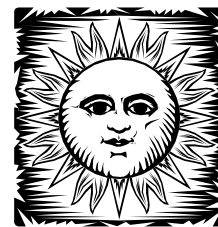


100 Valleys



A Quarterly Publication for the Supporters of Umpqua Watersheds, Inc.

Summer 1999

Pine Ridge Pulled from Timber Sale

I am writing you to share one of the “all-to-rare” victories in our battle against on-going environmental destruction. As you may know, the Bureau of Land Management BLM has initiated the **Watson Mountain Timber Sale** within the Little River Adaptive Management Area AMA. One aspect of this project (the Ponderosa Pine Study in section 33) was of particular concern to me, as it was literally in my backyard.

As part of the public input process, I and others, wrote letters to the BLM on by May 9th outlining some of our major concerns, such as: **stability of hillside** (a very steep, wet, north facing slope of inherently unstable serpentine soil), **water quality** (there are a number of year-round creeks emanating from this hill which provide many of our households with water), **quality of life** (this is the only remaining old-growth in our vicinity and is used as a local recreation area), **biodiversity** (BLM’s proposal was to cut all trees except the Ponderosa Pines) and **property values concerns**. In my letter, I touched on many other issues and concerns, as well.

In April, I had contacted Umpqua Watersheds, Inc. regarding my concerns about this project and with the help of Patrick Starnes and Francis Eatherington, we organized a hike along Pine Ridge.

As a direct result of our combined concerns, efforts and letter-writing; I have been informed that the BLM has decided to pull this section from the project. This was verified by the acting resource area director, Bill O’Sullivan on June 23 in a phone call.

My heartfelt thanks go out to UW for your involvement and support in this! While the victory is but-a-drop-in-the-bucket on a large scale, it shows what a few concerned citizen volunteers can accomplish and, hopefully, will provide inspiration to others with similar concerns in their neighborhoods and valleys!

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Geoffrey Niles



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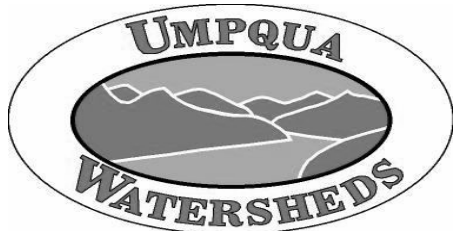
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Executive Director's Notes

The Umpqua Watersheds' Board of Directors invites you to bring your environmental concerns to their attention. Please call upon their staff at the downtown, Roseburg office at 630 Jackson St.

The UW staff is eager to join you in field research, instructional guidance, offer of experience, and most important peer support of our mission to protect and restore the Umpqua watershed. Fun events, such as informative hikes for youth, extended families, inter-generational audiences are also welcome.

UW's board and staff meet at the UW office every second Friday of the month to update one another of the myriad of activities that they're involved in. This is another opportunity for you to learn what's going on or to present a particular topic. To be a guest at these forums, please telephone, 672-7065, or email Patrick Starnes, UW Outreach Coordinator at uw@teleport.com

UW's activities from the past month, as usual, include a diverse roster: Public land timber sale research and field work, Umpqua Land Exchange Project update, media activity, Umpqua National Forest meetings, Community Sustainability presentation, Endangered Species Act research, Umpqua Watershed Council attendance, Discovery Days outreach, litigation updates, 1998 Annual Report completed, UW retreat and fund raising event planning, and much more.

The UW's office is open to you, the supporter, on an increasingly regular basis. Our staff can always use a helping hand with projects and events. Many of you have already contributed to UW's effort to fulfill its mission either with generous volunteer hours or dollars.

A couple of projects that we're working on right now are: converting our data base to EBASE a FileMaker Pro program, copying documents, organizing the office, mapping, gathering volunteers for the Kim Angelis concert on July 14th, and for the Douglas County Fair outreach booth. Don't be shy, if you're talented in any of these arenas, please telephone us.

Thanks for your support,

Penny Lind, Executive Director of Umpqua Watersheds, Inc.

Lemolo Lake Recreation Threatened



The North Umpqua view from Lemolo Lake Resort will be logged according to US Forest Service.

The Forest Service is proposing a new massive timber sale in the Lemolo Lake area, called the Lemolo Timber Sale. Extensive logging, including clearcutting, will severely impact the remaining wild character of Diamond Lake Ranger District. This timber sale will degrade the forests immediately adjacent to the **Oregon Cascade Recreation Area (OCRA)**. This sale is also adjacent to Thirsty Creek, a **RARE II roadless area**, attached to the **Mt. Thielson Wilderness**. The Forest Service has not written the final proposal, the Environmental Impact Statement, to evaluate alternatives to the logging. Sometime this summer they will be accepting public comments. The current proposal is to log 31 mmbf (**6,200 log truck loads**) of previously unlogged, native forests, including extensive clearcutting. They are even going to log inside the natural boundaries of the OCRA, right above the Lemolo Lake Resort, and, **right along the North Umpqua Hiking Trail**. The Oregon Cascade Recreation Area designated in the 1984 wilderness bill, has Mt. Thielson Wilderness to its east, and matrix* land of the Umpqua National Forest to the west, including Lemolo Lake. It is a wild and roadless area, set aside for wildlife protection and recreational use.

The OCRA has a logical western boundary -- except for two places: 1) an island not designated that is within the OCRA boundaries, and 2) Kelsay Point, a peninsula protruding into the OCRA boundary.

The island within the OCRA that was not designated as wilderness is proposed for logging in the Lemolo timber sale. The island is near the Windigo Pass road, a summer route through the OCRA. The small circle (about one square mile), on the edge of the pass road, was left out of the OCRA because there were some old clearcuts. Now the Umpqua National Forest proposes to continue with logging this little undesignated area in the middle of the OCRA. Kelsay Point is a peninsula of unprotected wilderness that protrudes into the OCRA, with the Kelsay Valley Campground on the edge. Kelsay Point, with wilderness on three sides,

**Matrix lands can be clearcut.*

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HIKES, BIKES HORSES AND

July 10 - Hike Lemolo Falls



Hike the popular North Umpqua Trail to the 102 feet waterfalls. North river hikers meet at Ecotopia Cafe on HWY 138 in Idleyld Park at 10am.

July 17 - Raft the River



Rafters will put in at Amacher Park at 9am and float down to River Forks Park to meet at the River Day Festival. Bring your own life jackets and rafts.

July 24 - Squaw Creek Slide



See the mass destruction from the Squaw Slide. South river hikers meet at Millsite Park in Myrtle Creek at 10am.

July 31 - Bridge Bike Ride



Mountain Bikers will ride in the BLM's proposed timber sale near Bridge, Or. West county bikers meet on Hwy 42 at Douglas HS 10am.

Aug. 7 - Mildred's Park



Ride horses through the land donation of Mildred Kanipe. Meet at Oakland HS at 10am. To reserve a horse call by July 23.

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Mildred's Wildlife Preserve - Will Be CLEARCUT?

Mildred Kanipe Park is a 1,100 acre county park east of Oakland. It is a beautiful, rare, lowland roadless area. Mildred requested in her will: "no motorized vehicles are to be permitted within the park." The park is rolling hills supporting grasslands and scattered Oak and Maple trees. Some of the park is forested with a mix of hardwoods and young conifers. These are the areas that Douglas County is planning to log - even considering clearcutting a portion of the park.

Mildred Kanipe left her home to the county to be managed as a "wildlife preserve." Thank you Mildred, for your vision. Lowland grasslands and hardwood forests set aside for wildlife are a rare commodity in Douglas County where cattle and housing developments are a tough competitor. **In her will Mildred said: "All animals, birds and fish are to be protected as in a refuge..."** She dictated that "No hunting or trapping is to be allowed." Mildred also thought that recreation was a compatible use of the park, and encouraged "fishing in the ranch ponds" and "equestrian trails." Mildred wanted an abundance of natural wildlife for people to enjoy.

The logging plan

Douglas County foresters have decided that logging the park will meet those wishes. Logging could begin next summer. The 1995 **Kanipe Range Timber Sale Proposal** considers constructing over one mile of a new logging road right through the ranch in order to "clearcut approx 25 acres, overstory removal on another approx 10 acres, for a total net volume of 375,000 bd. ft. and an estimated 200 tons of hardwood chip material." The plan includes "chemically treat brush" after logging by spraying herbicides. They believe that "The hardwood and pasture lands have potential for conversion to conifer plantation... A road system would need to be developed..." Jeff Powers, the County Parks Director, told me that logging plan is being revised, though nothing else is in writing. They are still considering clearcutting, but perhaps a lesser amount in the first logging



Mildred's forest has been proposed for clearcutting.

operation, plus thinning ('overstory removal' means only the biggest and best trees will be sold). I was told the reason for this logging (though this is also not written down anywhere) is that Douglas County accepted the gift from Mildred only if it would not cost them anything. As with Ramp Canyon, the County Commissioners choose not to fund a park with conservation as it's goal. Therefore, the vision now is to clearcut and partially cut within the park to fund the maintenance of the park.

After all, Mildred did write in her will: "No timber shall be cut or harvested except as may be necessary" for the wildlife preserve, and if timber is cut, "all revenue from timber cutting used by the County in capital improvements upon this park." We must question what is "necessary" to build logging roads and clearcut to fund the park?

Mildred's View of Logging

In an article about Mildred Kanipe on file at the Parks Department, she is pictured standing on her caterpillar. The caption says that she "did some logging on the property... Friends say she only took logs that had fallen on their own." Once Mildred was encouraged to log live trees, but she refused, saying: **"I wasn't going to cut those trees, those fir trees. I was always crazy about trees. Land and trees, grass and stock -- that's my interests. Nope, I said, I ain't gonna cut them trees."**

Road building and clearcutting in the park clearly is not addressing what is best for wildlife needs, which Mildred

wanted. Since this park was never a "wilderness" (it was a cattle ranch), a completely 'hands-off' approach to managing it for wildlife needs does not seem warranted. So the question is: What is appropriate management in the park to meet wildlife needs and how do we finance it? Before Douglas County does anything irreversible within the park, they need a long-range plan and budget.

Visit the park

I recommend everyone in Douglas County visit Mildred's wildlife preserve this summer. Bring a day-pack and hike to the many beautiful and remote corners in the park. Be prepared to walk

through tall grass and wade over Bachelor Creek to get to the western half of the park (and most of the forested areas). Poison oak abounds in the forests, but for the most part it is a low ground cover, so long pants should be adequate protection. Stop by the Parks Department to pick up a map and bring your compass (and drinking water) and practice your back country skills. On your way out, stop by the day use area to visit Mildred's grave and thank her for her huge gift to us and to our lowland wildlife. 🐾

Tell Commissioners How YOU Feel

Please write a letter to the County Commissioners and ask them NOT to log the park. There are many other ways to fund our wildlife parks and they can explore them.

**Douglas County Commissioners
County Courthouse Room
Roseburg, OR 97470**

By Francis Eatherington, UW's Forest Monitor.

Outdoor Education Program Completed by Students

A series of three educational hiking events sponsored by the Education Committee of Umpqua Watersheds began in February involving students, teachers and volunteers in Douglas County. The series culminated on May 22nd with the completion of the last hike.

This series earmarks a new beginning in educational effort by Umpqua Watersheds to provide hands-on and minds-on experience in how our forests and watersheds work and how they are impacted by human management and natural change.

On February 20th the series kicked off with an outdoor class entitled "Geology and Forest Ecology Day." Cindy Shroba, geologist, and Ken Carloni, biologist, spoke about the origin of rock outcroppings and habitat in forests that surround the Lookingglass valley. The class included a two-mile hike for 22 participants with instruction

and comment along the way.

Class on March 13th, "Riparian Enhancement Day," visited two Umpqua basin private properties in Dixonville. Presenters were Don Morrison, property owner, Mikeal Jones, hydrologist, and Jim Harris, property owner.

In April, the series expanded to include an extra event since the scheduled Cedar Creek hike was postponed until May due to snow. On April 10th, the group hiked along the North Umpqua Trail beginning at Wright Creek, and then up to the McDonald homestead near Cougar Bluffs.

Ending the series, the class, "Aquatic Ecology Day," on May 22nd, visited Cedar Creek, near Canton and Steamboat Creeks, tributaries of the North Umpqua River. Jeff Dose and Glenn Harkleroad, local fisheries biologists, guided students to watershed restoration projects along Cedar Creek near Canton and Steamboat creeks.

The final hike attendees enjoyed afternoon refreshment at Ecotopia Café in Idleyld. Certificates of participation, photos that were taken by students and photo albums were given to participants.

This educational project has been funded by the Camp Tyee Foundation, Umpqua Watersheds and by individual donation. Future educational projects are now under development. If you have suggestions for possible similar visits or hikes, or would like to volunteer for future efforts, please contact Umpqua Watersheds at 672-7065.

Written by Robin Wisdom, the Chair of the Education Committee and Secretary of the UW Board.

Spring Education Forum by Jenny Carloni, UW Education Committee Volunteer

Francis Eatherington was the speaker at an educational evening held Thursday, May 27 at the library. Francis used a lecture, discussion and slide show format to explain the Northwest Forest Plan to interested Watersheds members.

Participants learned that unprotected public lands are designated as **Matrix** (to be actively logged), **Late Successional Reserve LSR** (to be managed for eventual old-growth forest characteristics and species habitat), **Riparian Reserve** (to be managed for health of streams and associated species) and **Adaptive Management Areas AMA** (to be used as laboratories to study the results of forestry practices). According to law, all proposed management activities must comply with

Aquatic Conservation Strategy and **Survey and Manage** requirements in order to be approved.

The Endangered Species Act requires that the National Marine Fisheries Service and/or the US Fish and Wildlife Service be consulted to determine probable effects of management activities on endangered species.

Disagreements about compliance with the plan have been taken to federal court. Francis discussed some of the proposed sales being challenged by UW and other environmental organizations, and some of the strategies being used by the US Forest Service and BLM to circumvent the intent of the Northwest Forest Plan. For example, agencies claim that while the Plan requires them to consult about endangered species, it does not require them to make changes based on the

consultation. They also claim that the improvements they will make to roads when they log an area will reduce sediment runoff enough to outweigh the negative impacts to streams that may result from such logging.

Francis' presentation helped UW members understand the design of the Northwest Forest Plan AND the need for vigilance in demanding that forest practices comply with the Northwest Forest Plan.

Forest Facts:

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| Matrix | 404,529 acres | |
| USFS Already Clearcut..... | | 162,459 acres |
| LSR | 528,973 acres | |
| USFS Already Clearcut..... | | 117,167 acres |
| Riparian Reserve | 194,831 acres | |
| USFS Already Clearcut..... | | 26,584 acres |
| AMA | 77,302 acres | |
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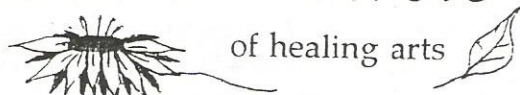
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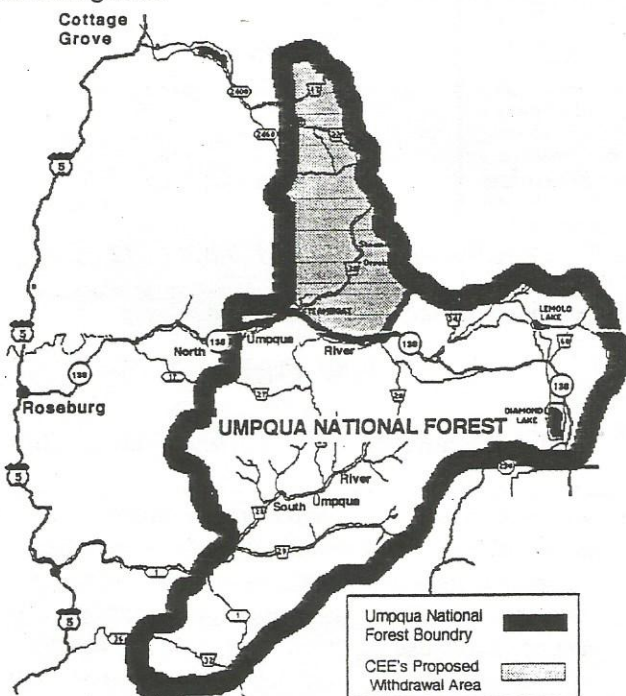
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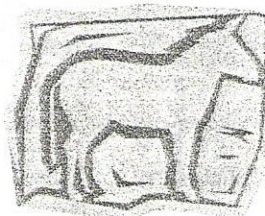
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by
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age 13

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Wild strawberry carpet
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by Cheryl Chaney

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Umpqua Watersheds would like to acknowledge the other poets (there were 62 total) and those volunteers who helped organize the first poetry contest: Chris Bennett, Richard Chasm, Michael C. Tighe and Lauren James. We would also like to thank the poetry judges: Michael C. Tighe, Nancy Nowak and Chris Bennett.
The next Deadline is July 6th for River Poems to be read at River Day.

The Smell of Home

This is an essay excerpted from local writer Bob Heilman's book:

Overstory Zero: Real Life in Timber Country,
published by Sasquatch Books To order, please call: 1-800-775-0817

Upriver from Tiller, Oregon, the South Umpqua River pours through a narrow channel between gray basalt rock faces into a deep, still pool where salmon circle slowly, waiting for fall rains. The spring Chinook arrive here in June after a two-hundred-mile journey upriver from the ocean.

The salmon know the smell of home, the scent of jasper, basalt, porphyry, quartz, agate, and tufa carried by the waters from the gravel bars where they hatched. Patiently they work their way against the current, returning from the Aleutian Islands home to the South Umpqua.

They wait out the long summer months - when the river slows and the water grows warmer - never eating, living on the fat stored in their huge bodies. On summer mornings you can see the sore-head fish from the cliffs above, silvery ghost shapes in the sun-dappled waters below, moving in a slow, solemn circle dance.

They are a bruised and battered lot, bearing the marks of their passage: old wounds from seal bites, fish-hooks, nets, and the scraping of rocks encountered in the riffles of the home stretch. Their flesh, once firm from the Arctic feeding grounds, grows soft in the warm river water. Fuzzy white patches appear on their scaly sides, the mark of infection and a sign of approaching death.

They are prisoners here for a while, holding in the deeper pools scattered among the shallow upper reaches of the river, rising in the cool quiet morning hours, and hiding in the depths when the afternoon comes, bringing heat and the campers and bathers who splash about on the surface.

Evening comes, and the humans leave. Blacktail deer come down to drink. The firs and cedars cast long shadows across the pool. The clever-handed raccoons fish for crawdads along the edges, and silence returns to their watery world with the night.

There is a quiet joyfulness to the salmon's languid circling - not the exuberance of their leaping struggle through white water on their way upstream, but a deeper joy made of patience, survival, and expectation. Their long journey is nearly over, the uncounted thousands of miles behind them. Soon the rains will come and they'll swim upriver on the rising waters as their ancestors have always done, to dig their nests on gravel bars and lay their eggs in the waters of home. 🐟

Professional storyteller and writer **Robert Leo Heilman** lives with his wife in Myrtle Creek, Oregon. Heilman was awarded the **Northwest Writers 1996 Andres Berger Award** for *Overstory: Zero*.

Umpqua Watersheds, Inc. would also like to thank Karen at **While Away Books** for donating a brand new copy to our office. She has many more copies to sell. Finally, UW gives an obvious and huge Thanks, to Bob, for sharing.

Nature as Story, Nature as Character

We generally think of the outdoors as a backdrop for a story, but Nature often has a starring role as a character or major force in a story. In some stories, the author writes from the perspective of an ant or an elephant; in others, Nature shapes the protagonist's life. The following list is far from complete, but should give you a good start for a summer reading list. At least one title is listed per author, and a quick search at the local library will turn up more titles. 🐾 * indicates an Oregon connection.

Abbey, Edward - Tales of the Monkeywrench Gang

Adams, Richard - Watership Down

Callenbach, Ernest - Ecotopia*

Cather, Willa - O Pioneers!

Clark, Ella - Indian Legends of the Pacific Northwest*

Conrad, Joseph - Heart of Darkness

Doig, Ivan - Bucking the Sun

Duncan, David James* - The River Why, River Teeth

Faulkner, William - The Sound and the Fury

Gowdy, Barbara - The White Bone

Hemingway, Ernest - The Old Man and the Sea

Hesse, Herman - Siddhartha

London, Jack - Call of the Wild

Lopez, Barry* - Crow and Weasel

McCarthy, Cormac - The Crossing

Melville, Herman - Moby Dick

Merwin, W.S. - Green with Beasts

Norris, Kathleen - Dakota

Okuizumi, Hikaru - The Stones Cry Out

Quinn, Daniel - Ishmael, My Ishmael

Stegner, Wallace - The Big Rock Candy Mountain

Twain, Mark - Roughing It, Life Along the Mississippi

Van der Post, Laurens - The Heart of the Hunter

Werber, Bernard - Empire of the Ants

Whitman, Walt - Leaves of Grass

Another nature reading list prepared by Jen Shaffer

UW regrets losing Jen & her husband to Texas. Jen is graduating from U of O's Environmental Studies Graduate Program. Her specialty was in wetlands and we all learned a lot from her. Thank you, Jen, please come visit us whenever you are able. Patrick

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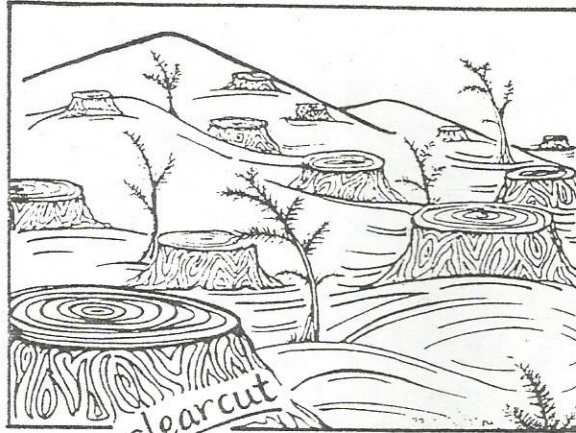
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undesignated area in the middle of the OCRA. Kelsay Point is a peninsula of unprotected wilderness that protrudes into the OCRA, with the Kelsay Valley Campground on the edge. Kelsay Point, with wilderness on three sides, is still totally wild except for a small old clearcut at the very top of the Point. This entire peninsula into the wilderness will be roaded and logged, most by clearcutting, by the Lemolo timber sale. The integrity of the OCRA wilderness will be severely compromised. The area should instead be restored for the known wolverine and Lynx populations that live close by. Near the OCRA in the Diamond Lake Ranger District are some of the best roadless areas (over 1,000 acres) left in the Umpqua National Forest -- unprotected roadless areas that are now threatened with logging.

The road leading to the Kelsay Valley Trailhead will be logged. This area above the Kelsay Valley campground and trailhead, is a large, 2,000 acre roadless area separated from the OCRA by only one summer time road. The proposed timber sale will log about 25% of this roadless area and riddle the mountain side with new permanent roads and logging units.

Another smaller roadless area is Kelsay Valley itself. Kelsay Valley is scattered with "Special Interest Areas" that the Forest Plan forbids logging. But Lemolo Timber Sale will build new roads into the heart of this roadless area and clearcut up to the very edge of these Special Interest areas. Another 1,000+ roadless area is near Elbow Butte in the lodgepole flats. This area is wet and swampy, but the Lemolo sale will build about a mile of new permanent roads into here and log right over a recreational trail into one of the lakes. The excuse for logging this area is to save the forests from being killed by bark beetles.

REGENERATION HARVEST



Cartoon by Valerie Weston

A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME...

Then there is the Lemolo Lake Lodge and Resort. **Bunker Hill is a beautiful backdrop to the lodge**, unspoiled by logging, and part of a 1,500 acre roadless area. However, the Lemolo timber sale will log almost the entire hillside. Even though there are **two bald eagle nests** located on the hill, the sale units are designed to completely surround them. The **Forest Service admits** the hillside is "**visually sensitive**", so will not clearcut it, but insists that the priority management for Bunker Hill is timber production. The logging on Bunker Hill goes right next to the North Umpqua Trail, the most popular hiking trail on the forest. It appears that over **two miles of continuous trail are bordered by logging units**. This trail is already threatened by the near-by Warm Springs timber sale. We thought that was bad, but this is worse! Unfortunately, recreation and wildlife habitat are commodities that play second fiddle to the most important, public land logging.

The Umpqua National Forest Service headquarters continues to make the Diamond Lake Ranger District the **sacrificial logging ground** of the Umpqua Forest. Since the inception of the Northwest Forest Plan, Diamond Lake is the heaviest logged area on the entire Umpqua National Forest. In the 1980's, Diamond Lake Ranger District had to supply only about 26% of the annual harvest. Now, it appears to be supplying well over 50% of what the

Umpqua National Forest sells. Because it is high elevation, with smaller trees, this 50% must come off of a much larger area of land.

Why is the Umpqua National Forest logging a popular recreational area?

Because there are still some trees left and the Forest Service feels the 'target harvest volume' takes priority over environmental and recreational uses.

This fragile, high elevation ecosystem is home to rare animals we only recently thought were extinct from this area, such as the Wolverine and Lynx, that can live nowhere else. The pumice soils are easily compacted and forest recovery is more difficult than other areas on the UNF. In addition, Diamond Lake is where the majority of recreation by humans happens on the forest.

It's up to us to tell the Forest Service that our public lands must not be sacrificed to meet a logging "target." Our wild lands, wildlife, and quality of life must come before the relatively small contribution of products from public forests.

Public forests only provide 4% of the wood products used in our daily lives. It makes much more sense to conserve 4% of our paper use than desecrating the Diamond Lake Ranger District. Our public lands should not be logged and especially public lands located in a fragile ecosystem so important to both wildlife and human recreation.

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Don't forget to include your postal address in your comments.

Francis Eatherington, UW Public Forest Monitor

Umpqua Watersheds; *our home*

What Is The Umpqua Watershed?

For many it's: *the power of the river, its tributaries and estuaries.
the wealth of a diverse habitat.
the strength of its community.*

This intricate web is the Umpqua watershed. Because it's our home, it's also the way I am, the way your are, and what we're willing to do to protect and restore this treasure.

The area known as the *Umpqua watershed* includes approximately 5,000 square miles in southwestern Oregon. A unique aspect of the *watershed* is that the headwaters of the Umpqua begin in the High Cascade Mountain Range at approximately 7,000 feet and finish the journey at sea level at the Pacific Ocean. This journey takes us on an environmental, recreational and spiritual rich path. Examples of the Umpqua's upland treasures are: Cascade Recreation Area, Diamond Lake Recreation Area, Boulder Creek Wilderness, the Wild and Scenic North Umpqua River, Watson Falls, Toketee Falls, North Umpqua Trail and portions of Mt. Theilsen Wilderness, Crater Lake National Park, Rogue Umpqua Divide Wilderness and many wildlands in-between that are unprotected.

More than one million acres of these upper reaches of the Umpqua are public lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service. Another half million acres are managed by the Bureau of Land Management. President Clinton's Northwest Forest Plan (1995) is the primary plan that manages these public lands for the nation. Implementation of this plan's complex goals and objectives to maintain ecological and economical balance have met many barriers along the way.

The timber industry of this region also owns hundreds of thousands of acres of forested property that includes miles of connective waterways. These private lands are under the weak rules of the Oregon Forest Practices Act, administered by the Oregon State Board of Forestry.

Another unusual characteristic of the *watershed* is that it's boundaries and Douglas County's boundaries are nearly synonymous. The Umpqua travels down

the mountains into the central valley, where the most populated city, Roseburg (the county seat) is located. Roseburg is home to 20,000 of the 100,000 county citizens. Numerous tributaries feed into the Umpqua system with small communities peppered throughout its pathway.

On its way to the ocean, the Umpqua passes through the Coastal Mountain Range with additional jewels that include: The Upper Smith River, Wassen Falls, Kentucky Falls, Loon Lake, Elliot State Park and an Elk Refuge area.

In the southern region of the *Umpqua watershed*, the Cow Creek drainage is a part of a globally recognized "biological sensitive area." Also, to the south, is South Umpqua Falls, China Ditch and South and North Myrtle Creeks. To the north, the *Umpqua watershed* claims the Calapooya, Elk Creek and many historic cultural areas.

The diverse wildlife and aquatic resources of the *Umpqua watershed* includes many threatened and endangered species from wolverines, spotted owls, marbled murrelets, coho salmon, searun cutthroat trout to rare lichens and mollusks and a variety of species in-between.

In all of these regions of this *watershed* there are incredible pressures to manage the natural systems with economic prosperity as the primary goal. Umpqua Watersheds, Inc. will remain at work in the Umpqua to protect and restore this incredible *watershed*. As always, we invite you to join our efforts. 🌲

Penny Lind, Executive Director

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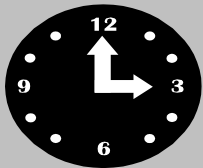
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The above is a list of people who have gone contributed \$100 or more to assure that UW continues to be a growing and successful organization. The board and staff would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank these generous members.

All of our members are very valuable to us. Your worth to the organization is not judged by the size of your monetary contributions. While giving money is important, it is just as important to contribute time. We also need your help in our committees. It is through your help that UW will be able to succeed at and expand our mission. The committees needing help are; outreach, education, monitoring. By joining a committee you will have the opportunity to share your skills, help protect the environment, meet new and interesting people and have fun. Call to find out how you can get involved. 🌲

by Jim Kauppila, President of UW

Umpqua Watersheds' staff and volunteers receive many requests from supporters and travelers, especially those new to the area, to inform them of the local recreation and wildland highlights that we all share. We invite each of you to submit a description of your favorite site, to help inform all of us of those places we do visit and those we will visit. Please submit your descriptive essays to PO Box 101 Roseburg



Write Once a Month

Umpqua Watersheds has a **Writers Circle** where there are many opportunities for **YOU** to get involved. Call our office to find out how you can contribute writing to causes which are important to you:
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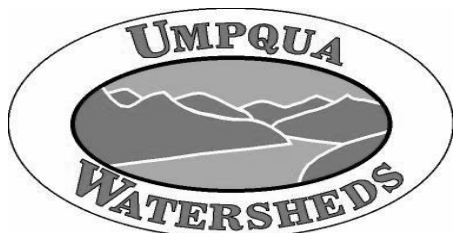
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