2009, and will be hosted on the campus of Umpqua Community College (UCC) in Jacoby Hall which seats 1,000 people.

Our goal with this conference is to define and understand the human relationship to wilderness by highlighting the shared benefits of wilderness for all citizens. We plan for a host of speakers, panels, and breakout sessions that will highlight the importance of backcountry wilderness for the invaluable services it provides. We also hope to educate legislators, business leaders, and local politicians about the need for wilderness designation in a natural landscape facing a host of new, unprecedented threats, such as climate change and continued development.

The Umpqua region is a special place in the hearts of many Oregonians known for its beautiful rivers, especially the North and South Umpqua Rivers and their tributaries. The Umpqua National Forest and its watershed have some of the most spectacular old wild areas on the west coast.

The WOW committee has been working on wilderness designation in the Umpqua National Forest for many years. The wilderness conference will focus on the many different values of wilderness, including:

- Water quality
- Fisheries and wildlife habitat
- Economic benefits of conservation
- Threats to wildlands
- Tourism
- History of wilderness
- Effects of climate change on wilderness
- Protecting biodiversity
- Indigenous people and the land ethic
- Interfaith values of wilderness

We plan to follow the Saturday conference with a day of group hikes into the proposed wilderness areas, so that conference attendees can get a first-hand glimpse of just how pristine these threatened areas are.

The committee meets to discuss the Wilderness Conference on the first Tuesday of every month at McMenamins in Roseburg. We are currently at work identifying potential speakers and panel members, as well as identifying which conservation groups throughout the Pacific Northwest that would be willing to offer their support.

The success of the conference depends on enlisting as much help from community members, activists, and other conservation groups as possible. We have a 1,000 seat auditorium to fill this November, and we need that many people with energy and good will to help us do it. This is a great opportunity for veteran activists, as well as newcomers, to get involved defending our few remaining truly wild places on the Umpqua.

If you have anything you could contribute, please feel free to contact Hudson Spivey, Wilderness Conference Chairperson, at hdspsivey@gmail.com, or Co-Chairperson Bob Hoehne at oho937@hotmail.com with your questions or ideas.

Thank you!

23rd Annual River Appreciation Day Festival

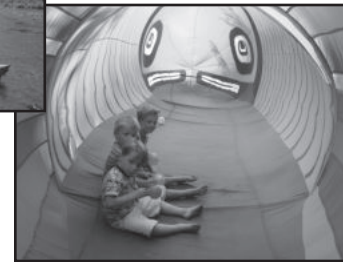
Whistler's Bend Park, July 18th

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Join Umpqua Watersheds for the 23rd annual River Appreciation Day Festival at Whistler's Bend Park on July 18th from 1-8pm. This is a free event for the entire community so bring your families out and enjoy a sunny day on the cool North Umpqua River.

Many activities are taking place throughout the day that are fun for the entire family. There will be a kids booths with lots of activities for youth of all ages, many wonderful vendors from around the county, and Whistler's Bend famous disc golf course just over the hill. When the day is all done camp at Whistler's for \$5 a tent and have a fun night with friends.

If you want to get involved with the River Appreciation Day Festival, wish to vend at the event, or want to reserve a camping site, call the Umpqua Watersheds office at 541-672-7065 or email uw@umpqua-watersheds.org.

Comments Still Needed

D-Bug Timber Sale

The D-Bug Timber Sale is a threat to the roadless areas of Eastern Douglas County and the wildlands surrounding Oregon's only National Park, Crater Lake. Many miles of hiking trails around Crater Lake, Diamond Lake, and Mt. Thielsen would be converted to roads. This will have permanent effects on wildlife, particularly forest carnivores and any functional Cascade wildlife corridor.

Key Points:

- 8 miles of new roads built into a 70,000 acre roadless area south of highway 230 near Crater Lake National Park. Even the Park Service has asked them not to log here!
- 8,983 acres of commercial logging in preferred alternative 4
- 25 miles of new roads, about 1/4 in roadless areas.
- 738 acres of commercial logging inside of the Mt. Bailey and Thirsty Creek Inventoried Roadless Area (IRA), and in the Oregon Cascade Recreation Area (OCRA). (620 in IRAs and 318 in OCRA).
- ~4,000 acres of non-inventoried roadless area logging immediately adjacent (no road separating) two IRAs.
- Converts 8.2 miles of trails into roads most in roadless areas.

This is one of the worst projects in the nation, coming right out of the Umpqua National Forest, again! The official comment period has expired but please continue to submit comments. Much of this area should be preserved as wilderness.

Please send input to the Umpqua National Forest Supervisor Clif Dils (*Address comments to: Forest Supervisor, Clifford Dils, c/o Debbie Anderson, 2900 NW Stewart Parkway, Roseburg, OR 97471. Comments can be emailed to: comments-pacificnorthwest-umpqua@fs.fed.us*). Tell them there are no reasonable alternatives that meet the Forest Plan and legal requirements. Ask him to develop an alternative that only treats the at risk area around Diamond Lake cultural facilities. Include copies to Senators Wyden and Merkley and Secretary of Agriculture Vilsak.

Youth Wilderness Campout, Twin Lakes

July 24-25-26

The annual Youth Wilderness Campout this year is going to be held from July 24-26th. Join Umpqua Watersheds Board members and volunteers on this exciting back-country weekend in the Twin Lakes area of the Umpqua National Forest. Youth of 12-20 (younger with parent attendance) will have a weekend filled with survival skills, plant identification, backpacking knowledge, forest ecology, and more.

This is a great opportunity to expose young people to the beautiful backwoods of the Umpqua Valley. Relax with future generations while helping them understand their impact on our forests. They will learn to build confidence and the importance of teamwork in group settings.

Umpqua Watersheds is also looking for community members to get involved with the campout. If you want to volunteer for the entire weekend, help with a workshop or two, or have some backpacking equipment you would like to donate, please contact Ed and Mary Cooley (541-584-2693) or Umpqua Watersheds (541-672-7065).

What: Umpqua Watersheds Annual Youth Wilderness Campout

Where: Twin Lakes Shelter, Umpqua National Forest

When: July 24th-26th

Cost: \$20 for UW Members, \$40 for non-members

To register: Contact Ed and Mary Cooley 541-584-2693 (edcooley@rosenet.net) or Umpqua Watersheds 541-672-7065 (uw@umpqua-watersheds.org).

Umpqua National Forest Travel Management Plan (TMP)

OHVs (Off Highway Vehicles) are the next big plague to hit your Umpqua public wildlands. The Umpqua National Forest has published a proposed travel management plan that significantly expands OHV use to over 700 miles of trails and haphazardly flips the true existing condition of many miles of roads under a current CFR (Code of Federal Regulation) as closed to 4202 miles open to OHV. The insidious and long term impacts of increased motorized use on our wildlands can not be understated.

Road densities are still far too high according to watershed analysis and more must be decommissioned to meet terrestrial and aquatic restoration. It establishes use that conflicts with our need for recreation that connects us to nature rather than rides over the top of it drowning out the voices of nature in the last places where wildlife can still be heard.

Here are some key issues to bring up:

1. The range of alternatives must include closing all open trails and roads to OHV use. Not all recreational activities are compatible with the overall purpose and need for National Forest lands.
2. The proposed action violates NEPA by claiming a false existing condition and must acknowledge the current CFR prohibiting OHV use as implemented in 2002 on many of the roads for the purpose of resource protection.
3. All roads under the CFR closures to motorized traffic must remain so to protect resources.
4. All roads and existing trails in or near areas designated for wildlife protection in the Umpqua Forest Plan where state and federal sensitive species habitat occurs and any other area meeting special habitat or Threatened Endangered or Sensitive designation should not have OHV use. They are in conflict with wildlife objectives.
5. The proposed project is in direct conflict with watershed analysis recommendations.
6. The proposed project increases fire, safety, and health hazards and costs all having an undue burden on taxpayers and the majority of the current forest users.
7. The proposed project encourages recreational activities that disconnect and estrange people from their environment. The opposite as to what National Forest should offer its citizens.

On June 20th Forest Service officials will host an open-house-style workshop that will include a brief presentation of the Travel Management Rule, detailed maps of the current condition and proposed action, and an opportunity to comment in person or in writing. This will take place on June 20th from 9am-1pm at the Douglas County Fairgrounds Cascade Hall.

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Winter 2009 Events and Hikes

June 20th: Hike Twin Lakes

June 24th: Wild On Wilderness (WOW) Meeting:

June 25th: Hike Cougar Bluffs

June 27th: Hike Bulldog Rock/Bullpup Lake

July 7th: Wilderness Conference Meeting

July 18th: River Appreciation Day Festival

July 24-26th: Youth Wilderness Campout

July 29th: Wild On Wilderness Meeting

August 4th: Wilderness Conference Meeting

August 15th: Hike Lookingglass Rock

August 26th: Wild On Wilderness Meeting

September 1st: Wilderness Conference Meeting

September 5th: Hike Mount Bailey

September 26th: Hike Mount Thielsen

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



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