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Kasey's Corner ...Outreach ...

Kasey Hovik Executive Director

We are almost 3/4 of the way through 2018 and it has been a remarkable year for Umpqua Watersheds (UW) thanks to the diligent work of our dedicated staff, board of directors, volunteers and the tremendous support of our membership. Our "CORE" areas of Conservation, Outreach, Restoration and Education have accomplished so much as reflected in the articles in this newsletter. I am so proud to be associated with this organization because of the important work to preserve, protect, restore and celebrate our precious watershed.

Outreach is vitally important to sustaining UW because it helps us raise financial support, add to our membership and inform people and other organizations about the mission of UW. Already this year, our outreach events have included our annual membership banquet and auctions, speakers, hikes, concerts and celebrations. Patrick Schneider has volunteered hundreds of hours at UW as Program Director for KQUA, 99.7 helping UW outreach and raising the level of visibility in the community.

In June, we had our first "Outback Event". Our Facility Management team put our stage in the parking lot behind our building. We partnered with Old Soul Pizza, Two-Shy Brewing and Pelican Brewing to bring *Lance Canales and The Flood* to Roseburg from Fresno, California. Lance has played all over the world and gave us a remarkable performance and promised to come back again. It was gratifying to hear so many positive comments about the concert. We hope to have Outback Events



Our Mission:

Umpqua Watersheds is dedicated to the protection and restoration of the ecosystems of the Umpqua watershed and beyond through education, training, advocacy and ecologically sound stewardship.

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October 13 - 2018

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throughout the summer next year which will include concerts, movies and presentations.

In July we hosted the third annual campout to celebrate the service of our AmeriCorps volunteer. "Camp Christine" was held at Horseshoe Bend Campground on the Umpqua National Forest. Eighteen United Communities AmeriCorps program members attended including Maris Wilson who served in Ashland this past year and will join Christine Smith as UW AmeriCorps members for 2018-19. Christine and Maris

will anchor our Outreach initiatives during the next year. In addition to being co-chairs of our Outreach Committee, they are planning to host a weekly radio show on KQUA focused on Environmental Education called SEEDS starting in the fall. While the exact format of the show is yet to be determined, the goal is to provide information and insight into environmental education programming. One of the primary goals of the program will be to attract young people to become actively involved with UW. We are so excited that Christine is coming back for a second year and that Maris is coming to UW to serve her second year in the program. They are remarkable young women who will help ensure that UW Outreach programs in the coming year will be the most successful in the long history of our organization.

We also celebrated the 32nd River Appreciation Day during Camp Christine at Horseshoe Bend. Over 70 people attended and enjoyed the North Umpqua River while listening to a great concert by *Sons of the Soil*. It is always so much fun to get together with the UW faithful and folks from outside the organization to enjoy and reflect on the wonderful river that makes our community so special. The last weekend in July, we had our annual Twin Lakes Youth Wilderness Campout. Twenty-two people including 10 young

annual Umpqua Brew Fest (UBF). Approximately 1,000 people will gather at the Douglas County Fairgrounds to enjoy sampling of beer from over 50 breweries and great food from O'Toole's Pub while listening to live music. The event not only raises thousands of dollars to support Umpqua Watersheds it also gives us a great opportunity to connect with people and businesses in our community. Most of the expenses related to the event are paid for by our sponsors. Once again, FCR (First Call Resolution) will be our title sponsor for the event. The brew fest relies on the donation of beer, wine, cider and mead from businesses and distributors. Please support our sponsors



whenever you can.

The brew fest could not happen without hundreds of hours of work from volunteers. Planning for the event and coordinating with brewers, sponsors, musicians and vendors is quite a task. During the event over 100 volunteers are needed. Please consider volunteering to help. There are three shifts; you can sign up to volunteer by going to umpquabrewfest.info.

Over the last couple of years environmentalists have experienced an "earthquake" as we have seen assaults on the most important environmental protections from the current administration. Most of us feel shock, dismay and bewilderment due to the threats to the EPA and other agencies whose charter is to protect our environment. While it is easy to think that the worst may be over because of the upcoming midterm elections, the greater threat may lurk ahead as the tsunami from the earthquake approaches. Changes to laws,



people from Casa de Belen home for transitional housing attended the three-day campout. In addition to camping and experiencing the beautiful Umpqua National Forest, attendees also enjoyed presentations on wildlife biology, botany, wilderness camping and native history and storytelling. The campout is so rewarding to everyone involved as it helps to foster an appreciation for the environment in young people and plants seeds for the next generation of environmentalists.

Next month we will have our largest outreach event, the 9th

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relaxed regulation and the addition of judges who are not supportive of environmental protections are a real threat. We need your help! Please attend our outreach events, renew your membership and donate to support UW as you are able. We appreciate your support!

WILDERNESS COMMITTEE

By Robbin Schindele

Summer has been a busy time for UW's Wilderness Committee. We've sponsored hikes into our proposed Wilderness with 2 more are scheduled for



September. We have increased our Facebook presence to over 1000 views/month and planned events to increase awareness with business supporters. Thanks to Bob Hoehne, Diana Pace, Richard O'Neil and Larry Filosi for leading hikes. Our federal legislators expect support from local businesses in order to introduce our Wilderness Proposal in Congress. We are slowly but steadily doing that. We currently have 66 business endorsements, twice what we had in January of this year. If you know a business owner that would potentially endorse our Wilderness Proposal, please call or email me at Robbin Schindele <robbin@umpquawatersheds.org>.

In July, the Wilderness Committee hosted an event for Douglas County business supporters at O'Tooles Pub with live music from the local duo "Midnight Darlin's."

The room was crowded with laughter and lively conversation. The willingness to stand with us on this important issue is critical to its success but committee funds are getting lean. Susan Applegate, Bob Hoehne and Alysia Gaye each spoke a few words and Richard Chasm kicked off the giving by handing me a check. After that, we had checks, cash and pledges that helped raise over \$1600. It was a fun night with a great positive energy. THANKS FOR COMING AND YOUR GENEROUS

DONATIONS!

Proposals for key issues for Oregon Outdoors were solicited in April of 2018 for submission to the 2019 Oregon Legislature. In August, I attended the Oregon Outdoors Coalition meeting in Bend where the proposals were reviewed and prioritized. "Oregon Outdoors is a coalition of outdoor recreation businesses, conservation groups, recreation organizations, and individuals who are committed to the preservation of Oregon's outdoor assets for future generations." And focuses on three areas.

- Ensuring Oregon has the adequate state and federal FUNDING necessary to maintain and sustainably grow its world-class outdoor recreation infrastructure.
- Conserving and preserving Oregon's outdoor PLACES while ensuring maintained public access and broad public benefit.
- Supporting policies and partnerships that engage and inspire all of Oregon's PEOPLE to experience Oregon outdoor places in order to foster the next generation of Oregon's outdoor advocates.

Networking was a great part of the August meeting including connections to the governor, Keen Footwear, Office of Outdoor Recreation, Oregon Wild, and Oregon Outdoor Alliance.

In August, 8 members of the Wilderness Committee attended the meeting of Rep. Peter DeFazio's Roseburg Town Hall holding signs in the front row in support of the CLWP. Although we were prepared with questions, we did not get called upon. Rep DeFazio saw our signs and afterward spoke with Bob Hoehne about the proposal. Thank you, WOW members that attended: Robin & Gerald Wisdom, Bob Hoehne, Diana Pace, Susan Applegate, M. A. Hansen and Alicia Gaye for taking the time to come and be seen.



**Support
Crater Lake**

(Left to right) Robbin Schindele,
Diana Pace, and Bob Hoehne

Restoration Committee Stanley Petrowski

A River Dying?

It's been a difficult summer for the anadromous fish of the Umpqua Rivers. The river was so hot that the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, to their credit, shut down much of the angling of the basin. Even the notoriously beautiful cooler waters of the North Umpqua were restricted to mitigate the already stressed summer Steelhead run. (Shout out to Greg Huchko, Umpqua District Fish Biologist, for his due diligence). This declaration especially focused on areas where stream tributaries to the main stems of the river occurred. Salmon and Steelhead gathered in these areas searching for cool water to survive the detrimental high temperatures of the river. Anglers were taking advantage



Douglas County are at high risk. You can't filter or boil these toxins out.

We could blame the summer weather for our problem but many of you are aware of how poor the salmon runs have been of late. It's not just the river, but the ocean conditions that also determine the health of the fisheries. Of particular concern for me is the South Umpqua Spring Chinook. It has been reasonably estimated that the "run" was very near 5000 fish annually when the Umpqua Native Americans of our region were managing them. On average over the past 25 years there have been 170 individual fish returning yearly. A reasonable number would be 500 fish to maintain the genetic diversity. This summer, this unique culturally and ecologically important run was down to 28 fish. Yes, 28 fish! That is second lowest count of this fish run on record. It had nothing to do with the summer low flow. The vast majority of this summer low flow was purely the result of the adverse impact of the Oregon Forest Practices Act (OFPA), clear cut logging and its attendant management techniques.

The issues facing our ecosystems will never be resolved unless you personally get involved. Me, personally, I'm all in. Those who are "all in" remain far and few between. Why? First, please don't rely on the professionals to make a stand. They rely on support from the citizens and concerned organizations. Unless your eyes, your ears and your mind get involved, the agencies, public and private, that are involved with these issues will not succeed. They are constrained by the very agency for which they are employed. If you think that the input from government agency specialists is always considered and incorporated into management actions, you are mistaken. Specialists in the agency are often politely ignored and only those that can quietly reach out for help can continue the watchful eye. Those that publicly or even privately voice their opposition are silenced by termination, reassignment, or transfer. That's not by accident. Until there is an up swell of public concern these specialists will be risking much in hopes someone is listening that can take up the cause. Secondly, unless you yourself take to heart the issues at hand, educating yourself and empowering yourself, the pace and scale of restoration work will remain at its



of the pile ups at these stream entries to catch their limits, thus the restrictions to give the fish a chance.

I live near the headwaters of the South Fork of the Umpqua River. I am a persistent watcher of the Umpqua basin's river depth gage system. The gage at Tiller, Oregon indicated that this was the lowest river depth reading since 1940 and summer isn't over. We may break a summer low flow record this year. The river system is low and the water is hot. This is the perfect formula for fish to go belly up.

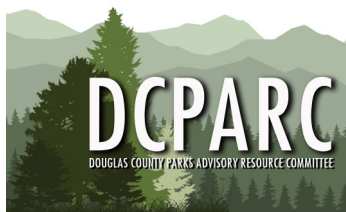
It would have been great to enlist the cooperation of irrigators through the Douglas County Water Master's office but no such cooperation was gathered. As I travel the road to Roseburg from my home, I saw old fashioned irrigation equipment spewing water out on to field that I know will not yield a second cutting of hay. Water cannons are the worst. 35% of the water doesn't even reach the ground, in most cases, when hot dry winds are evaporating the fine spray. Is it just carelessness or are Oregon's irrigation rights laws old and rickety and out of step with reality?

Douglas County's main waterways are on a preliminary list created by the Oregon Health Authority that highlights toxic algae-prone water systems within the state. Nearly 40 percent of the 41 water systems listed by the state agency are in Douglas County. Sections of the Umpqua River in Douglas County are under a permanent health advisory. Toxins in the water are particularly bad for pregnant women. A hand full of urban water supply areas of



insufficient level of productivity.

Ouch! Am I making all of this too real? Well, like you, I am a concerned citizen. I've seen the success that restoration ecology can produce. It's the drama of money and politics that is standing in the way of recovery. Your voice counts. If you feel like it doesn't, then that is where you need to start your work. Find out what is going on with regard to aquatic habitat recovery. Learn who in the agencies is doing their job and SUPPORT them. Find out who in the agencies is under the thumb of industry and politics. Let your deep concern for another fish run of the Umpqua that is going extinct be heard. It needs to be heard in the ears of those in power, governance and the agencies. It's your job. You have a voice. Make it strong



The hot and smoky summer has been a busy and hectic one for DCPARC. We toured Mildred Kanipe Park in July after hearing that the



Mildred Kanipe Park tour led by Mike Burke (center).

Parks Advisory Board alleged numerous trees were dying and posing a fire danger. Our tour was led by Mike Burke of Friends of Mildred Kanipe Park where he revealed an insignificant number of dead trees. We fear this is another excuse to log a Douglas County Park and will continue to monitor and oppose such an action.

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Department, 1000 Friends of Oregon, Oregon Development and Conservation Department, and Friends of Douglas County has filed an appeal with the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals on The Rural Open Spaces proposal submitted by the Douglas County Board of Commissioners. It appears that this appeal will be a long litigation battle. It has the potential of affecting the quality of life in Douglas County as well as the entire state of Oregon by making it easier to change our land use law. We are fortunate to have Friends of

Douglas County fighting against this proposal. DCPARC is providing some financial support in their efforts and if you would like to help with their legal expenses contact them at: wetherel@earthlink.net

The Bolan Island eagles nest was unknown to the Oregon Dept. of Forestry until we notified Keith



DCPARC members, left to right, Doug Hockett, Kat Stone and Eric Stauder stand below their "Adopt a Trail" sign.

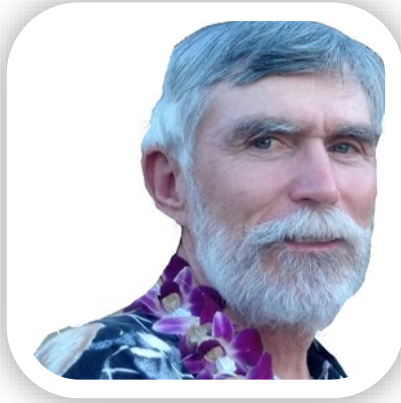
Cubic, D.C. Planning Dept. Consequently he sent the county forester and an ODF forester to confirm the active nest. As a result, new restrictions were added to the already awarded sale. The Parks Advisory Board has had only 5 meetings in the last 10 months and no meetings for July or August. They have 2 unfilled positions. Former Parks Director Gary Groth's former business partner, Jerry Chartier, is the new PAB Chairperson.

In August we completed our third of four trail clean up on the riverside trail for the Roseburg Parks Dept. Our next one will be on October 22, please join us.

Monitoring our County Government takes time and help. Please join us at our monthly meeting on the third Wednesday of the month, 6PM at the UW Office.

Conservation Cornerby Joseph Patrick Quinn

“Environmental Terrorists,” is what some clear cutters and their advocates in local, state and national government label citizens who speak up in defense of steadily deteriorating ecological conditions on our watersheds! This time it is Ryan Zinke,



exclaiming these and other inflammatory epithets. Trump’s appointed Secretary of the Interior appears to have taken his cue from our local elected county government, current and former. Misleading statements such as “There have been a number of instances where environmental groups have submitted petitions to the Bureau of Land Management, halting companies from removing dead and dying timber until the BLM can sort through each petition point,” are fed to the press and the public by Zinke and his appointed functionaries in the Department of the Interior. Spokesman Faith C. Vander Voort said in an email. “These actions halt proper forest management and leave the West vulnerable to incredible devastation.” Apparently, the filing of comments, protests and appeals, through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) warrants this kind of unprofessional and provocative response. Ironically, obtaining such public input is why NEPA was debated and passed by the Congress and signed into law by Republican President Richard Nixon, on January 1, 1970.

From the direct experience of the UW Conservation Committee, the NEPA process can seem to be a somewhat of a “dog and pony show” predicated on forgone conclusions and predetermined outcomes. Nonetheless, NEPA remains the official portal through which citizen volunteers at UW can formally disclose the actual environmentally degraded state of our watersheds. We warn of the devastating effects of adding ecological insult to environmental injury on public lands. NEPA offers us an opportunity to cite the latest and best available science, which too often validates the evidence before our eyes. Along with valid criticisms, NEPA allows UW to recommend more eco-forward management alternatives to resource extraction (aka public land clear cuts, or clear cuts “lite”).

Unfortunately, our observations on a given harvest plan founded on sound research are regularly ignored, misconstrued or dismissed. Initially, the BLM identifies a specific and usually large analysis area, including both public and private land (“checkerboard”). At this point, a given government entity has the choice of engaging in a

comprehensive, in-depth examination of current conditions and how they are likely to be impacted by a given set of actions. This is called an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Usually, however, BLM or the USFS will issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) followed by a more truncated, often less in-depth presentation called an Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA is still mandated by NEPA to offer more than one proposed management alternative, examining the ecological impacts of each listed choice on the environment, with the agency usually identifying its preferred choice among those offered. Too often what BLM prefers runs counter to what UW believes to be the best management direction. In these cases, when a damaging timber is advertised for auction the UW Conservation Committee will often, though file a formal protest with the BLM District offering that sale. This protest must be delivered, hard copy only, to BLM within fifteen days of the advertisement of the sale. From our direct experience, such protests are regularly denied (thus, the “dog and pony show” descriptor), at which point UW must decide upon the appropriateness of a resort to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA) located in Arlington, Virginia. A group or an individual, whose protest has been denied, then has another period of fifteen days in which to notify the offending BLM District of its intent to file an appeal with the IBLA. Once that board is in receipt of our intent to appeal, we have a strict 30 day period to submit a declaration proving that the chair, as an individual, and UW as an organization, have legal standing to bring that particular appeal along with the actual reasons for the appeal.

In the past 2 years, UW has submitted numerous NEPA preliminary comments (called “scoping”) and comments on presentation of a draft EA. In the past 2+ years, the UW Conservation Committee has filed 8 formal NEPA protests, 5 with the Roseburg District and 3 with the Coos Bay District of the BLM. We have also been co-signatory with our sister organizations to several NEPA submissions to the BLM and the USFS, as well as to testimony in support of keeping and improving NEPA, not by emasculating what powers remain but by strengthening the provisions in that benchmark legislation intended to protect our watersheds for this generation and future generations.

None of these actions has been frivolous but are a regrettable environmental necessity addressing issues such as chronically depleted summer stream flows, the result of the mass liquidation of primary old growth and mature forest to monoculture Douglas Fir plantations, continued habitat destruction of imperiled species. We insist that the BLM give proper billing to the mandates of the 1937 O&C Act to “protect watersheds, regulate stream flows and provide for recreation” in all of its “Purpose and Need” statements, alongside the purported need to supply mills with logs and counties with revenue. In addition, UW insists

that the BLM openly acknowledge this mass conversion from primary forests to plantations across all ownerships in the decades preceding adoption of the Northwest Forest Plan. We insist that BLM clearly discover and disclose the barbaric clear cut, herbicide, fiber farm condition of the adjoining private industrial timberlands that form the physical context for the public lands the agency manages in the west for the public trust. UW demands that the BLM conduct its management activities in full consideration of past and current degraded watershed conditions, and that their management proposals not further degrade, but instead mitigate for that shameful history, as well as for the current private industrial practices. If this kind of watchful, civic minded volunteer participation in the NEPA process qualifies as “environmental terrorism,” then we can characterize the real terrorism inflicted regularly on our beleaguered watersheds by large clear cuts, herbicide sprays and increasing forest road construction carried out under aegis of the retrograde Oregon Forest Practices Act (OFPA) as “corporate terrorism.”

UW also is involved in the never ending issue of the Pacific Connector Pipe Line (PCPL) and its adjunct power and liquefaction plants. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued yet another EIS (created by a contractor to the applicant). UW has been engaged in resisting this assault on public safety and private property rights from the beginning when this was purported to be an “import only” facility. Now in its third iteration, this foreign initiated, fossil fuel facilitating, export enterprise continues to besiege state and national government regulatory agencies. Our county commissioners have either endorsed the project, or refrained from commenting. A former member of the Board of Commissioners (BOC) years ago expressed concern over the abrogation of private property rights by a foreign entity. Our commissioners appointed Douglas County Planning Advisory Board and Planning Department as its approval process in the Coastal Management Zone. Now, in a contorted and shameful display, they have bent over backwards to facilitate the progress of the PCPL and the Jordan Cove plants. It continues to do so. Money talks!

UW's Conservation Committee has submitted comments to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the FERC, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the BLM and USFS and other state agencies including the Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL) and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ). Former Vice President Dick Cheney's 2005 Energy Bill stripped local and state governments of most of their ability to regulate pipeline construction and related energy projects, but safety and environmental issues were left to county and to state. Oregon has the authority to deny the LNG permits to protect clean air, clean water and safety but have not done

so to date. Short of litigation, our hope lies with the USACE and the ODEQ, in regard to likely violations of the Clean Water Act. Comments to these agencies were submitted by the UW Conservation Committee on August 20. Whether, at long last, these supposed servants of the people will stand up for we citizens and our best interests remains to be seen.

We are all well aware of the unpleasant and even life threatening nature of wildfire. The timber industry and its advocates in elected government, drooling over older, higher value Federal timber stands, are howling for the cut to be greatly expanded, using fear as the motivator. Ironically, these industry mouthpieces seldom if ever admit the actual causes of this situation. High temperatures in 4 of the last 5 years have contributed to severe drought, yet Douglas County Commissioner, Tim Freeman, conveniently omits mention of human caused climate disruption. “Active Management” is the new extractive battle cry despite the misguided policy of the last century of extinguishing all wildfires regardless of proximity to human habitations. There is no mention of the unnatural and tightly packed monoculture fiber farm plantations as a catalyst for the spread and intense wildfires within the “checkerboard” of alternating ownerships. This relationship was recently disclosed by careful scientific research conducted by two university schools of forestry (Humboldt and OSU), the Roseburg District of the BLM, and the US Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station (PNW) on the large scale fires in Southern Oregon.

Commissioner Freeman's comments frighten homeowners within the wildland urban interface (WUI), that area where human habitation meets forested landscapes. As part of its effort to transition O&C Counties from complete reliance on timber production, the United States Congress, led by Oregon Senator Ron Wyden, enacted the Secure Rural Schools Program (SRS). The Title III portion of SRS directed funds to help reduce fuel loads in the WUI. Douglas County BOC chose to divert those funds to a local non-profit, Communities for Healthy Forests, to produce propaganda in support of private industrial timber operations and their model for watershed management. UW's Conservation Committee offered strenuous objection to this to this diversion of public taxes in 2015 and 2016 without result. Freeman and others in county government deny the history of diversion of fuel reduction funds to the timber industry propaganda machine. UW membership should take every opportunity to remind the Douglas County (BOC) of this outrageous and dangerous subversion of their tax dollars at every opportunity Douglas County Government is well under the thumb of “Big Timber,” ready at all times to mouth its message and do its bidding. Such a relationship is bad for the environment and doubly damaging to democratic governance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Umpqua Brew Fest 9

October 13, 2018, 1-9pm

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If you would like to be a sponsor or donor please contact Kasey Hovik at 541-672-7065 or email kasey@umpquawatersheds.org

Facilities Management Committee.... John Hunter

Summer has been a busy one for the Facilities Management Committee (FMC) that was filled with progress, challenges and setbacks. On June 5th a water pipe broke in one of the downstairs rented businesses flooding two of our rental units. Thankfully we had insurance and with the help of Dry Pro we were able to dry out the building and mitigate any mold issue. We would like to thank our cooperative and understanding tenants and the dedicated FMC in getting us past this episode.

Kasey Hovik and Janice Reid power washed and painted the wall behind our parking area in preparation for the Lance Canales concert. Our stage is now being stored there.



The highlight of June was the installation our Umpqua Watershed sign on the front exterior of our building. This sign proudly displays our ownership of our building and announces our presence to the world.

Our monthly work sessions have been very productive. Thanks to Doug Hockett, who repaired and patched the damage ceiling and wall in our kitchen and enabled us to paint our kitchen. We are now ready to replace the carpet with cork flooring. UCC donated a counter top which will be a valuable addition to our kitchen. Our newest Board member, Eric Stauder has facilitated a donation for a 5 ft. refrigerator for

our kitchen. We could still use cabinets and chairs. Upon completion, our kitchen will be a gathering place for all Umpqua Watersheds members and staff to eat and socialize.



A special thanks to Phil Schad who has donated his time to help with the plumbing in our bathrooms and storage shed. In September we hope to remove the unnecessary plumbing in our storage shed to create additional storage area.

Thanks to Diana Pace's leadership, our middle office space has now been rearranged to accommodate our two AmeriCorps members.

Early fall we plan to have Matt Leaton of Big X Fabrication return and install additional flashing on the roof. We are anticipating a leak free winter for our UW office.

Our vacant unit that suffered some minor structural damage has been quickly repaired and ready for our new tenant. We welcome "Everything Under the Rainbow" as our newest tenant with a projected opening date of October 1.

Ownership is challenging but fun! Join us for our second Saturday of every month work session, from 9 am to 1 pm. We always need help, even if it is for only an hour. We meet the first Tuesday of every month, 6 pm, at the Watersheds office. Join us, we need your help.



Phil Schad



As 99.7 KQUA nears a year old, much progress has been made in developing and airing unique content. At the moment, 99.7 KQUA has 5 weekend specialty programs; 4 of which are locally produced and topics range from environmental talk to unique music programming. Other shows are in development.

"What's up Douglas County" kicks off the weekend with interviews with local businesses and non-profits with a focus on events and news in our area. The show originally airs at 8 am Saturday mornings with a replay Sunday morning at 8 am.

"Conservation Today" hosted by **Francis Eatherington** is a bi-weekly environmental interview program 9am Saturday and Sunday. Francis interviews local environmentalists, conservationists and more.

Our longest running talk program is "Radio Active Restoration" hosted by **Stan Petrowski** and airs every Saturday and Sunday at 10 am. The show is an environmental talk program that often addresses river restoration.

"Neon Wilderness" is the first of two specialty music programs that airs on 99.7 KQUA every Saturday night at 10 pm. Local business owner, **Eric Yo**, invites DJ's from Douglas County and from around the country to spin an hour of electronic music. Each week features a different DJ and style of music.

"Unsigned Sunday" is a syndicated specialty music program that has been with us for almost a year now. The show features underground alternative rock music and other surprises. It airs every Sunday night at 8 pm. Keep listening to 99.7 KQUA for new surprises. Show ideas can be submitted to Patrick at Schneider.patrick10@gmail.com.

Monthly snapshot of committee meetings

WHAT'S UP DOUGLAS COUNTY

★ HOSTED BY TRICK SCHNEIDER ★

COVERING OUR COMMUNITY

WEEKEND MORNINGS @ 8 AM
ON 99.7 KQUA

Get Involved! Join a Committee

All meetings are in Roseburg

Monthly Board of Directors:

When: 3rd Monday of Every Month, 6:00pm

Where: Umpqua Watersheds Office

For board and staff members only. If there is a topic you feel the board should broach let us know!

Email kasey@umpquawatersheds.org

Education Committee

When: 2nd Tuesday of Every Month, 5:30pm

Where: Umpqua Watersheds Office

Ken Carloni - ken.carloni@gmail.com

Restoration Committee

When: 3rd Tuesday of Every Month, 5:00pm

Where: McMenamin's Roseburg Station Pub

Stan Petrowski - Stanley@umpquawatersheds.org

Conservation Committee

When: 1st Monday of Every Month, 6:00pm

Where: Umpqua Watersheds Office

J. Patrick Quinn - jquinn@mydfn.net

Facility Management

When: 1st Tuesday of Every Month, 6:00pm

Where: Umpqua Watersheds Office

John Hunter - goldenarchie46@yahoo.com

Wild On Wilderness Committee

When: Last Wednesday of Every Month, 6:00pm

Where: Umpqua Watersheds Office

Bob Hoehne - oho937@hotmail.com

Douglas County Parks Resource Advisory Committee (DCPARC):

When: 3rd Wednesday, 6:00pm

Where: McMenamin's.

John Hunter, goldenarchie46@yahoo.com

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed
1 st week	Conservation 6pm	Facility Mgt 6pm	
2 nd week		Education 5:30pm	
3 rd week	BOD 6pm	Restoration 5pm/ Radio 630pm	DCPARC 6pm
Last week			WOW 6pm



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"...not everyone gets to PET A WHALE..." Baja tour evaluation comment.

As many of you know, I retired from full-time teaching at UCC in June. My plan was to continue to teach the field courses I've reported on in the pages of past *100 Valleys* newsletters as a part-time instructor. Unfortunately, that plan has been dashed.

For a variety of motives, the new UCC administration has cancelled the Baja class and reassigned the Field Botany tour to another instructor (I'd be happy to chronicle the sordid details over several pints). After fighting as hard as I could to save these courses, I ultimately had to admit defeat. Dejected and demoralized, I spent the last couple of months trying to decide if all of the stress and heartache was worth the effort to rebuild these opportunities.

The heartfelt encouragement I've gotten from my students over the last few months has given me the emotional strength to find a new home for these tour-based educational experiences. Here are some of the other comments from participants of the most recent Baja tour that inspired me to keep the dream alive:

"Sharing this experience and being able to learn with such wonderful people and a passionate professor made this course and trip exceed my wildest dreams!"

"This course is more than I ever could have expected... [it] reinvigorated my love for learning and my passion for all scientific fields."

"Ken as an instructor is inexhaustibly passionate about teaching; he easily answers any barrage of questions with a return volley of knowledge bombs that only a life time dedicated to learning and teaching could deliver."

"I really enjoyed the ease of travel and meal planning that the Green Tortoise provided. It made each meal an efficient team effort, and travel night and day without any problems. The bus not only was a comfortable place to sleep and travel, but it allowed us to focus on learning, and the teachers to focus on teaching, without worrying nearly as much about the driving, meals, etc."

"Every stop was meaningful and educational, and I learned more than I ever could have imagined."

"The entire experience was life changing. I LOVED getting the hands on knowledge; from Ken's life biology to Matt [Hunter]'s knowledge of birds; Alan [Bunce]'s snorkeling tips; and other various community members."

"Ken coordinated and organized the entire trip perfectly... You don't get this kind of learning in the classroom... I can guarantee that if you have any love for learning, you will come back changed."

After getting encouragement like this, how could I not put my shoulder back to the wheel and forge a new path forward? Over the last couple of weeks I've been investigating new venues for delivering the life-changing field experiences I've developed over the last decade. I am exploring options to offer the tours ("Evolution, Diversity and Ecology of the Baja Peninsula" and "Field Botany of SW Oregon and N California") through another Oregon university, through the Siskiyou Field Institute, and/or directly through UW's Education and Outreach initiatives. I plan to continue to contract with the world-renowned Green Tortoise Adventure Travel company (www.greentortoise.com) – hands-down the most comfortable, friendly and efficient platform for ed-venture travel.

So how can you help keep ed-venture tours alive and thriving? Join us on one of our upcoming tours! The last Baja tour included riders from 19 to 75 years old, and accommodated a range of dietary needs. Tentative dates for the Baja Tour are **March 21-31, 2019**, and **June 18-23, 2019** for the Field Botany Tour. Please send an email to ken.carlioni@gmail.com if you are interested in either or both of these tours, and I will keep you abreast of the details as they get worked out.

I was recently straightening up my office and found a slip of paper from a fortune cookie from several months back. It reads, "Investigate the new opportunity that will soon become an option."

I'm on it.

AmeriCorps Voice



Christine Smith

I am ecstatic to be returning for a second year at Umpqua Watersheds! It did not feel like my time here was completed just yet. My seeds were planted, but they still needed some tending. I was greeted with such love and support when I vocalized my decision to stay that I

immediately knew I made the right decision. I've found a family in this organization and their continued support and appreciation for AmeriCorps members is incredible.

I ended my 2017-18 term with back-to-back campouts that brought me such joy that is almost indescribable. Kamp Christine/River Appreciation Day was a beautiful celebration of community. I was overwhelmed with companionship and love for nature that weekend. Horseshoe Bend was the perfect site to celebrate the gorgeous Umpqua and we danced to lovely tunes.

The following weekend was the Twin Lakes Youth Wilderness Campout. That weekend was so successful and left lasting impacts on those who attended. I felt purposeful that weekend and knew this is what I am supposed to be doing. I am a planner; I like to have activities planned, and back-up activities and back-up activities for my back-up activities. As the weekend went on, I worried that there weren't enough activities or that the youth weren't having enough fun. Then I listened in on their conversations and heard youth saying that Twin Lakes was their new favorite place and I heard others saying they already want to come back next year. I realized that while you can plan countless scavenger hunts and environmental education activities, the most important part of this trip was that we got them there. We brought them to a stunning natural area of serenity, fed them and cared about them and the things they had to say. Sometimes that is all it takes to make something significant. It was a remarkable weekend and I already can't wait for next year.

This year I am jazzed to have an awesome cohort, Maris Wilson, who is going to help double the outreach and environmental education in Douglas County. I knew she was a perfect fit before we even interviewed her. Her passion and experience is going to be key in creating meaningful change in the community. We are already on track to continue programs from last year while also bringing them to new schools. I had some very successful Science Wednesdays at Eastwood Elementary and Fir Grove Elementary last year so with Maris on the team, we can bring this environmental education program to more elementary schools. We are also planning on having even more volunteer opportunities, so look out for more clean-ups, plantings etc. Look out Douglas County, the youth are doing big things!

Maris Wilson



I can remember the exact moment that I realized I wanted to pursue a career related to the environment. I was in eighth grade on a field trip to Wallops Island in Virginia where we spent the weekend learning about coastal ecology. At one point we took a tour of a salt marsh and I remember excitedly thinking, 'this could be my future office'. Before that trip, my answer when people asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up was always something different: veterinarian, astronaut, teacher, etc. Standing in the salt marsh, calf-deep in mud, my answer to that question permanently changed to "environmentalist."

To follow that dream, I attended Juniata College in Pennsylvania to get my Bachelor's degree in environmental studies and politics. While there, I worked on an organic farm, was a teaching assistant in introduction environmental courses, and interned at Shaver's Creek Environmental Center as an educator. Following graduation, I took the leap and moved across the country to Ashland, Oregon. For the past year I have been serving as an AmeriCorps member at Rogue Valley Farm to School, where I taught nutrition and garden education.

After serving in Ashland, I realized that building community for yourself takes a great deal of time, and one year in a place is truly not enough time to fully settle. I wanted my next step to be one where I could focus on intentionally growing my personal and professional community. Which leads me to my upcoming year of service with Umpqua Watersheds (UW).

As soon as I interviewed for the AmeriCorps position with UW, I knew it was where I wanted to be. The Umpqua Watersheds community is just the kind of thing I was hoping to plug into; passionate, welcoming, and perseverant. This position will allow me to share my excitement about the natural world with students and families in Douglas County, while expanding my understanding of environmental issues locally and globally.

I am truly so excited to begin this year of service with Umpqua Watersheds. It is my hope that I will be able to help cultivate a stronger environmental awareness in our community and facilitate programming that deepens our connections to the natural world. Maybe, if the timing is right, I can be witness to a moment of clarity about our world like my own during that fateful day in the salt marshes as an eighth grader.



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